SPECIAL SECTION

A LOOK AT THE NEW
PRAIRIE RIDGE HOSPITAL
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

The Grant County Herald is proud to present this special section in honor of the Grand Opening of Prairie Ridge Hospital & Health Services.

GRAND OPENING: SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014
From the chairman of the board

As we look forward to the dedication of the new hospital building, I think it is necessary to look back and thank the original founders of the hospital. Fifty years ago they had the vision to make this area a better place to live by building a new hospital. They realized, as does the current hospital board, that without a hospital in Elbow Lake people could die being transported to another hospital.

With this new hospital building, we share the original goals of bringing health care close to the people of our area. This was a large undertaking that would not have been successful without the help of many people and organizations.

Mayor Toso, and before him Mayor McNamar and Mayor Anderson, and the entire City Council have been extremely helpful and supportive. The women of the Hospital Auxiliary have been tirelessly working in the Bargain Bazaar and have donated money for equipment - and for the actual building. The Prairie Ridge Hospital Foundation has raised over one million dollars to help pay for the new building. Many people have donated and pledged money to make this possible.

We have been fortunate to have a dedicated hospital staff who have done double duty by helping plan the new building while doing their normal duties of providing for the health care needs of the people in our area. They have done a great job and are to be commended. No matter how modern a building is, without competent staff who care about people we would not be successful. We also need to thank the people who come to our clinics and hospital for their health care needs. Our goal is to give our customers the best health care possible in a small town setting.

In conclusion, it is my hope that fifty years from now the people will look back and say ‘thank you’ to all of us who have worked together to make this new hospital building a reality.

Gene Wenstrom
Board Chair, Prairie Ridge Hospital
Safety and accessibility took a high priority in the design of our new facility. Corridors, doorways, and bathrooms give easy wheelchair access throughout the building while advanced medical equipment is integrated with safety features. All ten hospital rooms are equipped with Medcare ceiling lifts, making it easier to move patients throughout the room. This same lift system is also implemented in our Rehabilitation Department, providing valuable aid to physical therapists in enabling patients to restore their strength. Interior and exterior surveillance cameras have been installed in order to monitor activity in and around the facility. A new security badge swipe system will allow staff to access the appropriate areas including a monitoring system to see who is utilizing any area. The layout of the new facility also allows for different areas to be locked down after hours or in case of an emergency. Prairie Ridge’s technology within the new hospital will provide a safer environment for staff, patients, and visitors, giving peace of mind to families.
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Advanced technology is crucial in providing customized care

Combining modern conveniences of medical equipment and patient information make up an integrated system resulting in unified and efficient care. Blanket warming units, cardiac monitors, fluid/blood warmer technology, new IV pumps, and a portable vein finding device helps us to customize care for our patients. Computer systems enable providers and nursing staff to access electronic medical records and test results at each patient's bedside. A Nurse Call system brings intercom communication from patient to nurse with real-time status and response. Each hospital bed is equipped with a weight scale and alarm system linked with the nurses' station. Specialized LED lighting produces shadowless illumination allowing for better detail in surgical and emergency situations. Ceiling suspended booms hold monitors for moving data and information to the provider maintaining visual access to images from all areas of the room. That information is then able to be moved directly into the patient’s medical record. Other booms enclose central medical gases and suction systems that are essential in surgery. Oxygen is networked on site to provide continuous access throughout the facility.

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Bathrooms are handicap accessible.

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Family waiting room

CONGRATULATIONS Prairie Ridge Hospital & Health Services from these businesses
Wireless allows providers to practice untethered

Wireless and mobile health access allows our providers to practice untethered; providing portable access to patient electronic medical records. The use of iPads, flatscreen monitors, and other devices change the way they collect, examine, and deliver healthcare information. Multiple areas within the hospital will offer a full suite of audio, video and web conferencing designed to meet the needs of our ever-changing healthcare arena. The nurse call system not only connects patient to nurse but also networks emergency response communication throughout the building. A fire alert system pinpoints the concerned location and type, thus resulting in lockdown of the vulnerable zone. An infrastructure of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning with filtration and humidification offers a healthy and safe environment. Biodrain technology is a necessity to our emergency department; filtering contaminates in an eco-friendly manner that protects the water and sewer system. Security is enhanced by an electronic badge system regulating permissions and monitoring employee access. Our Smart TV system features a virtual brochure of information throughout the building. Free Wi-Fi, cable TV, and movies on demand help our patients and guests pass the time. Prairie Ridge recognizes that our patients are entitled to the benefits of cutting edge technology; giving assurance of quality and confidence in our rural community.
The goal of Prairie Ridge's Dietary Department is to offer choice and flexibility in meal selection that provides the appropriate nutrition to help improve the health and wellness of our patients. Our Dietary Department has new breakfast, lunch and dinner menus with room service delivery convenient for our patients and their guests. For a patient who has a specific dietary need, our trained staff works with a dietician to provide for the nutritional requirements ordered by the physician. Our Dietary Department is available to prepare an array of hot and cold meal options with a featured meal during the day. Updated kitchen equipment allows us to better serve our patients, guests, and employees and is very valuable in catering hospital events.
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Public dining

A spacious dining room and patio are available for both guests and staff to enjoy. Prairie Ridge strives to offer delicious yet nutritious choices with a homemade touch, welcoming a family-centered experience to our community hospital.

Private dining

A private dining room which doubles as a community room is designated for in-house meetings.

Private dining room

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State-of-the-art technology

State-of-the-art technology results in quicker test results and more efficient use of our patients’ time. An electronic health record system allows for the most current patient information to be available instantly and securely. Medical history, diagnosis, treatments, tests, and medications all will be accessible to streamline efficiently. Flat screen monitors in each room will allow providers to teach patients about their condition and care. Electronic exam tables and patient lift systems increase comfort and safety. New microscope technology, incubators, and automated analyzers produce consistent results while lab technicians are free to perform other tasks. Our new equipment gives instant results instead of waiting for tests that have to be sent outside the facility. Ultrasound, Dexascan, MRI, and mammogram technologies will continue to be utilized in addition to a new CT scanner, digital X-ray, and a mobile X-ray unit to scan patients at bedside. This technology lets our patients have a shorter visit with faster, more detailed results.

These images compare the old X-ray technology (on the left) with the new digital imaging. The digital image actually shows the brain.
Prairie Ridge is proud of its new “bigger and better” lab, allowing plenty of work space and instant results.

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What if I have an emergency?

In an emergency you take comfort in having a team of professionals who will take care of you. We are here for you and your family 24 hours a day.

Our emergency department is clearly marked to lead you, whether by ambulance or self-arrival to the private entrance. Two private exam rooms are each equipped with a vital signs monitoring system. Electronic medical records enhance privacy and efficiency with integrated patient information.

Our Trauma Room is supplied with state-of-the-art necessities to give you the best care. Specialized lighting illuminates details and a special trauma stretcher makes it possible for you to be X-rayed without having to be moved and sustain further injury. Directly south of our emergency entrance and past its parking lot, a helicopter landing pad that is able to accommodate large military helicopters is the designated landing area in case your treatment requires transfer to another facility. Most emergency services result in same-day release, but should you require an overnight stay you can rest assured that we will take care of you. Prairie Ridge is here for you; giving you expert comfort and care when you need it most.
Types of surgeries

Prairie Ridge, in collaboration with Lake Region Medical Group, is currently working to add specialty services to our new hospital. We anticipate basic surgical procedures (laparoscopic gall bladder removal, hernia repair, breast biopsy, venous ligation, etc.) that allow the patients to go home the same day. We also foresee adding procedures (bowl resections, nissen fundoplications, basic and biventricular pacemaker insertions, implantable defibrillators, etc.) that may require the patient to stay longer than 24 hours. We are working to add services for urology (cystoscopy, bladder surgery, etc.), OB/GYN (D&C, tubal ligation, etc.), ENT (tonsils and adenoids, placement of PE tubes, etc.), orthopedics (knee and shoulder scopes, tendon repairs, repair of broken bones, etc.) and interventional radiology (barium swallows, epidural and spinal injections for pain, nerve ablations, etc.). We understand the importance of providing these necessary services to offer a convenient care option for families close to home.
When a 911 call is placed it sets into force a chain reaction of assistance. Our team of Emergency Medical Technicians are always on call to be alerted and dispatched immediately to the scene of your emergency. Your condition is assessed and great care is taken to stabilize you for transport, depending upon the emergency. Your condition is immediately assessed and great care is taken to stabilize you for transport. 

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The Prairie Ridge team is always on call for you—consistently prepared for your emergency.
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