

Groundbreaking set for hospital expansion project

(KNZA)--A groundbreaking ceremony is set Friday afternoon for Holton Community Hospital's \$14.6 million expansion and renovation project.

According to the hospital's website, the ceremony will take place at 12:30 at the hospital grounds and the public is invited to attend.

The project will include additions to the emergency department, a new nearly 6,600-square-foot clinic building, updated operating area, a renovated specialty clinic, new office space, meeting and training space, updates to current space and room for further growth.

Hospital officials say the existing hospital was built 20 years ago, and with the addition of more in-house services comes the need for more equipment and space. Officials also say the expansion project will make it possible to recruit more new doctors and offer more services.

Funds have been secured for the project through a \$14.6 million low-interest loan from USDA Rural Development to be administered by the city of Holton. A fund-raising campaign for the project has so far raised more than \$2 million.

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