



Construction on the dialysis clinic at Goodland Regional Medical Center is moving into the finishing stages as heating units are installed and the walls are sanded. During a visit to the construction last week Steve Criswell, director of maintenance at the hospital, (bottom right) and Chief Executive Officer Jay Jolly talked about the next steps and look forward to the clinic opening in the spring.

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Burlington group makes dialysis donation

Several members of the Tri-State Health Assistance, Inc. of Burlington, Colo. recently traveled to Goodland to donate \$17,000 to the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation specifically for expenses associated with the development of the High Plains Dialysis Service at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

"We appreciate all you are doing to establish a local service for the people of this area who need dialysis," Judy Arends, a director of the organization, said. "We want to thank you for your efforts and challenge others both locally and in the region to step up and help support this service."

The Tri-State Health Assistance,

Inc., is a non-profit organization, and its original focus was kidney dialysis and helped establish a service in Burlington. When that service closed, members of the organization met with Goodland Regional Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Jay Jolly to discuss establishing dialysis at the Goodland medical center.

"We have faced many hurdles in establishing this service, but we were never discouraged because of your strong belief in this," Patty Eckhardt, Goodland hospital board president, said. "This service will not only benefit patients locally, but those in the region. Our focus as a board has been on who will move here because of this service or who

will stay here in our area because of it."

Funding for the donation came from tri-state area families specifically to benefit the furthering of kidney dialysis programs.

Members of the Tri-State Health Assistance, Inc., are: Helen Newbury, Marie Smith, Julena Critchfield, Angela Berry, Dena Daniel,

Judy Arends, Mardean Haines and Vicki Cox.

The High Plains Dialysis Service will be located in the northwest corner of the Medical Center. Construction is underway and expected to be complete by the end of January. It is anticipated the new service will be operational by March.

Talent show on campus

Students at Northwest Tech gathered in the Student Union on Wednesday for a night of great performances in the first campus talent show.

Some of the acts included poetry reading, singing solos and duets, stand up comedy acts, theatrical performances and so much more.

Talent winners were:
First Place: Julia Perry, from Monroe, Wash., with a slam poetry performance. Julia is enrolled in the Computer Graphics program.

Second Place: Kaitlyn Lambers and Savannah Schlink, both from Goodland, and enrolled in the

Computer Graphics program, with a fantastic singing duet.

Third Place: Chris Chavez, enrolled in the Collision Repair program, and Michael Chavez, enrolled in the Computer Graphics program, delighted the audience with an improv comedy act, both Chavez brothers are from Boulder, Colo.

Fourth Place: Christifer Lines, enrolled in the Electrical program, created laughter with his stand up comedy, Chris is from McCook, Neb.

People's Choice: Cisco Medrano, enrolled in Automotive Tech program, playing the electric guitar,

Cisco is from Goodland.

Thank you to all the contestants and congratulations to all the winners, said College President Dr. Ed Mills. Stay tune for more excitement and up coming events with student life at Northwest Tech.

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