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## Cassia hospital head to retire in July

BURLEY — Rod Barton, administrator at Cassia Regional Hospital, will retire July 7.

The hospital will host an open house from 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, in the Evergreen Room.

Barton was hired as the administrator at the hospital in 2010. He also served as hospital administrator in Powell Wyoming for 13 years and in Baker City, Oregon for eight years.

Barton was instrumental in expanding the hospital, which included enlarging the emergency and imaging departments and the physician clinics. He helped recruit several new physicians to the community in family and internal medicine, pediatrics and general surgery. He upgraded medical equipment like the new wide-bore MRI scanner and new CT scanner and implemented new clinical services in anti-coagulation, chemotherapy and paramedic services.

He and his wife, Lisa, have five children and 15 grandchildren.

Barton plans to spend more time on his favorite activities: camping, motorcycling, backpacking and enjoying time with his family.

Barton served on the Idaho Hospital Association board from 2013 to 2017 and as president of the Southeast Idaho Regional Leadership Council from 2013 to 2017. He also served on numerous other boards and on the Regent's Senior Level Healthcare Executive Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives.

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