Vernonia Gets A Pharmacy!

By Scott Laird

The Vernonia Pharmacy opened its doors to the public in mid-September in the refurbished Rock Creek Professional Building at 622 Bridge Street, giving residents a local option for personal and professional pharmacy service and advice without having to leave town.

Pharmacist Phil Darrah, who owns and operates the Banks Pharmacy and the Garden Home Pharmacy with his partner Mark Sargeant, has opened in Vernonia after considering the move for almost two years. "Our business philosophy is that we want to serve small rural communities," said Darrah. "We look at plac-



Teresa Mushatt and Pharmacist Phil Darrah

es that used to have pharmacies and have lost them or look at buying small town pharmacies that might be closing."

Darrah has been a pharmacist for fifteen years, purchased the Banks Pharmacy three years ago and opened the Garden Home Pharmacy a year and a half ago. Darrah grew up in a small town and understands the needs of people in a small rural community. "We're here to advocate for the customer- between them and their doctor and their insurance company. We will make recommendations and help customers save money when possible. Often doctors don't even realize the difference in costs between a medication and an alternative. We will make time to counsel with our customers."

The Vernonia Pharmacy is a full service pharmacy and can get almost any medication, usually within one day. They will offer adult vaccinations and flu shot clinics and will take most major insurance plans.

The Vernonia Pharmacy has already had an economic impact on Vernonia, as Darrah has hired local resident Teresa Mushatt as the Pharmacy Technician. Mushatt used to commute to Hillsboro and is now able to work close to home.

Darrah has a varied background with an Agricultural Degree from OSU. He has managed a farm, worked as a welder and a machinist and run a landscaping business before he retur ned to Pharmacy School.

The Pharmacy will be open Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and hopes to consider expanded hours as soon as possible.



Rock Creek Professional Building Gets New Look

By Scott Laird

The Rock Creek Professional building, located at 622 Bridge Street in Vernonia, has a new look on the outside, a beautiful paint job that is almost impossible to miss, and has been totally redone inside as well.

Dr. Christopher Scheuerman, DMD, of Vernonia Dental has invited the public to an Open House on October 10, from 1:00 to 7:00 PM to see the renovations inside and to welcome new tenants Vernonia Pharmacy and the Vernonia Eye Clinic. Pharmacist Phil Darrah and Optom-



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etrist Jamal Masalmeh will be on hand to meet visitors. Refreshments will be served and tours of the building will be available. Stop by, say hello and check out the new look.

In Vernonia – Did You Know...

- The Vernonia airport has a 2900 foot strip. You can land all single engine land planes here. We have on field camping, transient tie-downs, long term tie-downs, courtesy car by prior arrangement, access to the park and the golf course for those that would like to fly in and golf. The best contact number would be at 503-429-5103.
- Deborah at Cedar Mist Studios can work with you personally to achieve body mind spirit health? She has coached people on breathing techniques to relieve stress, allergies, or asthma. She also uses hypnotherapy and emotional release techniques when appropriate. She coaches people on yoga poses that will help relive pain and bring strength and fitness. Call Deborah at 503-429-2103, sliding scale fee.
- · Karmel's Flower Patch can provide flowers for weddings, funerals, events, birthdays and also does fruit baskets, gourmet baskets (cheese & cookies) and house plants too. Call 503-429-9273.
- At the Vernonia Pioneer Museum you can find:
 - A wreath made of human hair. DVD's from the 1996 flood and the 2007 flood
 - Huge elk and moose heads
 - A digitally restored panoramic picture of the OA Mill. We also have copies for sale.
- You can have an item assembled by a professional. Did you ever bring THE BOX home and take out the instructions and laugh, pull out your hair, or spend many hours trying to figure it out? Well, here is your answer. Call Assemblit at 506-429-5147 to have it assembled for you.

For further information about these businesses, check out the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.vernoniachamber.org



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