

Vernonia Health Center hours remain unchanged

Though many people don't realize it the Vernonia Health Center is open and operating Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., a center spokesperson assured.

Temporary nurse practitioners, obtained through the state Nurse Practitioner Registry, will be at the center until someone permanent is found to replace retired medical care provider Pat Somers.

Dr. Sheridan Thiringer also maintains his regular hours at the clinic, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and center employees Joan

Washam and Charolette Zeigler maintain their regular duties.

Anyone wanting to make an appointment, or who wants to be certain the clinic is open, may call 429-9191. Information on any changes will be recorded on the clinic's telephone answering machine.

Two substantial grants have been received for the VHC building fund drive: The Collins Foundation donated \$20,000, and the Rose Tucker Charitable Trust gave \$5,000. Both organizations are located in Portland, said

spokesperson Jenelle Wiggins.

Other major contributions have been \$2,500 from West Oregon Electric Cooperative, and \$1,000 each from John Geist, Northwest Natural Gas Company, Friendship Jamboree Committee and the Vernonia chapter of the International Order of Oddfellows.

Additional contributors include Dr. John Kuitert, Richard and Fran Fletcher, Lorraine Mercer, Trailer Hoppers, Inc., Frazier Rohm, Rep. Bruce Hugo, Jack and Hazel Wentling, David Gambee and Ralph Bergerson

Logging.

Three activities - a golf tournament, raffle and snow cone booth during Jamboree - have added another \$3572 to the fund drive.

"We want to thank everyone who has helped thus far," Wiggins said. "Whether they have helped through

cash donations, donated time or materials for the various activities, or bought raffle tickets, they're helping provide a new clinic for our area.

"We really appreciate their efforts," she added, "and hope we haven't missed any names we should have included."

ACS plans lunch and fashion show

"A Tropical Cruise" will be the theme of the fifth annual luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the Vernonia unit of the American Cancer Society.

The much-anticipated event will be held March 4, said spokesperson Carolyn Keasey. "Mark the date on your calendar," she added.

There will be more infor-

mation on the ACS benefit in next month's INDEPENDENT.

Many people are still unaware of the free services and equipment available for cancer patients in this area, Keasey said. The local unit provides hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers, commodes, transportation and other needs...all free of charge.

For more information call Keasey at 429-2021, or Leslie Ruby at 429-0223.

Nominations open for Citizens' awards

The Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for two Citizens of the Year. Both individuals and organizations may make nominations. Use the adjacent form, or obtain forms from U.S. Bank, Farmers & Merchants Bank or Western Auto.

Finalists for the awards will be honored at a banquet on March 3, at Lew's Place.

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Sojourners gospel concert slated

The Sojourners, a male quartet from the Portland area will present a gospel concert at the Evangelical Bible Church in Vernonia,

Family Counseling leaves Vernonia

Family Counseling Center closed its Vernonia office on January 16, after serving Vernonia area residents for one year.

Counselors will continue to work on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with students at Vernonia High School, on alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education, and other personal issues.

Anyone needing personal or family counseling should contact FCC at St. Helens, 397-5211.

Saturday evening, March 24 from 6-7:30 p.m.

A message of hope, faith and love for the world today through Christ, is the theme of the gospel music. The Sojourners are "just the singers of His song," they say.

The public is invited to this gospel concert sponsored by the Vernonia Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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The family of April Bamberg, and April, would like to thank everybody for their prayers and best wishes during her recent illness.

Tim, Tara, April
& Benjamin

SPECIAL MEETINGS

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