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Ruby Valley Hospital Supporting Science Education in Ruby Valley Schools

Late every summer, Ruby Valley student athletes gather for an annual tradition, the sports physical. The Ruby Valley Hospital sends two Physician Assistants, visiting Physician Assistant students and administrative staff from the Ruby Valley Clinic to the Twin Bridges and Sheridan schools to offer low-cost physicals to students planning to participate in school sports. Kathy Tetrault, PA-C, Drew Chambers, PA-C, and Dr. Molly Biehl performed this year's examinations. All students are required to obtain a physical before participating in a school sponsored sport. The Ruby Valley Hospital's Board of Trustees donates the money collected, \$15 per physical, back to each school to support science education.

This fall, Dr. Roman Hendrickson and Drew Chambers, PA-C, presented checks to Twin Bridges' Principal Brian Smith and Sheridan's Superintendent Mike Wetherby. Mr. Smith said that the Twin Bridges School plans to spend their \$1,620 donation on health education curriculum in the elementary school. "There is a plethora of resources out there that I have personally used in my Health Education classes which I feel can be beneficial to our younger students," says Smith. Superintendent Wetherby plans to add to the Sheridan School Library's science related books. Wetherby added, "In addition, we will be purchasing periodical subscriptions of science related magazines such as Popular Science, Discover or National Geographic."

The Ruby Valley Hospital's "Supporting Science Education in Ruby Valley Schools" program has been selected for inclusion in the American Hospital Association's 2015 Community Connections case studies. These case studies are published annually and can be found at

www.ahacommunityconnections.org.

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Caption: Twin Bridges Principal Brian Smith receives a \$1,620 donation for science education from Dr. Roman Hendrickson and Drew Chambers, PA-C

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Caption: Dr. Roman Hendrickson and Drew Chambers, PA-C, give Sheridan Superintendent Mike Wetherby a \$1,000 donation for science materials.

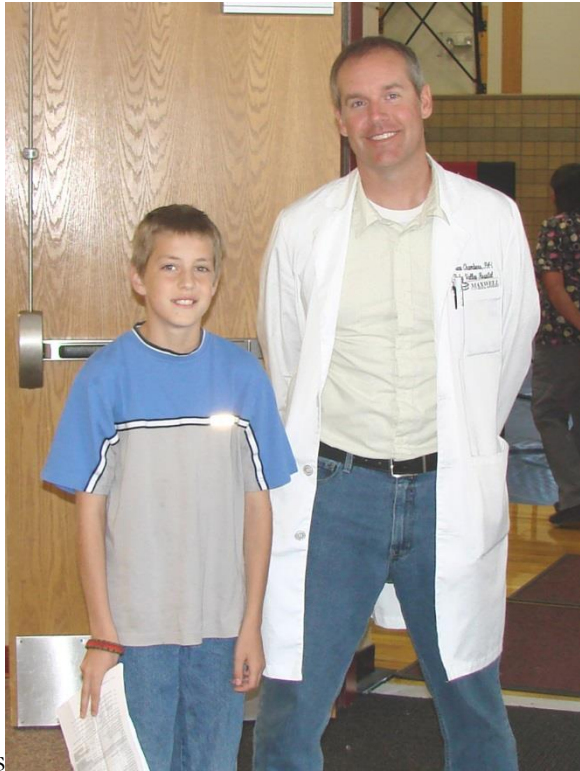
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Caption: Drew Chambers, PA-C, gives Twin Bridges student, C.J. Wayland, a healthy report for the cross country teams.

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