

Officials break ground for Corry Hospital addition

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CORRY — By this time next year, Corry patients who need to see primary care and specialty doctors will have a new clinic right beside the Corry Memorial Hospital.

Local and state officials and about 100 others held a groundbreaking ceremony Friday morning for a new Medical Arts Building, which will be constructed adjacent to the hospital in Corry, which is affiliated with LECOM Health, based in Millcreek Township.

The \$3.2 million, 10,000-square-foot addition will house the Corry Rural Health Clinic and other primary care and physician offices. It's expected to be completed by summer 2019. The project was partly funded by a \$1 million grant from the state Department of Community and Economic Development.

Corry Mayor Dave Mitchell sees the investment as a huge help to the citizens of Corry.

"We're 30 miles from Erie, 30 miles from Warren, 30 miles from Meadville and 30 miles from Jamestown," he said. "To have our hospital and our hospital services in the middle of that core is an advantage to our citizens."

Barb Nichols is seeing a dream fulfilled.

"This was a pasture when we came here," said Nichols, president of Corry Memorial Hospital, of the land on the eastern edge of the city on which the hospital was built in 2012. Nichols, who has been with the hospital for 39 years, said the Medical Arts Building adds to her original goal for the hospital.

"Our dream was that we would have a healthy wellness community sprout up around the hospital."

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