

## Cavity Free at Three Technical Assistance Team



### **Jack Westfall, MD, MPH**

Dr. Jack Westfall was born in Akron, Colorado, lived in Otis for three years and graduated from Yuma High School in 1981. He has practiced family medicine part-time at Plains Medical Center in Limon, Colorado for the past six years. As the Associate Dean of Rural Health for the University of Colorado Denver, School of Medicine he works to build bridges between rural communities around Colorado and the University of Colorado Denver. He started and directs the High Plains Research Network, an integrated practice-based research network of rural and frontier hospitals, ambulatory clinics, nursing homes, and clinicians dedicated to improving medical care in rural Colorado. The HPRN has conducted research on a host of topics including cardiac care, palliative care, medical mistakes, colon cancer prevention, asthma, and the impact of underinsurance on access to care. The HPRN is guided by a community advisory council (C.A.C.) of farmers, ranchers, school teachers. Recently he was named the Director for the Colorado Area Health Education Center which focuses on increasing the pipeline of young people from rural Colorado interested in health careers.