



MADISON VALLEY  
HOSPITAL & CLINIC

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HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Wellness Fair &  
Open House

all week

Mon. April 27

through

Fri. May 1st.

7:30 am—1 pm

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## Madison Valley Hospital & Clinic

## Health News

Happy Valentine's Day  
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# April Open House!



Spring is coming and so is the new hospital! You can see the changes to the outside and inside, the contractors are finishing up with everything from paint to floor coverings and wiring.

Final inspections are planned for the end of this month and the move in date is set for early March.

Plans for a Wellness Open House in the new facility are underway for the week of Monday, April 27th through Friday, May 1st—from 7:30 am to 1pm daily.

Health and wellness displays will be set up throughout the facility, free blood pressure checks, and blood test (\$45) can be drawn from 7:30 am to 10:00 am all

week.

Presentations by facility staff will be offered each day at Noon, and facility tours daily between 11 am and 1pm.

Please plan on joining us!



## Your Image Is Important To Us

The Madison Valley Hospital & Clinic is proud to announce the arrival of the new State-of-the-Art Imaging equipment. Although the hospital took delivery of the Ultrasound and Portable X-Ray machine in July of 2008; the recent arrival of the Digital X-Ray and the CT machine marks the completion of a year long acquisition.

The hospital negotiated group pricing for the lease/purchase agreement for all four machines from Siemens Medical Inc.

MVH&C will receive the distinction of a "Siemens National Show Site for Critical Access Hospitals". This designation will provide a place for prospective buyers of Siemens equipment from around the country to visit Ennis

and tour the Imaging Department and new hospital.



### Computerized Tomography (CT) Scanner image

**Digital X-Ray**— This machine is stationary and was installed in the x-ray room of the new hospital in late January. It will provide a picture much like a digital camera, on a screen for immediate evaluation. The

amount of radiation that is used to produce an image is much less than traditional x-ray machines, this was a big consideration when choosing Siemens equipment.

**CT Machine** — The CT takes x-ray pictures in a circle and displays the images in slices, like a loaf of bread; each slice representing a picture. This CT will provide scans in a fraction of the time and at a fraction of the radiation dose, than previous equipment.



The new Siemens CT scanner arrived in late January.

# A Modern Innovative Structure

The new hospital not only includes state-of-the-art medical equipment, but also is in and of itself a modern, innovative structure.

Heating is provided by three high efficiency-condensing boilers and a large air handler that will change the air in every room fifteen times per hour. Radio frequency thermostats and variable air volume mixers

control the heated and chilled air to reach optimum heating/cooling. Lighting is provided for the most part by highly efficient T5 fluorescent lamps. Most of the building's rooms have occupancy sensors that will turn off room lights when no motion is sensed, thereby saving electricity at every opportunity.

The flooring consists of vinyl sheet, vinyl strip, ceramic tile and a recent development in the flooring industry, two-foot square carpet segments. All

the hard surface flooring is designed to be low or no maintenance and the carpet squares are designed to be replaceable as damage/stains occur.

All of these innovations translate into an efficient building. New technology brings with it increased maintenance requirements, but facility manager, Doug Skillman, says his goal is to reduce the carbon footprint of this new building to less than the old building, even though it is twice as large.

Doug Skillman, will oversee & maintain all of the building systems, including the air exchange piping shown above.

*“Dedicated to providing high-quality health care with modern services and qualified professionals to comfort and heal all those in need of medical care.”*



Two vacant positions in May 09'

## Services & Staff

MVH&C is in the process of recruiting a new full time physician. We expect him to be on board and practicing by July 1st.

The new hospital and clinic will employ around 50 staff members including two full-time physicians, two physician assistants and 18 nurses.

Additionally, the newly re-activated Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers will provide services including greeting visitors, providing general information, reading to patients, and assisting patients with games and puzzles.

Clinic Services are also offered

in Harrison on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:30pm. Please call the MV Clinic for appointments, (406)682-4223.

MVH&C also sponsors a Diabetes Support Group, for more information call the hospital at (406)682-4222.

**MVH&C Services by visiting specialist include:**

### ♦ Cardiologist

Dr. Blair Erb and Echo Technologist Matt Sullivan visit monthly, for an appointment call (406)522-3959.

### ♦ Gynecologist

Dr Alice Wong visits every

two months— for appointments call (406)587-9202.

♦ **Micken Hearing Services** monthly, call 1-800-371-0914

♦ **WIC**—Women, Infants & Children program, at the MV Clinic the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For appointments call (406)683-9811

### ♦ Well-Child Clinic

Immunizations, at the MV Clinic the 2nd Thursday of each month, and at the Harrison Clinic monthly. For appointments call the MV Clinic (406)682-4223.

## Hospital Board Vacancies

The MVH&C Hospital board is losing two long-time members in May of this year: Chairman, Neil Kent and Board Member, Dr. Bryan Finkle.

Applications for the two va-

cant volunteer positions (3 year terms) were due February 19th at the Madison County Courthouse. Elections will be held in conjunction with the School Board Election on May 5th.

### Current Board Members:

Neil Kent, *Chairman*  
Joel Shows, *Vice Chairman*  
Betty Goggins, *Secretary*  
Dr. Bryan Finkle and  
Dottie Fossel.

# Going Electronic

## What does that mean for you?

The Madison Valley Hospital and Clinic is taking the first steps toward a full fledged modern Tele-Health capability.

When Tele-Health is fully in place it will mean the providers in Ennis will have the ability to get diagnostic testing done remotely by specialists around the world, will have the capability to do video conferencing with those specialists and even have remote monitoring of intensive care patients.

"The first step is to implement a complete electronic medical records system," said Tele-health Project Manager Lynn Foreman.

This process has already begun. Lynn is working with Healthland, Inc. software company out of Glenwood, MN., to facilitate the development of the customized medical records, as well as overseeing employee training of the new software by Healthland.

The implementation of electronic medical records will be done in four phases.

**The first phase**, which is scheduled to go-live in early March will replace the current General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Payroll Systems, along with medical records, patient registration and billing for the clinic and hospital.

Additionally, a new pharmacy program will be implemented at this time. This program will alert providers of any drug-drug and drug-allergy interactions with other medications a patient is taking.

Patients will see an improvement



**Lynn Foreman is facilitating the implementation of the new medical records system.**

in the registration process because once the personal information is captured, it can be accessed in the clinic (Harrison also), as well as the hospital, lab, imaging department, and physical therapy.

Billing for the hospital and clinic will be combined, patients will receive one statement for services and will be able to make payments at a single location.

**The second phase**, will go-live later in March, and will activate the new laboratory and imaging information systems.

The providers will have access to lab and imaging test status and results throughout the clinic, emergency room and the hospital.

The computerized reporting of tests will provide the nurses and providers with test results more quickly.

**The third phase**, going-live in late April will be electronic materials management. This will improve the supply ordering and distribution as well as maintain inventory.

**The Clinical Documentation phase** will be kicked off this summer for providers, nursing and the therapies. The actual go-live will take place this Fall.

Nurses will be entering the vital signs, assessments, notes and care plans electronically.

They will also be documenting the medications given to patients on-line by bar-coding the patient ID band along with the medication to ensure the correct medication is given.

The providers will be able to document the clinic visits, progress notes, history, physicals and discharge summaries electronically.

At this point MVH&C will have a complete electronic medical record system in place.

Patients will be able to authorize the sharing of their records with other providers or specialists electronically which will improve their care by providing a more complete medical history, legible records and reducing the need for repeat tests.

MVH&C's network infrastructure will be protected by multiple layers of security, including firewalls and strict access controls. All Healthland software is certified to comply with HIPAA regulations.



**TCS—Telecommunications Contracting Services**  
Kyle Foust & Steve Hanze work on wiring for the new hospital

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**MVH&C Employee Linda Ryan, R.N. receives training by Healthland specialist.**



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# The Madison Valley Hospital Foundation

## About Us

The Foundation has been raising funds for MVH&C since 1988.

### Our Mission

The Madison Valley Hospital Foundation's (MVHF) Mission is to solicit donations and manage assets to support the Madison Valley Hospital and Clinic.

### The Board of Directors

Dave Hajny, *President*  
Mary Oliver, *Vice President*  
Mike Mulvehill, *Treasurer*  
Sherry Scott, *Secretary*

Ed Biga, Dottie Fossel, Heidi Gildred, Neil Kent, Pete Brekhus and Jamie Davis.

MVHF recently hired two new employees. A part-time Administrative Assistant, Donita Powell started in

September and a new Executive Director, Becca Zabel began full-time in January. Becca's goal is to lead the building and equipment campaign into it's final phases of completion.



Since beginning the project, MVHF has raised more than \$3 million in donations toward the \$10.5

**Becca Zabel,**  
**Executive Director**

million price tag. Our immediate goal is to raise another \$1.5 million in donations. The balance of the cost is covered by USDA & Big Sky Western Bank loans.

However with medical technology advancing all the time, fundraising will need to continue as it has since 1988, to provide Madison Valley residents and visitors the best quality care of a

hospital this size.

### Tax Deductable Donations

We gratefully accept donations at any time. Funds are still needed for the imaging equipment, the remaining construction, and the third phase of the project—replacing the old building site with parking and dispersed green space.

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**We thank you for supporting our efforts, every donation will help to provide "modern medicine close to home".**