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### **New Faces at the Ruby Valley Hospital – Marvin Gielen, Jr.**

If you've ever been curious to see the inside of the Ruby Valley Ambulance building, stop by and ask for Marvin Gielen, Jr. He would love to give you a tour and show you the vehicles and equipment. One of Marv's great pleasures is meeting new people and helping them when they need it most; which is why he's such a great paramedic.

“While I might not get a lot of thank-yous for helping others, the satisfaction is knowing that I made someone's day better just by being there. I am a firm believer that if you do something that you love, then that is all the reward you need,” says Gielen. He spent two years earning his paramedic certifications at Flathead Community College in Kalispell. In addition to the National Registered Paramedic (NRP) certification, Gielen has advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) and Pre-Hospital Traumatic Life Support (PHTLS) certifications.

Gielen's biography reflects a life of dedication to service. Prior to his career in emergency medicine, he served for 22 years in the Air Force. He started his Air Force career working on the tail gun systems of B-52's which provided extensive experience and training in electronics, radar, munitions and hydraulics. In the early 1990's, Gielen retrained in Space Operations, holding positions in satellite command and control, missile warning, deep space tracking, weapon and tactics sections and a Space Aggressor Squadron. His tours included stations in Australia and Qatar. Gielen retired from Schreir AFB near Colorado Springs.

Growing up as an Air Force brat, followed by his own Air Force career, Gielen never had a place that felt like home base. His decision to work with Ruby Valley Emergency Medical Services combines his dedication to service and his desire to build a home base. “When I found this position, I felt like it was a good fit – what I was looking for. So far, it has not let me down,” says Gielen. Considering his personal interests, he couldn't have picked a better home than the Ruby Valley. Gielen has recently taken up hunting and fishing again. His wife, Kim, and his family have

been exploring camping and hiking areas. He likes a variety of sports such as baseball, hockey and bowling. Gielen is also a playing card enthusiast and enjoys playing games like Cribbage, Hearts, Spades and Canasta.

If you'd like to see the inner workings of Ruby Valley Emergency Medical Services, stop by the ambulance building next to the Ruby Valley Hospital, bang on the door and ask for Marv. He'll show you around and, if it's a slow day, maybe you can talk him into a board of Cribbage!

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