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Michael Brennan, M.D. of Big Horn Heart Center looks over some charts Tuesday afternoon at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Expanding cardiac care

• Opening of Heart Center allows doctor to more extensively serve Sheridan

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For the past 15 years, Dr. Michael Brennan has provided cardiology consulting services for the Sheridan community, commuting here from Billings.

This fall, he and his family moved to Sheridan. "My family and I are happy and excited to become a permanent part of this community," he said.

With the opening of the Big Horn Heart Center at Sheridan Memorial Hospital, Brennan can more extensively serve Sheridan and the surrounding communities.

The center was necessary to meet Sheridan's needs, according to multiple assessments and surveys over the past few years. With the creation of the center, community members will no longer need to travel to Billings or Casper, as many were doing previously, for cardiac care.

"Dr. Brennan and his family have been welcome

additions to the Sheridan community," said LaNora Dixon, SMH program development manager.

Starting Dec. 1, Brennan will be consulting with patients five days a week instead of three. He is the only cardiologist at the Big Horn Heart Center.

The staff is composed of a manager, registered nurse, physician's assistant, cardiac sonographers and an administrative assistant in addition to Brennan.

They will provide a full range of medical care including: cardiac consultations and exams, nuclear perfusion testing (for coronary artery disease), cardiac computed tomography angiograms (X-rays to examine arteries, veins and other heart-related areas), diagnostic exercise and chemical stress tests, cardiac ultrasounds (echocardiograms), ECG/EKG (electrocardiograms, which monitor heart function), Holter monitoring and event recordings, insertion of pacemakers and defibrillators, cardioversions (for abnormal heart rhythms), as well as cardiopulmonary rehabilita-

tion.

The Big Horn Heart Center will provide complete services for patients with pacemakers.

Dixon added: "If you have had a pacemaker or defibrillator device implanted by Dr. Brennan at another location and/or you want to establish care for device follow-up, please contact our office as soon as possible to make an appointment. We are happy to provide this service to new or established patients."

Numerous services by the center work in tandem with multiple departments of Sheridan Memorial Hospital, according to Dixon. "It is such a benefit to have the full support of the hospital for cardiac services," she stated.

This new addition to the hospital will provide the community with extensive cardiac care.

The Big Horn Heart Center is located in the Medical Arts Complex at 1333 W. Fifth Street, Suite 206. To schedule an appointment, call 675-4610.