

## The Circus Comes to Town!

The Lions Club of Vernonia sponsored the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus on Memorial Day, May 29 at Hawkins Park. The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is one of the last traveling "Big Top" American circuses left. The public was invited to come early that day to see the "Big Top" go up and learn about circus history. The circus was very well attended, the weather was perfect, and it was enjoyed by everyone, especially the kids.



Lions Club of Vernonia members (l to r) Allen Marshall, Chris McGrane, Tommy Sherman, Brenda Schaumburg, and Randal Harvey joined the lion and the lion tamer under the big top.



## Metro West EMT and Paramedic to Receive National Recognition

The American Ambulance Association (AAA) honored the best and brightest of EMS professionals during its annual Stars of Life celebration June 12-14 in Washington, D.C. including two local EMS providers from Metro West Ambulance - Harlan Brock, Paramedic and Melissa Zimmer, EMT.



Melissa Zimmer, Metro West's Vernonia Supervisor, will receive the Star of Life Award June 12-14 in Washington, D.C.

At this year's event, 107 individuals from across the United States, plus Trinidad & Tobago, will be honored as the 2017 Stars. This is one of the highest honors for EMS professionals nationally.

Melissa Zimmer, a Portland resident, joined Metro West Ambulance 17 years ago. As an EMT and the company's Logistic Manager and Operations Supervisor for the Vernonia

Ambulance Volunteers, Melissa also responds as a provider in the 9-1-1 system. During the last year Melissa has fought a brave battle with cancer and still has been able to maintain her position and to care for those in need of emergency assistance. In her spare time, she volunteers at River City Speedway as one of the emergency responders during their racing events. Whether it is staffing an ambulance, doing volunteer work, supervising employees at a natural disaster or battling cancer, Melissa truly embodies the definition of a dedicated EMS provider, not only to her employer but to the community she lives in and communities she supports.

## Adventist Health Announces Vernonia Partnership

Adventist Health is pleased to announce a partnership with the Vernonia Health Board to provide healthcare in the community of Vernonia at the Vernonia Health Center effective July 5, 2017. The facility will be operated by Adventist Health Tillamook Medical Group, an organization which specializes in providing rural healthcare.

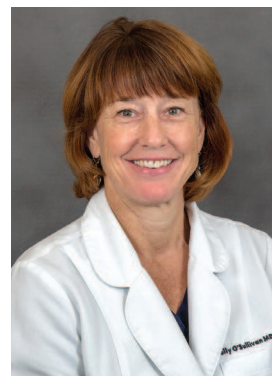
Tillamook Medical Group is committed to providing top quality care in Vernonia. All patients will be seen and financial assistance is available for uninsured and under insured patients.

Kelly O'Sullivan, MD will be seeing patients at the Vernonia Health Center. Dr.

O'Sullivan is a beloved physician and currently the director of urgent care in Tillamook. She is kind and compassionate and highly skilled. She brings a wealth of experience, leadership skills and patient centered philosophy of care.

The clinic will see patients on a same day and appointment basis. Limited laboratory services will be available on site and imaging services will come online in the fall.

Tillamook Medical Group currently operates five rural health clinics in Manzanita, Tillamook, Pacific City and Lincoln City including three urgent care clinics, two clinics in Hoodland and Estacada and a facility-based



Kelly O'Sullivan, MD

clinic that serves inmates of the Tillamook County Jail. A new health clinic in Banks is scheduled to open later this year. Tillamook Medical Group is part of Tillamook Regional Medical Center, which has been recognized as a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital in the nation.

Adventist Health is the parent organization of Tillamook Medical Group. Adventist Health is a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system headquartered in Rosville, California, serving more than 75 communities in four states including small towns, suburbs and inner cities across the western states.

Adventist Health is committed to transforming the health experience of communities by improving physical, mental and spiritual health, enhancing interactions, and making care more accessible and affordable.

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