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The staff at Family Medical Center Surgical Associates are, from left: Dr. Ladd Hoffman, Dr. John Lang, Dr. Carlos Ricaldi and Dr. Alan Abel.

## 2 doctors join Family Medical Center Surgical Associates staff

### Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) recently welcomed two new physicians to the medical staff practicing at Family Medical Center Surgical Associates.

Joining surgeons Dr. Alan Abel and Dr. Ladd Hoffman is board-certified general surgeon Dr. John Lang. Dr. Lang attended medical school at Penn State and, after his general surgery internship and residency in Harrisburg, Penn., completed a Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship in Michigan. He has

practiced in both Pennsylvania and Texas during the last six years.

Drs. Abel, Hoffman and Land are experienced in same-day laparoscopic and outpatient procedures utilizing advanced equipment that eliminates the need for a hospital stay.

Supporting the surgical team, anesthesiologist Dr. Carlos Ricaldi brings years of experience in anesthesia care to SMMC. While he graduated from medical school almost 30 years ago, most recently he has been a resident physician at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and will be eligible for board-certification

in 2010.

An open house to welcome the doctors is planned for Tuesday, July 28 at 4 p.m. in the lobby of the FMC Surgical Associates office on the first floor of the Malone and Hogan clinic. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will officiate at a ribbon-cutting during the Open House.

"Drs. Lang and Ricaldi have purchased homes in and are moving their families to Big Spring. We hope everyone will stop by to give their new neighbors a big Howard County welcome," said Kim Howell, SMMC Marketing Director.