

LOGAN HEALTH



Report to the Hi-Line Community

Winter 2024



NEW HEALTH CLINIC OPENS IN SHELBY

Logan Health Clinic – Shelby (LHCS), a new primary care clinic, opened January 15, 2024, and proudly welcomed three new family medicine nurse practitioners, Molly Asper, DNP, AG-NP; Ariel Weishaar, FNP; and Shane Jensen, FNP.

Edward L. Jones, MD, MS, also joined the medical staff and is seeing patients at Logan Health – Shelby and will begin at Logan Health – Cut Bank in February, specializing in gastroenterology and advanced endoscopic procedures.

Three new full-time, highly skilled certified emergency medicine providers joined the Logan Health – Shelby emergency department in November. Collectively, Greg Bayse, APP; Vicki Lear, PA-C; and Laura Wittman, ENP-C, FNP-C hold 45 years of experience in emergency medicine.

To schedule an appointment with any LHCS primary care provider, please call (406) 966-7040. To schedule a consult with Dr. Jones, any patient can seek referral through their primary care provider.

CHARTIS PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Logan Health – Chester and Logan Health – Conrad were recognized for high quality while receiving the 2023 Performance Leadership Award for excellence by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. The Performance Leadership Awards honor top quartile performances among rural hospitals.

“Awards like these show the commitment of our organization to bringing high quality care to Montanans, no matter where they are,” says Craig Lambrecht, MD, CEO of Billings Clinic/Logan Health.

Results are based on the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX. INDEX data relies on rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of rural health to measure and monitor performance across several areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

“In rural America, we witness first-hand the commitment, determination and compassion with which rural hospitals serve their communities,” says Michael Topchik, national leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health. “Rural health care truly is mission-driven.”





CycleMT COMES TO THE HI-LINE

We are excited to have CycleMT coming to the Hi-Line March 2, 2024, at the Shelby Civic Center. CycleMT is a stationary bike relay, which supports children and young adults (under age 21) with medical hardships that are not covered by other means of funding. The event serves children across the state of Montana – Logan Health patients and non-patients alike. Funds have been shared with a number of families for items such as modified trikes, swings, a bathroom remodel, an

AED, and more. In 2023 Logan Health raised \$100,000 for families and the goal for 2024 is \$150,000. **Help achieve this goal by donating or registering to participate in the event at logan.org/cyclemt.** You can choose to ride competitively, just for fun or virtually, and start fundraising for kids in Montana.

— News Briefs —

Regional Food Pantries Receive Generous Donations

Before Thanksgiving weekend, Logan Health Hi-Line staff donated 3,780 non-perishable items and 90 frozen turkeys to the Harvest Food Pantry in Cut Bank, the Sagebrush Food Pantry in Shelby, the Pondera Food Pantry in Conrad, Great Falls Rescue Mission, and the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Chester.

Logan Health Donates to New Projects

Logan Health – Conrad and Logan Health – Chester recently made donations to help update the outdoor bleachers for the local high schools. Being able to donate to these projects will help build bleachers for the community creating safer structures for all generations and benefiting fans of all mobile abilities.

Information Technology Updates on the Hi-Line

Over the last few months Chester and Conrad Logan Health facilities have updated their Electronic Health Records Systems (EHR) as well as the network infrastructure and devices, with Shelby and Cut Bank following this spring and summer. The transition to a new Electronic Health Record platform called Meditech will allow one system for one patient record and main system for operations and finance. There are a multitude of other positive impacts with these transitions as we continue to integrate and provide care across Montana.

Toy Drive Provides Gifts to More Than 100 Local Children

Logan Health – Cut Bank's annual toy drive received 131 gift applications from children ages 0-14 in the Glacier County area, surpassing last year's toy drive total. With the generous donations collected, each child had the opportunity to receive a new toy for Christmas, fulfilling the mission of the annual event.

— Upcoming Events —

FEBRUARY 12-18 Cardiac Rehab Week

FEBRUARY 26 Winslow Nichols Leadership Award quarter three nomination deadline

FEBRUARY 18-24 Through with Chew Week

MARCH 2 CycleMT stationary bike relay fundraiser at Shelby Civic Center logan.org/CycleMT

APRIL 1 Take Down Tobacco Day

ANNUAL HEALTH FAIRS INSPIRE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Logan Health Hi-Line facilities value their long-established traditions of partnering with local organizations to host annual community health fairs and improve community health. The free event in Conrad, Cut Bank and Shelby is designed to uniquely serve each community's requests for increased health education and promotion of local services based on responses from each county's triennial Community Health Needs Assessment Surveys.

Logan Health – Conrad's (LHC) health fair offered demonstrations from life coaching resources, nutrition services, Logan Health EMS, universities, and each hospital department. Attendees chose to conveniently receive lab draws from LHC laboratory services and immunizations from the Care Van through the Pondera Health Department.

Visitors at the Logan Health – Cut Bank (LHCB) health fair were encouraged to donate nonperishable food upon arrival, resulting in 36 pounds of donations for Cut Bank's Harvest Food Pantry. The health fair was held alongside the Red Cross Blood Drive, while the Glacier County Health Department provided immunizations, University of Montana (UM) IPHARM students performed various health screenings and services were shared by several local health-promoting businesses.

In partnership with the Toole County Health Department, 35 health organizations, including 10 Logan Health – Shelby (LHS) departments, promoted services at LHS's health fair. Vitalant's first local blood drive saw six participants and several guests took advantage of free health screenings from UM IPHARM students. LHS laboratory services delivered 13 lab draws, cardiopulmonary services ran 17 spirometry tests and the Care Van and health department administered several vaccines to locals.

2023 saw increased community engagement during each health fair, including students invited from area high schools to learn about the health care industry and career paths. Hands-on demonstrations from health care professionals impacted the learning experience for both students and adults, such as Logan Health general surgeon, Dr. Milheim's heart dissection presentation.

Each Logan Health facility looks forward to hosting their annual health fair this fall with additional local services and organizations, whose similar mission is to improve the lives and overall health of rural communities.



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— In The Community —



Logan Health – Cut Bank hosts annual Community Health Fair.



Logan Health – Conrad at the Pondera County Mental Health Advisory's annual Mental Health Awareness Walk



Toole County Health Department and Logan Health – Shelby team up to raise awareness about breast cancer.



Logan Health - Shelby Assisted Living hosts annual Tree Auction Fundraiser Dinner to raise money for activities fund.



Logan Health – Cut Bank gives \$60,000 towards the Cut Bank school nurse program.



Logan Health – Chester holds a coloring contest and makes the winning submissions into stickers.