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# Bent County HealthCare Center Bent County HealthCare Center

## ELDERS ENJOY SKY SOX BASEBALL BY KATHLEEN TOMLIN



Bent County HealthCare Center elders started the summer out with an outing to the Sky Sox Baseball game on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Pueblo VA Nursing Home invited our HealthCare Center to join them on this outing. All four BCHCC vehicles were commandeered for the event and the caravan traveled to Pueblo where they joined up with the Pueblo VA Nursing Home and then continued to Colorado Springs for the 12:35 pm game. The VA had reservations in the Banquet Hall penthouse for the game. Employees paid for their own tickets, and Board Members Char Star, Betty Tanner, and Russell

Smith and elder families donated funds to support part of the elder's tickets, which were \$15.00 each. It was the Kid's Day Matinee and elders enjoyed watching the game and the activities from the top deck patio. They first enjoyed a delicious buffet consisting of several entrees including hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecued pork, fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, chips, lots of cookies, and all you could drink. The Sky Sox were playing the Fresno Grizzlies, and even though the Sky Sox lost, the elders had a lot of fun being there. Fourteen elders attended from the Nursing Home, two neighbors from Prairie View Village, and with employees and volunteers, there was a total of 36. The Sky Sox Stadium was just beautiful – the grass was so green it looked like carpet and the elders had so much fun watching the game from the upper deck. Those that wanted to could see the game inside the penthouse on TV sets and speakers. The weather was a bit cool, and we had one rain shower just before we headed home, but overall it was a beautiful sunny day. One of the highlights was when Sox the Fox (Colorado Springs Sky Sox Mascot) visited the elders in the penthouse – he clowned around with them and took pictures with them. Everyone was treated mid-afternoon with funnel cakes and then they headed back home to Bent County Health Care Center – tired but happy.