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## ERCC breaks ground for new rehab unit

ELKINS – Spring showers didn't deter the groundbreaking ceremony for a new rehabilitation unit at the Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center Thursday.

ERCC Administrator Denise Campbell said it was an exciting day for ERCC.

“To be able to do this expansion (will) meet the needs of our community and individuals with a need for skilled care, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy,” Campbell said. “If people had a knee replacement, hip replacement, stroke or some type of an accident and need our services, we will have a specialized rehabilitation unit featuring a state of the art gym, a juice bar and an Internet cafe.”

Campbell, also a House of Delegates member representing the 43rd District, said the 10,000-square foot addition will offer 15 private rooms.

“There is really three projects in this upgrade,” Campbell said. “We will turn one of our units into a dementia unit with an added dining area and activity area. When that is complete, we will need to put in a new parking lot.”

Campbell said ERCC will still offer 111 beds, with 50 percent of those in private rooms.

“We feel like we are solving a lot of the needs of the community,”

Campbell said. “Lots of folks want a private room and we will have an area for folks just coming here for the short term so they do not have to leave the area. They can stay right here in Randolph County and get their skilled therapy.”

Campbell recognized members of the ERCC Board of Directors and thanked them for allowing the expansion of services to happen.

“They believe in what we can do and what we can accomplish,” Campbell said. “I want to say thank you to them.”

Campbell commended her staff for their hard work. She also thanked Elkins resident Gary Clay for his work on the project.

“Gary Clay is instrumental in what we are doing here today,” she said. “He met with us about 10 months ago and helped us with planning and deciding the direction we wanted to take. A big thank you to you for your help.”

Mayor Van Broughton said he wanted to thank Campbell for all of the hard work she has put into the project.

“This is great for the Elkins area,” Broughton said. “20 years ago this facility was in downtown Elkins. Ron LaNeve, who was a great administrator, retired and Denise took over without missing a beat. It has grown and is great not only for the Elkins community but for the state as well.”

Gary Schoonover, chairman of the Board of Directors at ERCC, said construction is predicted to be completed in the fall.

“I think it is interesting to note the first meeting for this new construction was in the first part of June 2013,” Schoonover said. “We have everything in line to start today, less than a year since talks began. Denise and her crew have done a marvelous job planning for the expansion.”

Others participating in the groundbreaking included the Rev. Dr. Basil

Hensley; R.C. General Contractors President Tom Reece; Shannon Mason, regional operations manager of Odyssey Rehabilitation; David Sharp, branch manager of Potesta Engineers; Delegate Bill Hartman, D-Randolph County; and Gerald Sites of the Grant County Bank.

Additional information about Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center is available by calling 304-636-1391 or online at [www.ercc.biz](http://www.ercc.biz). ERCC is located at 1175 Beverly Pike in Elkins.

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