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**Ruby Valley Medical Center Celebrates
Enhanced Local Healthcare Services with Grand Opening**

Ruby Valley Medical Center's Grand Opening celebration will be held August 18th
and will highlight improvements to local healthcare services

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Sheridan, Montana (July 30, 2018) – The Ruby Valley Medical Center will celebrate its Grand Opening on August 18th starting at 11am at the Medical Center's main entrance at 321 Madison Street in Sheridan, Montana. The event will include self-guided tours of the Ruby Valley Medical Center, speakers and a ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments and commemorative gifts.

“This Grand Opening represents many years of diligent planning by the board of trustees and administration of the Ruby Valley Hospital to provide a facility that can meet regulatory, healthcare technology, and financial requirements while delivering optimal healthcare services to the next generations of Ruby Valley residents,” said Ken Walsh, President of the Ruby Valley Medical Center Board of Trustees.

The Grand Opening ceremony will include presentations by Ken Walsh, Les Gilman, President, Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation, and Bob Olsen, Senior Vice President, Montana Hospital Association. Additional speakers may be added to the presentation roster in the coming weeks. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be performed with surgical skill by Dr. Warren Swager and Carol Braach, RN, both retired from the Ruby Valley Hospital. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, attendees will be invited to take self-guided tours through the new Ruby Valley Medical Center. Refreshments will be served between the main and emergency entrances of the Medical Center.

“The Board of Trustees, administration, medical providers, staff and Auxiliary of the Ruby Valley Hospital are very excited to show our community how the new medical center will enhance our quality healthcare services. With our tour map, visitors today can meet with staff from each department to learn what’s new and what will be coming soon to the Ruby Valley Medical Center,” said John Semingson, Chief Executive Officer.

The Ruby Valley Medical Center is the culmination of a years of planning and development to provide the residents of the Ruby Valley with a healthcare facility that meets regulatory standards, provides current and upcoming healthcare technologies such as telemedicine, and allows for growth of services. The Ruby Valley Hospital’s current facility, which was opened in 1964, is no longer able to meet the healthcare needs of the 2,200 residents of the Ruby Valley.

The Ruby Valley Medical Center was built with a \$9,950,000 loan from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities Program (USDARDCF) and \$2,500,000 raised by the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation and the Ruby Valley Hospital Auxiliary. The USDARDCF loan will be financed at 2.375% over 37 years. New equipment for the Ruby Valley Medical Center cost \$1,500,000. The equipment purchases were funded by a \$1,100,000 loan from the USDARDCF financed at 2.375% over 15 years and a \$400,000 donation from the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation.

The Ruby Valley Medical Center is a critical access hospital with five in-patient beds, two observation beds, in-house CT and radiology diagnostic imaging, and laboratory. The medical center’s emergency department has expanded to three trauma rooms and has a decontamination area. The new helistop pad will provide much more efficient access to helicopter medical transport for patients needing emergency surgical or specialized care. The new clinic includes seven examination rooms plus areas for visiting specialists and telemedicine. The physical therapy department has four dedicated private treatment rooms and a much larger gym facility.

Please visit the Ruby Valley Hospital's website at www.RubyValleyHospital.com for additional information about the current hospital and the Ruby Valley Medical Center. (The website will change to www.RVMC.org in late August.) The floorplan for the Ruby Valley Medical Center can be found at www.RubyValleyHospital.com/new-hospital-floor-plans. An aerial video of the Ruby Valley Medical Center will be available shortly before the grand opening. Please contact Debra McNeill for information about obtaining a copy.

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About the Ruby Valley Medical Center

The Ruby Valley Medical Center is a critical access hospital and Montana designated trauma receiving facility serving Sheridan, Twin Bridges, Alder, Laurin, Silver Star, Virginia City, Nevada City and Waterloo. The Medical Center offers 5 in-patient beds, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, physical therapy, speech language pathology, swing bed, 24 hour emergency care and a highly qualified nursing staff. Our healthcare providers support patients through the Ruby Valley Medical Center and the clinic in Twin Bridges. The Ruby Valley Medical Center also provides mobile emergency medical services through Ruby Valley Emergency Medical Services. The Ruby Valley Medical Center receives financial support from the Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation and the Ruby Valley Medical Center Auxiliary.

Attachments

Photos to supplement this press release are available for download at <http://www.RVMC.org/press-release-photos>.