

## IN THE WORKS



Provided by St. Luke's Health System

Canyon County remains one of the top regions in the state for population growth, and St. Luke's has been serving a growing number of those patients at its Boise and Meridian locations. This rendering shows the new St. Luke's Nampa medical plaza.

# Medical facility a shot in the arm for Nampa

St. Luke's and Saltzer Medical Group will occupy a new building north of the Treasure Valley Marketplace.

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Gardner Ahlquist Development of Meridian has begun construction of a three-story building in Nampa, the first phase of a medical and retail complex similar to the Portico in Meridian.

The \$25 million complex is on 35 acres north of the Treasure Valley Marketplace.

St. Luke's will lease about 40,000 square feet in the project's

initial building. St. Luke's expects to invest about \$3 million to finish and equip its space. Saltzer Medical Group also plans to lease space for clinic operations and an urgent-care center.

The building will have a full-service, 24-hour St. Luke's emergency department staffed by Emergency Medicine of Idaho, the same emergency physician group that provides care at St. Luke's emergency departments in Boise and Meridian. Other services planned for the medical plaza include a laboratory, diagnostics and imaging, medical office space for primary-care clinics and outpatient rehabilitation.

"St. Luke's has experienced a

growing interest from the community and medical providers to offer additional services in the Nampa/Caldwell region," said Gary Fletcher, St. Luke's Treasure Valley CEO.

About 25 percent of St. Luke's patients come from Canyon County. St. Luke's said 42 percent of 300 county residents surveyed in November said they would choose St. Luke's if their health plan allowed them to select only one hospital.

The project will create an estimated 300 jobs when completed.

"The new jobs created by St. Luke's and Saltzer Medical will breathe new life into Nampa and help to create diversity within our

economy," said Nampa Economic Development Director Cliff Long. "This is exactly what Nampa's economy needs right now."

The Nampa Development Corp., the city's urban renewal agency, provided a tax incentive for Gardner Ahlquist that will help pay for infrastructure improvements.

The agency established an incentive policy in October 2010 to promote private investment within the urban renewal district. This is the first project to take advantage of those incentives.

The Portico is near St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center and houses medical offices, stores and other businesses.

**Opening date:** Spring 2012 (St. Luke's Nampa medical plaza)  
**Location:** 35 acres at Cherry Lane and Midland Boulevard, north of the Treasure Valley Marketplace  
**Size:** 120,000 square feet total  
**Number of jobs:** 300 in medical building  
**Construction start:** April  
**Construction finish:** First phase, December  
**Project cost:** \$25 million for entire complex project  
**Owners and developers:** Nampa Ventana LLC  
**Architect:** Babcock Design Group  
**Engineers:** Lochsa Engineering, Horrocks Engineers  
**General contractor:** ESI Construction  
**Landscape architects:** The Land Group  
**Financed by:** Zions Bank

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### Valley hospitals beat U.S. average for safety

Medicare records newly released show average or below-average numbers of injuries at Idaho hospitals.

Medicare patients checking into one of 14 hospitals around the state may be relieved to hear that their medical providers are not likely to leave foreign objects inside them after surgery, mess up blood transfusions or allow them to get extreme bed sores.

The national average was about 1.9 incidents for every 10,000 patients. St. Luke's in Boise averaged about 1.7, Saint Al's about 0.4 and Saint Al's Nampa about 1.1. West Valley Medical Center averaged zero, although it had only 2,051 eligible patient visits in the report.

### Idaho collects millions of dollars from drug companies

Some of the world's most powerful drug companies have agreed to give Idaho \$34 million over the past five years.

Prescription-drug makers have shied away from fighting about 30 lawsuits brought by the state since May 2006, opting instead to fork over payments ranging from about \$13,000 to \$13 million each. The biggest pot Idaho claimed so far was in a case all its own, settled in 2009. The state accused Eli Lilly of marketing Zyprexa, an antipsychotic drug, for uses that hadn't been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and for failing to properly warn health care providers about some of the side effects of that drug.