

# Livingston HealthCare offers updates on new hospital, care facility

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The Shane Center was abuzz Tuesday morning as community members turned up to munch on pastries and hear about updates to the new Livingston HealthCare hospital, as well as the addition of a new urgent care facility.

The new urgent care facility, opening June 30, will be located in the old Way Out West Building at 104 Centennial St. It will be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekends.

LHC CEO Bren Lowe also reported construction on the new hospital facility east of town will wrap up in August and the facility will open the beginning of October. The building is over 125,000 square feet with 25 private patient rooms, a women's center and an enclosed ambulance space.

"Before, all the ambulances and patients had to be exposed before entering the hospital. Now they will be in an enclosed space," Lowe said.

The building will be heated by geothermal energy, which is a greener heating method.

LHC will have a new full-time cardiologist and a psychiatrist who will split time between Bozeman and Livingston. The facility will also receive more frequent visits from orthopedic and urology specialists along with several other specialists to accommodate Livingston residents.

Also discussed was the old Shields Valley Health Center, which LHC took over when it closed its doors.

Now named Shields Valley Clinic, the facility opened its doors to the public a few weeks ago. It is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LHC spokeswoman Rebekah Stoner said the Tuesday morning breakfast was a huge success.

LHC typically sponsors the annual the community updates after work hours, but Stoner said that given the success of Tuesday morning, LHC will start holding the event during the morning.