

## THE COUNTRY STORE

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### Fanno Creek Clinic celebrates 20 years in Hillsdale



Medical director Gregg Coodley, M.D. and office manager Kelly Henry at Fanno Creek Clinic.  
(Photo courtesy of Kelly Henry)

Fanno Creek Clinic, a primary care, multi-specialty clinic is celebrating 20 years in Hillsdale this May and 50,000 patients.

The health care center was formed by a group of physicians and nurses who left Oregon Health & Science University in April 1997 to form an independent clinic. Long time clinic staff noted that they were told that they wouldn't last six months.

Since then, contrary to their belief, the

clinic has grown to include 12 primary care physicians, two psychiatrists, and three other mental health therapists. A variety of specialists also practice at the clinic including a podiatrist, rheumatologist, a women's health nurse practitioner, and a colorectal surgeon.

The health center offers on-site x-ray, lab, ultrasound, and stress testing.

With over sixty employees, all who own a part of the business, Fanno Creek Clinic is one of the largest employers in the Hillsdale and Multnomah area. Many clinic employees have worked at the clinic for over decade.

"Fanno Creek Clinic has long been known for its innovations," said medical director, Gregg Coodley, M.D. "We were the first Oregon medical clinic to install solar power in 2005."

The clinic has developed a number of programs to help the local community over the years including giving grants to local elementary schools and helping businesses provide energy saving light bulbs.

According to clinic staff, previous grants went to pay for arts and science programs at Rieke, Maplewood, and Stevenson elementary schools as well as science textbooks at Robert Gray Middle School.

The clinic's most innovative program included teaming up with Neighborhood House to pay for health insurance for uninsured people in exchange for volunteering at Neighborhood House.

### Gurton's Plant Shop opens in French Quarter

Gurton's Plant Shop, a new boutique featuring houseplants, succulents, and cacti, will be holding its grand opening on First Friday (May 5) in the French Quarter boutique mall in Multnomah Village.

Owner Julina Abbott, a mother of three boys, grew up in Portland and attended college in Seattle. She became a pediatric oncology nurse but recently moved back to Portland to chase her dream job.

"This boutique has been seven generations in the making," Abbott explained. "My great-great-great-great grandfather, Henry Gurton, was the florist at Buckingham Palace in the mid-1800s."

Henry Gurton moved to Canada in later years and his descendants made it to the United States.

"This is a family business," she explained as she held her three-month-old son with one hand and a delicate air plant in the other.

"Even Grandmother Gurton is helping out," she said. "She's been busy arranging succulent gardens and she will be at the opening."

Gurton's joins five other businesses that have been operating in the New Orleans-themed boutique mall. Property owner Yves Le Meitour has been working with various city bureaus to bring boutiques, food carts, and a farm stand to where former Keith's Auto Service once operated.

"I'm excited to grow my family business in the neighborhood I grew up in and where I'm lucky enough to raise my family," Abbott said.

Located at 3530 SW Multnomah Blvd, Gurton's Plant Shop will be open Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Julina Abbott (left), owner of Gurton's Plant Shop, holds her son, Justin. Abbott's mother Jackie Troutman is also helping out with the family business. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

### Anne Bocci Boutique moves from Multnomah to Pearl District

Anne Bocci Boutique, which had been in the heart of Multnomah Village since 2007, has emptied and moved to the Pearl District.

"Loved our ten years in Multnomah Village," owner Anne Bocci told The Post. "We have gotten to know you, your family members and hear your personal stories. Many of you are now our closest friends."

According to Bocci, after 10 years, the store had grown and needed a bigger, brighter space to better celebrate the artists and designers.

"The new space," Bocci said, "actually has heat, air conditioning, and a bathroom which the Multnomah Village store never had."

"Mention the Southwest Portland Post in our new Pearl District store and get a discount," Bocci said, "Thank you for 10 wonderful years!"

For more information, visit the new store at 416 NW 12th Ave. or [annebocci.com](http://annebocci.com).

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