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Hospital expansion progressing

Soda Springs facility set to open in April

SODA SPRINGS — The foundation was poured last month for a new 4,000-squarefoot surgery center at Caribou Memorial Hospital. Officials said the \$2 million facility will open in April. Administrative Associate Fran Daniel said the expansion was funded through hospital savings. The new surgery center will expand services provided at Caribou Memorial, she said.

Chief Executive Officer John Hoopes said last week that the project includes installation of sprinkler systems throughout the 40-year-old hospital. The improvements will bring the hospital up to code, he said.

At the regular Caribou Memorial Hospital board meeting last month, Hoopes said the project is on schedule and within budget. Hoopes also reported that the first knee replacement surgery at the rural hospital took place in December.