

A Cares/Senior Moment!

City celebrates groundbreaking of new Senior Center/Vernonia Cares Food Bank facility

It's been a long wait, but the City of Vernonia, along with the Vernonia Senior Center and Vernonia Cares food pantry, finally broke ground on September 9, 2019 for the construction of their new building.

The new facility, which is being funded through a \$2 million Communi-

part of the Rose Avenue Project, located near the south entrance into Vernonia.

"I'm very happy for the community," said Vernonia Mayor Rick Hobart during his remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony. "Thank you to all the people who have worked so hard to make this happen." Hobart noted the hard work of Vernonia City Administrator Josette Mitchell, "to overcome all the hurdles and move the project forward."



Taking part in the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Vernonia Senior Center/Vernonia Cares facility are (left to right): Vernonia Cares Executive Director Sandy Welch, Senior Center representative Tobie Finzel, CDBG Program Coordinator Rena Schoen, Vernonia City Administrator Josette Mitchell, project architect Trent Jorgensen, construction supervisor Eric Larke, and Vernonia Mayor Rick Hobart.

ty Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded to the City of Vernonia, will be constructed by Five Star Builders, and will join the Vernonia Health Center as

Mitchell introduced a number of guests in attendance for the event, including Rena Schoen, CDBG Program

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Mist-Birkenfeld CHIPP Provides Service Beyond 9-1-1

New community paramedicine program brings healthcare to their members

By Scott Laird

The Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD) is introducing an innovative and new health program to their community this month. The Community Health Integrated

down to for us in EMS is that our workers are now working in areas outside of emergency medicine, in places like industrial settings, in hospitals, and now making home visits and being involved in preventative care, not just responding to emergency calls," says Larry Boxman, EMS Director at Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD, who will also serve as Mist-Birkenfeld's CHIPP Coordinator.



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Paramedicine Program (CHIPP) provides a new way for professional and volunteer Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel to interact with, and provide care to, their patients.

"Healthcare reform has been happening for years, and what it boils

A long-time resident of the Mist-Birkenfeld fire district, Boxman has been a Vice President at Metro West Ambulance in Hillsboro, where he remains a part-time internal consultant. While at Metro West, Boxman introduced the idea of what is generically

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Loggers Kick Off at New Field



The Vernonia Loggers played their first home game at their new field on Friday, September 13. Fans, including current students and numerous alumni, turned out to cheer on the home team against visiting Colton, who won the game 20-12.



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Whiskey Dixie & The Big Wet Country

Amanda Richards's musical movie spends three weeks filming in Vernonia

By Scott Laird

It's hard to make it in show business. Ask any musician, actor, comedian, or performing artist, and it's likely they can tell you about the long, hard road they've had to travel to find success. It takes talent, perseverance, some good luck, and usually a bit of something special – a unique look, a quick wit, or a vibrant personality.

Amanda Richards has all that, and more, and has infused her talent and personality into a movie project that will be filming in and around Vernonia until September 29.

The movie is called *Whiskey Dixie & The Big Wet Country*, a musical Richards wrote, is starring in, and is also directing. It's an independent film, being made on a shoestring budget. While Richards has had a diverse and successful career as a performing

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Amanda Richards is a country singer who wrote, is directing, and starring in the film version of *Whiskey Dixie & The Big Wet Country*.