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New Pleasant View facility construction progressing on schedule

Corunna, Mich. - The new Pleasant View facility in The Commons development is on schedule for completion at the end of this month. Residents are expected to be moved from the current facility on Norton Street in mid-January.

All exterior work – including landscaping, doors and sliders, Towne Center cupola and formal entryway – is nearly complete. Asphalt is being applied to the parking areas over the next few weeks. Inside, flooring in resident rooms and corridors is currently underway. Bathroom doors and nurses' station cabinetry are being installed, as well as finishing touches on drywall. In the kitchen, ventilation hoods and ductwork, as well as coolers and freezers, have gone in, according to Chad Dean of Spence Brothers, the construction manager on the project.

"We've got great crews working very hard to make this dream a reality for the folks at Pleasant View," said Dean. "Thankfully we've had few unforeseen roadblocks, and the weather has been great this fall. All of that together means a project on time and of the highest quality for some very deserving people."

Administrator Shana Espinoza, RN, MSN, NHA and a steering committee made up of a cross-section of Pleasant View employees, are immersed in the final details of what has been a significant effort to start a very exciting and welcome new chapter in the organization's nearly 175-year history.

"Every time I visit the site, so much has changed. Knowing we're so close to moving in is both surreal and stressful," joked Espinoza. "We're thankful for all of the partners we've had throughout this journey.

"Our residents are always our number-one priority and we can't wait to care for them in the new facility. It's important to us that the eventual transition goes as smoothly as possible for everyone."

Employees have been touring the facility regularly for a few months now. Residents have only recently been taken to the site for safety reasons. They are thrilled, according to Espinoza.

"Their eyes light up and they want to know which room will be theirs," explained Espinoza. "Most are in awe. We even still have some who can't believe they get to go with us! We'll be giving each resident a Golden Ticket soon that lets them know which room is waiting for them."

Pleasant View broke ground on its 103,000-square-foot facility in June 2016. It will replace the building on Norton Street that was constructed in 1953.





Prior to that, the county poor farm – as these facilities were called by the government at that time – had been on Lyons Road in Corunna, originally built in 1843. Some remnants of it still exist, along with the county cemetery.

Pleasant View, Shiawassee County's Medical Care Facility, is owned and operated by Shiawassee County as a service to its residents but is governed independently by a three-member, state- and county-appointed health and human services board. It provides long-term skilled nursing, memory, hospice and short-term rehabilitation care to more than 100 residents. For additional information on Pleasant View services or the new facility, please visit pleasantviewmcf.org or call 989-743-3491.