

## **WATCH East has been a good addition**

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It has been one year since WATCH East opened its doors in Glendive. The year preceding the opening was a tumultuous one. Losing Eastmont was difficult. The prospect of another Department of Corrections' facility in Glendive made some residents anxious.

There were lots of questions and, over time, most of those were addressed.

Once all of the opening hoopla was finished, WATCH East was quiet, very quiet. There have been no faculty family members running amuck. Their visiting relatives haven't caused problems in Glendive, that we know of at least. With the exception of the rattlesnake and mountain lion issues, WATCH East really hasn't made news on our pages most of the year. That's not a bad thing.

The unknown of welcoming a DOC treatment facility into our back yards, closer to some than others of course, was a risk. But now we're glad it's here. WATCH East is a good neighbor.

The facility offers programs for felony DUI offenders, individuals who have four or more offenses.