



Here's to your health



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Joan Kunesh of Sheridan has her blood pressure checked by Sheridan Memorial Hospital Pharmacy Manager Kirsi Ludwig during Saturday's Health Fair at the Bruce Hoffman Golden Dome. Around 50 booths were set up to provide wellness screenings and information for area residents.

• Health Fair draws participants of all ages to Golden Dome

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Sheridan residents of all ages turned out to take advantage of free screenings and wellness information at Saturday's Health Fair at the Bruce Hoffman Golden Dome.

"We had all ages there, because people really think this is a great way to get a baseline check and to take advantage of opportunities for free services," said Sheridan Memorial Hospital Community Relations Coordinator Cecile Pattison.



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Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., speaks with Hospice of the Big Horns volunteer Dwight French of Sheridan during Saturday's Health Fair at Sheridan College.

Fair

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Attendance is not taken at the event, however Pattison acknowledged that attendance at the Health Fair appears to have declined slightly in recent years.

She pointed out that residents who took part in the blood screenings offered at SMH last month now have their results mailed to them. This eliminates the crowds that turned out in the past simply to pick up their results.

“We used to see people come to the Health Fair and leave,” Pattison said. “Now the people who come to the Health Fair are there to take advantage of the information and screenings.”

The Health Fair offered more than 50 screening and

information booths, with physicians and registered nurses helping to interpret blood test results. Outside the dome, Sheridan Fire-Rescue offered checks to make sure child seats were properly installed in vehicles.

Inside, the Welch Cancer Center offered face screening for skin abnormalities and drew around 50 people, according to Pattison. Bighorn Surgical Center offered screening for peripheral arterial disease, and Sheridan Memorial Hospital offered bone-density screening services.

The SMH pharmacy department also had a booth offering information on its medication assistance program.