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## Hospital's open house reflects continued progress



Physician's Assistant David Hervig sits in the emergency room, prepared to help patients. He is among the staff present in the ER during the tour on Friday afternoon (Aug. 17).

### Story, Photos and Video

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**WILLISTON** – An open house at Regional General Hospital (RGH) in Williston on Friday (Aug. 17) provided visitors with a chance to see the hospital where they can go for treatment and care to overcome injuries and illnesses.



A Phi Air Medical helicopter is seen hovering over the helipad at Regional General Hospital of Williston before starting its journey Friday afternoon (Aug. 17).

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**Dakota Pruitt, RGH marketing director in Williston, stands next to a Phi Air Medical helicopter at the helipad of RGH. This is a 2003 Bell 407 Rotorcraft that is based out of Williston Municipal Airport. This helicopter has an engine built by Rolls Royce, according to FAA records.**

<https://youtu.be/x1j5hrzkgMg>

**In this video, a Phi Air Medical helicopter launches from Regional General Hospital of Williston on Friday afternoon.**



**Supervisor of Admissions Anne Fries is among the RGH employees one may see at the front window of the lobby or even in the emergency room, depending on what a patient may need.**

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The new chapel built in Regional General Hospital recently is thanks to Cornerstone Church of Williston. Now there is a chapel in RGH to offer a place of solitude for people who have that need.



This 64-slice CT scanner is this latest technology of CT scanners. It is faster than the other CT scanners at some other hospitals, and it can show doctors and radiologists a complete picture of a patient from head to toe for those professionals to diagnose

and treat illnesses or injuries. The hospital is equipped with traditional X-ray machines and other equipment for doctors to diagnose and treat patients.

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**Physical Therapist Antonine Arneus, MPT, is among the physical therapy staff at RGH. She is helping Williston Deputy Chief Clay Connelly of the Williston Police Department see how to use certain equipment for physical therapy. Deputy Chief Connolly was**



**among the visitors on Friday for the RGH open house, and he graciously agreed to be a 'patient' for a photo opportunity.**



**This is a picture of the operating room that will be in use perhaps as soon as within two weeks, according to Dakota Pruitt, RGH marketing director.**

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**Merry Robertson, R.N., is among the staff members at the 24-hour Emergency Room.**

**Marked with a likeness of Darth Vader (a fictional character in the Star Wars franchise), this Vanquish Autosampler is one of the many pieces of equipment in the laboratory at RGH. The lab is 24-hours and the staff members can find answers to questions from samples provided to the machines.**



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**Medical Technologist Madeline Calderon is a staff member in the RGH lab and she is seen next to a chromatography mass spectrometer with a likeness of Star Wars character Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) for the original 1977 Star Wars film taped on it.**



**RGH Laboratory Supervisor Jameel Tajwar stands next to a Sysmex Clinical Hematology Analyzer.**

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**Deena Comstock is the front desk coordinator at the Regional General Clinic, which is located next to RGH. Comstock greets patients. The candy, cookies and pretzels are among the treats for visitors during the open house on Friday. Lisa Winegardner, APRN, is the Regional General Clinic medical professional leading efforts there to help patients.**

**Phi Air Medical Flight Paramedic Minka Guenther is seen on the ground. She drove a vehicle over to RGH Friday to participate in the open house at the hospital.**

RGH continues improving on the foundation of a clean, stable hospital that offers a full spectrum of services. For the past several years, the hospital has strived and attained standing as a reputable rural hospital to meet patients' needs.

It is licensed for 40 patients' rooms, and has 20 rooms active now, according to Dakota Pruitt, RGH marketing director.

For the residents in Levy, Dixie and



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Gilchrist counties who do not want to deal with traffic and parking issues in Gainesville, the hospital in Williston offers most of the same services as the ones in Alachua County.

Among the new additions are a 64-slice CT scanner, a chapel, and a room for pediatric therapy, according to Marketing Director Pruitt.

Coming soon are an operating room, cardiology and ophthalmology, he said during a tour. Also the Spine Centers of America is going to be working with RGH for treatment of back and neck injuries, Pruitt said.

Existing services include a 24-hour Emergency Room, 24-hour radiology (X-rays, CT scans), 24-hour occupational and physical therapy, respiratory therapy, urology, alcohol and drug detoxification and stabilization and ultrasound.

Another outstanding benefit to using the hospital in Williston is that there is a short wait time or no wait time for service.

RGH currently employees 84 people who are all dedicated to helping patients and families.