Gunnison Valley Hospital features clinics, education, fun at annual health fair

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GUNNISON—A spectrum of health issues will be addressed by specialists at Gunnison Valley Hospital's annual health fair for the first time ever.

This event, which is organized to help community members of all ages learn and ask questions about their health concerns, will be held at the new Gunnison Valley Elementary School, 300 W. 515 South, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Hospital administrator Greg McCall heard about the national drive, led by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, "we wanted to get involved. "We wanted to get all those drugs rounded up and disposed of so they're not in the house for people to break into," Winegar said. "We encourage the community not to put our medicine cabinets out of reach because at some point they will be broken into."

 Residents are invited to bring expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs to the city hall at 130 S. Main Street (on U.S. 89) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for proper disposal.

A police officer will be at city hall to bag the drugs and take them to a disposal center in Nephi, says Tammy Winegar, city treasurer.

Residents are encouraged to clean out their medicine cabinets and "offer relief to the down-trodden, strengthen our sisterhood, strengthen our families and reaching consequences in the future," Sister Eubanks said.

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