goodland. The Star-News / Friday, February 4, 2011 $\,3$ Health sector fifth largest income, sales producer

total income and sales in the state, the Kansas health sector is a powerful economic force. The contributions of the health care systems to the state's economy are often overlooked, including the number of people employed, the impact of hospital and health system purchases and the impact of employees' spending and tax payments.

ANovember 2010 report entitled The Importance of the Health Care Sector to the Kansas Economy, produced by researchers at the Office of Local Government, K-State Research and Extension, estimated the "gross" impacts associated with the health care sector on economic activity in the State of Kansas. The report identified three general areas of health care's importance to the

As the fifth largest producer of state's economy: 1) health care the quality of life." attracts and retains business and industry; 2) health care attracts and creates jobs in the local economy.

truly represent an economic an- economic multipliers and estimated chor in our state," said Tom Bell, president and CEO of the Kansas Hospital Association. "This report nesses and industries in the state. documents the relative importance of the health care sector to the Kansas economy. While the estimates people or 10 percent of all job holdof economic impact are substantial, they are only a partial accounting of the benefits that health care in 9.1 percent of all job holders in the general, and community hospitals in United States working in health particular, provide to the state. Kan- care services. The total employsas community hospitals help to not ment impact of the health services only stabilize the population base, sector in Kansas resulted in an esbut also invigorate their communi- timated 283,584 jobs in the Kansas ties and contribute significantly to economy.

According to the report, Kansas hospitals employ 62,446 people retains retirees; and 3) health care or 3.4 percent of all job holders in the state, with a total payroll over "Hospitals and health services \$3.2 billion. The report calculated that hospitals account for another 41,839 jobs throughout all busi-

> Furthermore, the entire health sector in Kansas employs 184,483 ers in the state. This puts Kansas ahead of the national average of

The study found that Kansas hospitals generate more than \$3.2 billion in direct total income to the Kansas economy each year. For every one dollar of income generated in the hospital sector, another \$0.47 was generated in other business and industry. Thus, the hospital sector had an estimated total impact on income throughout all business and industry of nearly \$4.8 billion.

Funds spent to buy goods and services flow from hospitals to businesses and then ripple throughout the economy. The impact of hospitals on area retail sales generates more than \$1.7 billion in the Kansas economy each year. Additionally, it is estimated that the hospital sector generates more than \$108 million in sales tax for the state, which is largely used to fund state programs.

cate the importance of community hospitals and health services to the Kansas economy, they also make it clear that the challenges faced by our state cannot be met by those directly responsible for health care administration alone," said Bell. "These challenges require a community-wide response involving government, business and civic leaders. They also require supportive state- and federal-level policies and programs that don't take for granted the access to care provided by the community hospital."

This study was part of a statewide initiative called the Kansas Rural Health Works program. The and the affordability of health care initiative also generates a countyby-county-level analysis of the economic impacts and potential

awards are presented

after 10 years of service

and then every five years

are found in "Climato-

logical Data," which is

published by the Nation-

al Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The precipitation data

thereafter.

"While these raw numbers indi- of the local health care sector on the economies of each county in Kansas. This full statewide report and links to new county reports can be found on the KHA Web site at: www.kha-net.org.

> The Kansas Hospital Association is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. KHA membership includes 204 member facilities, of which 127 are full-service community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA maintains its vision of "an organization of hospitals working together to improve access, quality for all Kansans."

Weather Observers in using information from weather

the United States. These observing sites supervised by the

National Weather Service and

received at the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.

Program Leader of the National

Weather Service in Goodland,

gave the award. Joy Hayden of the

weather service was also there.

Michael Lammers, Observing



Brenda Chatfield, Northwest Tech Vice President of Academic Affairs and Brian Messer, Ottawa University Campus Executive & Vice President for Online Education (right) sign an agreement to allow students in respiratory therapy to go for a bachelor's degree.

Photo by Tiffani Overstreet/Northwest Tech

Tech college signs agreement with Ottawa University

agreement with Ottawa University to allow students in Respiratory gram to earn a bachelor's degree.

tawa University for approximately allow our students in the Respiratory Therapy and Medical Assistant programs to continue seamlessly to earn a bachelor's degree if they choose," said Brenda Chatfield, Northwest Tech vice president of Academic Affairs. "The agreement allows a general remaining programs at Northwest Tech," said Brian Messer, campus executive and associate vice to earn a bachelor's and master's president for Online Education for

Northwest Tech has completed an Ottawa University. "We are excited about this partnership."

Therapy and Medical Assistant pro- allow students to receive their de- dents," said Dr. Ed Mills, president grees online, which will be of great of Northwest Tech, "whether they "We have been working with Ot- benefit to those students needing are a traditional or non-traditional ciation's Child Nutrition

"We continue to look for ways we can enhance the learning op-The articulation agreement will tions and opportunities for our stu-

Weather observer earns 10-year service award

The National Weather Service at mately 11,000 Cooperative Climatology records are compiled Goodland gave a 10 year

Service Award to Richard Hayden of Goodland on Friday, Jan. 21.

Hayden has been observing the temperature and precipitation for Goodland, since 2001, which amounts to over 3600 weather observations.

There are approxi-

Goodland graduate earns director of the year award

Hayden

Gilbert

tor of food and nutrition services for the Orange **County Public Schools** of Florida, received the Golden School Foodservice Director of the Year Award from Foodservice Achievement Management Excellence at the School Nutrition Asso-

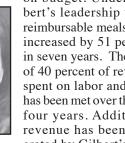
and Elaine Ellison, Goodland High in order to meet participation goals, recreational programs, Boys and School graduate and senior direc- demonstrate compliance and stay

> on budget. Under Gilbert's leadership team, reimbursable meals have in seven years. The goal of 40 percent of revenue spent on labor and food four years. Additional revenue has been gen- Rising Star Award in 2006. erated by Gilbert's staff

Lora Gilbert, daughter of Dale able results to track effectiveness community summer programs. Girls Clubs, YMCA locations, the Rescue Mission and many church

She has been published in the has been met over the last ing the Foodservice Achievement Management Excellence Silver

> Gilbert says, "Student satisfaction is the key to our success. No product is added to the menu without testing and approval from students. The Orange County schools serve more than 26 million meals and snacks for the nation's 10th largest school district.



groups. increased by 51 percent Journal of American Dietetic Association twice and has earned several awards for her commitment to excellence in child nutrition, includ-

to work full-time upon graduation student- all students are important one year to articulate a program to from Northwest Tech Chatfield to us." said

> "It gives Ottawa and Northwest Tech an opportunity to help students be working with Ottawa University succeed and complement the education they have already received," said Messer.

Ottawa University was established in 1865 and is a strong, liberal transfer agreement for the other arts university. Ottawa is a private, 316-4127. For more information on nonprofit, faith-based university Northwest Tech happenings, go to offering busy adults the opportunity degree

Northwest Tech continues to build upon the current programs and will in developing additional programs in the future Dr. Mills said.

For more information on this new program, contact the Northwest Tech Admissions Office at 1-800www.nwktc.edu.

Industry at Seattle on January 20.

Gilbert sought out talent with diverse career backgrounds including Disney, Universal, large hospitals and the food industry to create a results-oriented management team, according to foodservice management. Her staff provides measur-

who have worked hard to combine the goals of the school board with the state and federal government requirements to meet nutritional requirements for all students in Orange County Public Schools. Under her leadership food services increased revenue by providing nutrition services to

ottery winners get Chief's tickets

2011 season scratch tickets in second-chance drawings held at Lottery headquarters in Topeka.

prizes in the Kansas City Chiefs single game tickets with pre-game prizes. sideline passes, Red Reserved parking, a 2011 Chiefs yearbook, a hat and \$300 cash. The packages Jamie Baker and Debra Fix- were worth \$1,070. There were 14

Two people from Goodland won sen each won a pair of upper level other winners in this third round of

Also given out was a grand prize worth \$30,100 and three secondary prizes.

Orchestra to give pop concert

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will be performing this concert at Colby Community College in the Frahm Theatreat 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Saturday, Feb. 13. Jan Wolf will be conducting this concert and she has picked some beautiful music.

The orchestra will delight you with beautiful music from around \$3 for children and senior citizens. the world such as "Moldau," "Dances with Wolves,""Finlandia," selections from Brahms, "Concerto in A Minor for Two Violins" (soloists Kendra and Josiah Akers) and on clarinet and Dr. David Younger much more.

Admission is \$7 for adults and Punch and cookies will be served at intermission. The orchestra is made up of musicians from around the tristate area including Birkley Barnes on strings of Goodland

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

November 23: Matthew A. Tor-\$288.50 rence, speeding, \$162.50. Ashley L. Moran, speeding, \$174.50

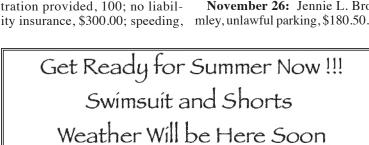
November 24: Mohan P. Atluri, unlawful parking, \$168.50.

speeding, \$168.50. Michael L. Jeffery, no seat belt, \$5.00 Michael R. Wayne, no regis-

\$5.00. November 26: Jennie L. Bro-

November 25: Richard S. Smith,

Curtis W. Tolliver, no seat belt,



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