



Promise of a New Health Care Future

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2015 was a year of hope. 2016 is a year of promise. Last year at this time we had great hopes for a new medical facility. This year we have the wonderful promise of a Healthcare Campus that will be a leader in rural health care delivery.

In 2017 the doors will open to a modern hospital, therapy center, clinic and pharmacy – all under one roof. The facility can be easily expanded to accommodate future growth and additional health care services. Additionally, a senior living facility will be attached to the new facility offering unique convenience and substantially improved health care service.

The hospital will have mostly private and a couple of semi private inpatient rooms along with additional patient observation rooms. The operating facilities, physical therapy and emergency care departments will be expanded with significantly increased space. A large helicopter-landing pad will be on site assuring fast access for emergency care transportation. The highly utilized ambulance service will continue but have better access that shelters patients from rain and snow with an outside awning.

The patient rooms will be equipped with the latest health care technology [what?] and additional patient and visitor comfort features such as [what?]. The entrance will be warm and welcoming. Several lounge areas will be available for families to congregate. A bistro style eating area will be shared with the attached senior care facility, significantly improving hospital and senior care visitor convenience and comfort.

The Gateway Family Healthcare Clinic will have more space to allow for the addition of a new physician practice and additional specialty services, which will be coming in late 2017 or 2018. We will be getting more details on these new physicians and specialists as the time gets closer. Thrifty White will have expanded space for prescription and over-the-counter drugs and have a convenient, drive up window.

A new senior care facility, Golden Horizons, will be attached to the medical facility with 28 apartments, which will be open to all income levels. They will have assisted living apartments and memory and other specialty care units. There will be a large fireplace and several comfortable sitting areas for residents and visitors to enjoy. A wide range of activities will be offered including movies, church services, bingo, exercise and special outings. Being co-located with the hospital, clinic and pharmacy adds peace of mind and convenience for the residents.

The Pine Healthcare Campus will also open the door to new economic vitality for Sandstone and surrounding communities. The Pine Healthcare Campus could very well be the economic stimulus that our area has needed for so many years. Having the Pine Healthcare Campus as a neighbor to the Business Park should add significant appeal for other business expansion in the area. All this spells great new jobs coming to our area.

I hope you can see why we are so excited with this new Pine Healthcare Campus. We are celebrating the coming of the Pine Healthcare Campus on January 21 and hope the community will join us at the groundbreaking and reception. See the advertisement in this paper for more details and join the fun.

Visit our website for more information and updates on the progress of the Pine Healthcare Campus construction. Go to www.PineHospitalDistrict.com.