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## **New hotel coming to Duncan**

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DUNCAN An Ardmore company has plans to build a new hotel in Duncan.

Apollo Hospitality Firm has acquired 8.61 acres bordering the east side of U.S. 81 on the north side of Duncan and plans a Holiday Inn Express on about 2 acres, according to the firm's Mitesh Patel.

On remaining land facing the highway, he said, plans are to pursue a strip mall and to leave a portion vacant in hopes of attracting a restaurant. Land behind the hotel site, which backs up to the Duncan Golf and Tennis Club, will remain zoned for residential construction, and Patel said that portion will be developed into lots for eight to a dozen homes. An old building facing the highway has been demolished in anticipation of the development.

"Late fall is when we should start breaking ground," Patel said.

He said the four-story Holiday Inn Express would have around 80 rooms.

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