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## **Local Hospital Celebrates Local Providers and Future of Healthcare**

RCHD honors medical team on National Doctors' Day on March 30.

PECOS, Texas (March 23, 2020) – At a time when rural healthcare providers are more critical than ever, Reeves County Hospital District is celebrating the medical team that cares for the health and wellness of our community. March 30 is National Doctors' Day, a chance to honor healthcare professionals across the country.

"It is times like that that we are so grateful for our team of medical professionals that are serving the community," said Brenda McKinney, CEO of Reeves County Hospital District. "As we look to the future of not only COVID-19, but healthcare in Reeves County, the medical team that we count on will continue to provide critical services to support our health and safety."

RCHD providers offer a variety of healthcare services, such as family practice, radiology, surgery and emergency services. Earlier this year, RCHD began construction on a new hospital campus that will allow expanded healthcare services for generations to come. The new campus is expected to open in 2021.

McKinney said that while the new campus will allow the hospital district to add new services and technology, local providers who build trusting relationships with patients will continue to be at the forefront of care.

"Our providers are the cornerstone of our healthcare services" McKinney said. "While many communities face reductions in services or hospital closures, we are fortunate to have a compassionate medical team available here in Pecos."

National Doctors' Day was first observed on March 30, 1933. Inspired by the anniversary of the first use of anesthesia by Dr. Crawford W. Long in 1842, Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond, proposed the celebration as a way to show appreciation for the work of doctors everywhere.

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The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution in 1958 commemorating Doctors' Day. With approval of Congress in 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a resolution officially designating March 30 as National Doctors' Day.

RCHD has continued to grow with the community over the years, adding new physicians in a variety of specialties at both the hospital and the Pecos Valley Rural Health Clinic. In addition to family medicine, Reeves County residents can find providers in a variety of specialties such as women's health and general surgery at both the hospital and the Pecos Valley Rural Health Clinic, a service of Reeves County Hospital District.

Please join RCHD in honoring the work of our local providers:

## **Reeves County Hospital District**

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- W. Blake Kutsche, MD OB/GYN
- Shellece Lowe, FNP-C Family Practice

- Chad E. Lewis, MD General & Colorectal Surgery
- Louis McIntire, MD Family Practice/OB
- Robert "Bob" Rice, FNP-C Family Practice
- Steven Serrano, D.O. Family Practice/OB
- James Tarin, MD Family Practice
- Charles Vaughn, D.O. Internal Medicine/Nephrology

The hospital district was founded in 1954. Since then, healthcare services have continued to grow with the community. The current facility is showing signs of age, and construction of a new facility is underway. Once construction is complete, the new facility will be able to accommodate 25 beds and provide expanded space for core services, including a larger emergency department.

"We are grateful for all of our healthcare providers that serve our community," McKinney said. "As we plan for the future of healthcare in our community the dedication and expertise of our providers will be key to our success. Our new facility will help to ensure that we can provide the healthcare services our community deserves long into the future."

To learn more about local medical services and providers, visit <a href="www.reevescountyhospital.com">www.reevescountyhospital.com</a> or call (432) 447-3551 to schedule an appointment.



## **About Reeves County Hospital District**

Reeves County Hospital District (RCHD) provides healthcare services for people in Reeves County and neighboring communities in West Texas. Founded in 1954, RCHD, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers a wide variety of medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic radiology, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory and more. RCHD also operates American Home Health and Hospice and the Pecos Valley Rural Health Clinic, which offers family care, immunizations and other medical services. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.reevescountyhospital.com">www.reevescountyhospital.com</a>.

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