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**\$6 MILLION EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT  
FOR BRODSTONE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL GETS UNDERWAY**

Superior, Neb., April 18, 2003 – Ground was broken today in Superior marking the start of the \$6 million Brodstone Memorial Hospital expansion and renovation project. The near 24,000 residents of Nuckolls, Webster, Thayer, and Clay counties in Nebraska along with Jewel and Republic counties in Kansas will benefit from the improved health care services and enhanced recruitment of health care professionals that will stem from this project.

"This is a momentous occasion today. Leaders from local, county, state and federal government, as well as the constituents we serve, are gathered to celebrate with Brodstone Memorial Hospital board of directors, medical staff, administration and hospital personnel an undertaking necessary to carry on the mission of the hospital. It is important that Brodstone Memorial Hospital keep abreast with the trends so as to continue to bring affordable, quality health care to the communities it serves," stated John Keelan, CEO for Brodstone Memorial Hospital.

The Brodstone Memorial Hospital service area has been designated as medically underserved, with a shortage of medical professionals. The expansion/renovation project entails the purchase of medical equipment, remodeling of 16,652 square feet of existing hospital space, and construction of a two-story 16,455 square foot addition.

Funding for the project is derived from USDA Rural Development direct loans of \$4,277,000 and \$859,000 to be repaid over 40 years and 5 years at 4.5 percent, respectively. Central National Bank in Superior originated \$500,000 in loan monies with USDA Rural Development providing a guarantee on the funds. Brodstone Memorial Hospital completed the financing with a contribution of \$350,000 for a total project cost of \$5,986,000.

Brodstone Memorial Hospital is a two-story brick/steel structure originally built in 1920 with an addition constructed in 1967. With no major upgrades occurring to the facility since the addition, the hospital's ability to keep pace with the ever-changing health care industry has been inhibited. The hospital is presently staffed with two full-time general practitioners and three physician assistants along with numerous visiting medical specialists. Three additional general practitioners for a total of five practicing Doctors in the community is an objective of the hospital.



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Rodger Dean, president of Central National Bank stated, "The bank is very proud and excited to be a part of this worthwhile project for the advancement of health care and economic stability in Superior, Nuckolls county, and surrounding areas." "This project will allow Brodstone Memorial Hospital to raise the level of health care and services to new heights for the people in our area."

"It is a pleasure to be a part of Brodstone's expansion and renovations. The need for updated health care services for Superior and surrounding rural communities will be achieved through this project. Modern health care in rural areas is important to USDA Rural Development as it is an essential element to the well-being of all residents," stated Glen Gatz, USDA Rural Development Specialist.

The 10,800 square foot first floor addition will include enclosing a drive through and covered parking area. This area will house the physical therapy, cardiac rehabilitation spaces, and public restrooms, a main entry lobby, gift shop, hospital administration offices, two conference rooms, and ultrasound and mammography testing areas. The second floor of the addition will include a surgery suite with two operating rooms, men and women locker rooms for surgeons, endoscopy, a surgery prep area, and recovery room. A new driveway and patient drop-off area will be built south of the buildings' main entry.

The first floor remodeled area will include an expanded dining room, new radiology offices, four clinic exam rooms, new pathology lab, and new elevator. The second floor remodeling will include a central sterile suite and holding area, nurse's lounge and locker room, a central nurse's station, offices, and family waiting area. Four existing patient rooms will be remodeled with private bathrooms to accommodate disabled patients. Twelve existing patient rooms will offer patients private bathrooms. New headwall units are to be installed in sixteen of the existing patient rooms.

A mechanical room will house new equipment that will upgrade the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems in the remodeled areas and provide new systems for the hospital's addition. Installation of a new electrical transformer and generator is included in the upgrades. The existing fire sprinkler system will be expanded to include all of the new addition area.

USDA funding was provided through the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Direct and Guaranteed Loan Programs. For additional information contact Glen G. Gatz at 4009 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, P.O. Box 730, Kearney, NE 68848-0730 or phone (308) 237-3118. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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