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## On The Move

- Sheridan public transportation provider services reviewed

**By Frances K. Foster**

*Staff reporter*

A survey of public transportation options in the Sheridan area was summarized at a public meeting Wednesday by Barb Daugherty, transportation director for the Sheridan Senior Center.



**Barb Daugherty**

The results include:

- Sheridan Senior Center — serves the general population; 22 percent of riders are under age 60.

Operates weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays and holidays 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 674-9272 before 3 p.m. for next-day service; same-day service space-available only.



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Sheridan Senior Center Mini-Bus driver Linda Chantrill, center, helps a passenger unload her groceries from the bus Wednesday afternoon. The Mini-Bus, which can be used by the public, operates 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays and holidays, and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays.

One-way fares: \$3.50 under age 60; \$2 age 60 and over. Discount tickets: 10/\$18 age 60 and over; 10/\$32 under age 60. Also serves Dayton, Ranchester, and Story.

- Sheridan Taxi — serves the general population by appointment.

Call 674-6814. One-way fares: \$7 plus \$1 for each extra stop; \$8 to Sheridan College, airport, and Westview Health Care Center; \$2/mile additional outside Sheridan city limits (e.g., \$20 to Big Horn).

- RENEW Rehabilitation —

serves RENEW clients and those with scheduled appointments at RENEW 7 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Call 672-7481. One-way fare: \$1.50.

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## Memorial posts year-to-date profit

**By Sean Thompson**

*Staff reporter*

Sheridan Memorial Hospital Chief Financial Officer Ed Johlman told his board Wednesday that Memorial posted a net operating loss of \$216,124 for March.

Last month's operating expenses of \$4,039,277 exceeded net operating revenue of \$3,823,153, according to Johlman's report.

However, for the nine-month fiscal year to date ending March 31, Memorial recorded a net income of \$287,547, with revenue totaling \$33,348,966 and expenses of \$33,061,419.

Johlman told the board that consulting fees from a patient survey contributed to the increase in March expenses.

Meanwhile, total patient discharges and total patient-days rose in March, compared to budget predictions. Last month patient discharges totaled 276, compared to a predicted 243, and patient-days totaled 1,110, compared to a predicted 927.

As of March 31, the hospital had \$63.9 million in total assets, down almost \$1 million from February, but an increase of almost \$1 million from the same time last year.

### ***In other business:***

- Trustees approved purchase of a new postage machine to replace an outdated machine. The new \$11,454 machine is needed to calculate postage rates based on size and thickness, officials said.

- Trustees approved a project to expand the parking area at Welch Cancer Center. The expansion will provide 12 additional parking spaces accessible from Kentucky Street for a total cost of \$18,000, trustee Dixie See reported.

Trustee Harlan Rasmussen said the project would be a good investment toward expanding services at the Welch Center.

# Transport

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- Sheridan County School District 2 — serves public school students weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Also rents buses to nonprofit organizations. Call 672-3105. Students free. Rental fares: \$1.50/mile plus driver's wage (\$13-18/hour while driving; \$8/hour while waiting).
- Children's Center Inc. — serves only children at the center weekdays 5:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Call 674-9750. One-way fare: 75 cents.
- Sugarland Ridge Assisted Living — serves only residents and staff weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 684-5575. Free Tuesday and Thursday. One-way fare Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: \$8.
- Sheridan County YMCA — serves kindergarten through fifth-

graders weekdays after school. Call 674-7488. Fare: \$10/school year.

- Wyoming Easter Seals — serves Easter Seals clients and staff weekdays 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and weekends as scheduled. Call 672-2816. Free.

- Sheridan College — serves college employees and staff on a varying schedule. Call 674-6446. Rate determined by distance, bus driver salary, and bus maintenance.

- Westview Health Care Center — serves residents and their families 24 hours daily on demand basis. Call 672-9789. Free.



**Carmen Rideout**

- Holy Name Catholic Community — serves anyone to and from Mass or other church activities. Call 672-2848. Church will assist with cost for those who need it.
  - Sheridan Trolley — serves general population during summers 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. Call 672-8881. One-way fare: \$1. Hourly charter rate for a minimum of two hours: \$60.
- Sheridan Senior Center Executive Director Carmen Rideout outlined several gaps in availability of public transportation revealed by the survey: special events, Free

Clinic, evening appointments for mental and physical therapy, early morning appointments at the VA Medical Center, and extended weekend hours.

Discussion following the presentation included the difficulty of serving outlying communities (Dayton, Ranchester, Big Horn, Story) because of the time required and high fuel costs.

Rideout estimated the actual cost for a provider of an in-town, one-way ride at \$7-8. Specialized equipment such as lifts and wheelchairs adds to the cost, she said.

Representatives of Sheridan's transportation providers "will start to collaborate in order to meet community needs more efficiently," Rideout said.