

# Holton Community Hospital



The Holton Community Hospital was formally opened on May 12, 1938. The original hospital was located at 418 West Fifth St. Dr. Roy Moser and Dr. Ernest Moser purchased the property and had it remodeled by local people into a suitable facility.

After being in operation for only a year, the hospital was quickly becoming cramped, so an addition was planned. Four new rooms, a nursery, a basement and an elevator were all added by 1940.

In 1945, they built new clinic offices with a pharmacy. The rooms in the hospital that had been used for offices were now turned into patient rooms, adding eight additional beds, making a total of 21.

On July 1, 1948, Dr. Ross Moser joined Dr. Roy and Dr. Ernest in practice.

In 1949, a new wing was added to the existing building. It was a one-story fire-resistant building made of Haydite blocks. It stood in front of the old frame building and was connected to it by an enclosed ramp. This unit was entirely patient rooms because the kitchen, operating room, delivery room and X-Ray room were in the old building.

In 1954, an additional building program was planned. It consisted of 12 new patient rooms all having private half-baths. Since this new addition was to replace most of the old building, it also had a nursery, delivery room, operating room, central supply, sterilizing room, medicine room, formula room, nurses' dining room, offices, kitchen and space for radiology services with a dark room. The old original frame building was then demolished.

In 1957, a new addition to the Moser Clinic building was completed, as it was becoming too crowded. This new addition included a second larger waiting room, four exam rooms, an emergency room, laboratory and eye examination room.

In 1966, the administrative demands of Medicare started to increase, leaving less time for patient care, so the decision was made to give the hospital to the City of Holton. At this time, the Holton Hospital became the Holton City Hospital and was controlled by an elected three-member hospital board that hired a full-time administrator.

In 1972, Dr. Roy and Dr. Ernest retired from the practice.

In 1985, Frank Gilliland, the registered pharmacist at the clinic, purchased the clinic building. He built a new structure on the west side of the Moser Clinic building and east side of the Holton City Hospital that would allow space for two more doctors. Dr. Ross Moser retired from practice on Aug. 1, 1985.

As time continued and more expansion and updating was needed, the hospital board started looking into updating the existing structure or constructing a whole new facility.

The decision was made in 1990 to change the name of the hospital from Holton City Hospital to Holton Community Hospital to reflect the broadened support. In 1993, a fund-raising campaign began with the intention of building a new hospital facility. Fund-raising continued over the next four years. Construction of the new facility began in September of 1997 and was completed in November of 1998. The new facility opened its doors on Jan. 4, 1999.

Today, the Holton Community Hospital is a 501c3 Not-for-Profit Corporation governed by a seven-member board of directors. Designated as a Critical Access Hospital, Holton Community Hospital, together with our provider group, Family Practice Associates, offers vital health care services to Holton, Hoyt, Wetmore and surrounding areas.

The hospital offers 24/7 emergency room services, general surgery, cardiovascular services, rehabilitation services, obstetric services, lymphedema services, outpatient infusion therapy, an outpatient specialty clinic, radiology, laboratory, diabetic education, hospice and home health.

Holton Community Hospital was also named one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals for Patient Satisfaction in 2016 by the National Rural Health Association.

The hospital is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and employs 178 people.

The hospital headquarters, located at 1110 Columbine Dr. north of Holton, can be reached at 785-364-2116 or 785-364-9613 (fax). For more information, visit [www.holtonhospital.com](http://www.holtonhospital.com).



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