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Pharmacy Services Return to Glenrock

Glenrock residents gain access to local pharmacy services following two and a half years without a pharmacy in town.

Glenrock's newest and only pharmacy, Clinic Pharmacy, opened for business August 3 at 9 am. Clinic Pharmacy is located in the Glenrock Health Center and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Melanie Cielinski, Administrator of Glenrock Health Center, recognized the need for a local pharmacy.

"When Deer Creek Drug closed in February of 2013, Safeway in Casper tried to fill the void by offering free, same-day delivery. This was great for everyone who had an early morning appointment, but if you put your prescription in after 11:30 a.m., you waited until the next day to receive your medication."

The Glenrock Health Center is a Certified Rural Health Clinic that has served the community since 1958. They were the first health care facility in town and were established mainly due to the demands of the investors of the Dave Johnson Power Plant.

When it was first recognized that patients were having problems accessing their prescriptions, the clinic made arrangements to administer a limited variety of drugs to patients. This allowed patients to use the Safeway service and not make the 24-mile drive to Casper to start medication. It was discovered later that patients didn't use the service often as they preferred to have their medicine available all at once.

Later, Cielinski became aware of an available pharmacist who lived in Glenrock. It was decided that the health center would pursue opening their own pharmacy to serve patients. According to Cielinski, the process of opening a pharmacy was strenuous.

"It was very demanding. I essentially opened a business I knew very little about, however I knew the need in our community. I learned a lot from the experience. Every step of the process was the worth effort, because now our patients can walk to fill their prescriptions instead of getting in their car and making a 48-mile round trip."

This pharmacy is good for the community health-wise and economically. The new pharmacy provided two new positions which were both filled by Glenrock residents. For more information visit their website at: www.glenrockhealthcenter.com, or call 307-436-7116.

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Top: Pharmacy tech Kim Barrett at her new post in the Glenrock Health Center

Center: Pharmacy tech Kim Barrett at work stocking shelves in the new pharmacy

Bottom: Employees of the Glenrock Health Center promoting the opening of the pharmacy

