

## Hospital Happenings

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As I was out wandering around downtown Montrose last week, I had two different people ask me “What is the hospital doing in the old CBI space on the corner of South 4<sup>th</sup> and Nevada?” As you drive by, you can see the green privacy fence and the construction trucks. Behind the fence, we are in the process of demolishing and remodeling the space for our Rehabilitation Department.

When I moved to Montrose in 1988, the current Rehab building had just been completed and was the *Colorado Life Center* which offered aerobics classes, cardio-pulmonary rehab, wellness lectures, etc. Over time, the space has changed and been used for a multitude of rehabilitation services. As our community gets larger, the need for these services has expanded and we have outgrown the space. With this remodel, comes several changes and enhancements in rehabilitation services.

In the Community Connections Building (old Parish Hall) on South Park and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, we have consolidated all of the Pediatric Rehabilitation Services into one area. When a child needs rehab services, they typically need more than one type of therapy, i.e. Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy, and/or Physical Therapy. By having all of the services in one location, it makes it easier on the children and their families. The staff has done an incredible job of painting murals on the walls, putting together the climbing wall, swings, child friendly toys and furniture which make it a place where kids want to go. Watch for the Open House and come check it out.

After the remodel of the previous CBI space is completed, we will move the adult Physical Therapy Department across the street. This will allow us to expand and enhance the services available in our current space. These include our cancer rehabilitation program, community exercise classes, driving simulator, hand therapies and outpatient occupational therapy, as well as cardio/pulmonary rehab. In addition, we will continue to enhance our wound care and lymphedema services.

Our Ridgway therapy office received a huge face lift last year, so with all of our state-of-the-art-facilities combined with the expertise of our therapists; we are raising the bar again for therapy services offered to our communities. We appreciate your patience during the construction phase and move and invite you to stop by and take a look.