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## Dozens gather for new Griswold health center ceremony

GRISWOLD - Dozens gathered this morning amidst dirt and snow for a ground-breaking ceremony for Griswold's new United Community and Family Services building.

Due to the frozen ground, the ceremony was strictly ceremonial.

State Sen. Andrew Maynard, D-Griswold, First Selectman Kevin Skulczyk, Selectman Steven Mikutel and Chuck Seeman, chief executive officer of the company, attended the ceremony.

"One of the points of bringing the center to Griswold is so the folks in Griswold can now stay home and get all of their services in town," Seeman said.

The new building will be built on the old property of the former Triangle Plastic Wire and Cable Co. on East Main Street. Staff, now working at 70 Main St. in Jewett City, will move to the 226 E. Main Street property once the project is complete.

The planned 10,000 square foot health center is more than double the current space. United Community and Family Services has served Griswold residents since 2008.

The planned center will provide women's health care, primary care services, lab testing, as well as behavioral and substance abuse assistance. The additional space will allow the center to provide dental care, a service not available in the current location.

"It's been a long time coming," company Vice President of Marketing & Facilities Pamela Kinder said. "It's probably been three or four years that we've been looking for an ideal plot of land where we can still be ingrained in the community and still have space where we can grow."

Construction is scheduled to begin in roughly 12 to 16 months.



UCFS President and CEO Chuck Seeman says a few words before the during the ground breaking ceremony for the new UCFS Griswold Health Center at 226 East Main Street in Jewett City Tuesday morning. Rep. Paul Brikey (D-45), UCFS Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors Connie Hilbert, Griswold Second Selectman Steve Mikutel, State Senator Andy Maynard and Griswold First Selectman Kevin Skulczyk. Aaron Flaum/NorwichBulletin.com



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