



A BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER

Logan Health – Chester resident Jim Janicek, his family, and staff enjoyed a very special birthday that he will always remember. Prior to becoming a resident at Logan Health - Chester, Jim and his wife of 50 years lived on their farm, Janicek Iron Wheel Ranch, homesteaded in 1910. Because of Jim's health challenges, he'd not visited the property since 2019. Jim was an avid farmer with a passion for tractors of all styles, old and new. When the opportunity for a trip to visit the farm arose, the Logan Health – Chester team went into action. They loaded up in the Logan Health resident bus and headed south. When they arrived, more of Jim's family joined him for the celebration, and all were very grateful.

"It was good luck and good timing," says Registered Nurse Nancy Kleinsasser. "We are dedicated to our patients and take every opportunity we can to bring them joy."

NEW TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES PATIENT CARE

Logan Health's hospitals in Conrad, Cut Bank and Shelby recently installed new Shimadzu Digital Radiology equipment at each of their facilities.

The Hi-Line communities will benefit from more efficient and non-invasive medical imaging procedures. This new technology was made possible through the generous philanthropic contribution of an individual dedicated to improving health care.

"This extremely generous gift allowed us to retire the aged equipment and replace it with the newest platform in the care we provide locally," says Vicki Newmiller, president of Logan Health – Conrad and Logan Health – Shelby.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity shown by this individual, which underscores their dedication to advancing health care access and quality in our region," says Cherie Taylor, president of Logan Health – Cut Bank.

The upgraded digital imaging capabilities align with Logan Health's ongoing mission of creating healthier futures for the communities it serves.





NORMALIZING TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Montana has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation. Suicide affects all people, but one of the most vulnerable groups affected by this crisis is Montanans aged 15-24. To combat this alarming trend, Logan Health and Billings Clinic have joined forces with the Montana High School Association to launch the “Let’s Talk About It” campaign to underscore the importance of recognizing and openly discussing mental health issues.

To encourage Montanans to seek help when needed, the campaign has enlisted the support of prominent advocates: MSU football player Tommy Mellott, Lady Griz basketball player Dani Bartsch and Slam Dunk Artist Isaac Fisher. Together, these influential figures

are championing the cause to normalize asking for help. The campaign’s fundamental goal is to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental illness, which is often a barrier to seeking timely assistance.

For more information and resources, please visit logan.org/LetsTalk.

For the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, dial 9-8-8 or text “MT” to 741-741

In the event of a life-threatening emergency, dial 9-1-1

— News Briefs —

Health Fairs Provide Community Resources

The 2023 Logan Health Hi-Line community health fairs in Cut Bank, Conrad and Shelby were a success! Each health fair provided free health screenings, immunizations and a blood drive. Logan Health departments and other local organizations offered health and wellness resources, as well as interactive activities about the services they provide.

School-Based Health Clinic Expands Care to Conrad and Cut Bank

Logan Health school-based health services are now available at Conrad and Cut Bank schools. Local providers from Logan Health Rural Health Clinic (RHC) – Conrad and Logan Health RHC - Cut Bank, along with school nurses, are providing preventive care, acute health care, chronic care, mental health services and more.

New Health Clinic To Open In Shelby

Logan Health - Shelby announced plans to launch a rural health clinic (RHC) and walk-in care for Toole County residents this fall, increasing access to high quality primary care in the area. Robust on-site services such as laboratory and imaging services will conveniently deliver patient care for the new RHC.

Give Us Your Feedback

Logan Health – Chester will be conducting a community health needs assessment this fall. These will be delivered via mail to a random selection of individuals. If you receive a survey in the mail, please complete and return it, so we can receive accurate feedback from our community.

— Upcoming Events —

- NOVEMBER 1-17** Brawl of the Wild Community Food Drive. Food drop-off at each Logan Health Hi-Line facility.
- NOVEMBER 17** “Shelby’s Got Talent” Holiday Fundraiser for Logan Health – Shelby Assisted Living; 5:30 p.m. at Shelby Civic Center.
- DECEMBER 5-9** National Influenza Vaccination Week. Stay healthy this winter by getting a flu shot.
- DECEMBER 19** Logan Health – Cut Bank Toy Drive; toy drop-off at Cut Bank High’s School-Based Health Clinic from 9 a.m. to noon and on December 21 from 1-5 p.m.

COMBINED ORGANIZATION BRINGS GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

On September 1, 2023, Logan Health and Billings Clinic united to create one independent health system dedicated to serving patients across Montana and Wyoming. The combination brought together two of Montana’s oldest, largest and most comprehensive organizations and great opportunities for advanced health care across their service areas. With many shared values and a deep commitment to serving all residents of Montana and Wyoming when and where they need, the two organizations look forward to working together and advancing care throughout the broad geographic areas they serve.

Patients, employees and providers from both organizations will benefit from an organization that will have the scale, breadth and capabilities to provide an elevated level of care to the communities they serve, creating greater opportunities over the long term. Together, the two organizations will be able to share best practices and advance quality and safety by working collaboratively and supporting initiatives that neither organization could support on its own.

Since day one, much work has been underway to collectively map the path toward integration. Workgroups made up of representatives from each organization have already begun identifying opportunities to better serve patients, improve operational performance, enhance employee and provider experience and position the organization as a workplace of choice.

As in any effort of this size, integration will take time. “There’s a lot of work to do as we come together, but we are committed to combining responsibly and thoughtfully, and always with the patient at the center,” says Craig Lambrecht, MD, the new organization’s CEO.



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— In The Community —



Logan Health – Conrad hosts annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser to raise money for a Tru-D UV disinfecting robot.



Logan Health - Cut Bank hosts inaugural Kids Health and Safety Fair.



The Logan Health Hi-Line facilities team up to participate in the Marias Fair Parade in Shelby.



Logan Health - Shelby celebrate Shelby High School's homecoming with a community BBQ.



Logan Health – Chester at the Hi-Line Harvest festival.