

Health center blueprints receive approval from county

Blueprints for the new Vernonia Health Center building have been approved by Columbia County building of-

ficials and VHC is ready to break ground as soon as the weather allows, according to spokesperson Janelle Wig-

gins. Tim Johns, of Cornelius, has been awarded the contract for the job, with a low

bid of \$46,700, Wiggins said. Other bids ranged upward to \$73,000.

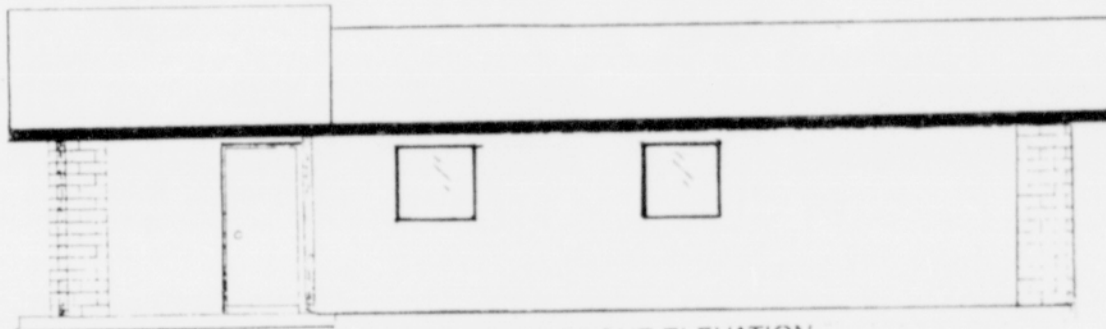
VHC hopes to reduce out-of-pocket costs for the building with donated materials and services, Wiggins said. Meanwhile, the fund raising continues in order to furnish the new clinic with much needed, up-dated equipment.

Additional contributions to the fund drive have been

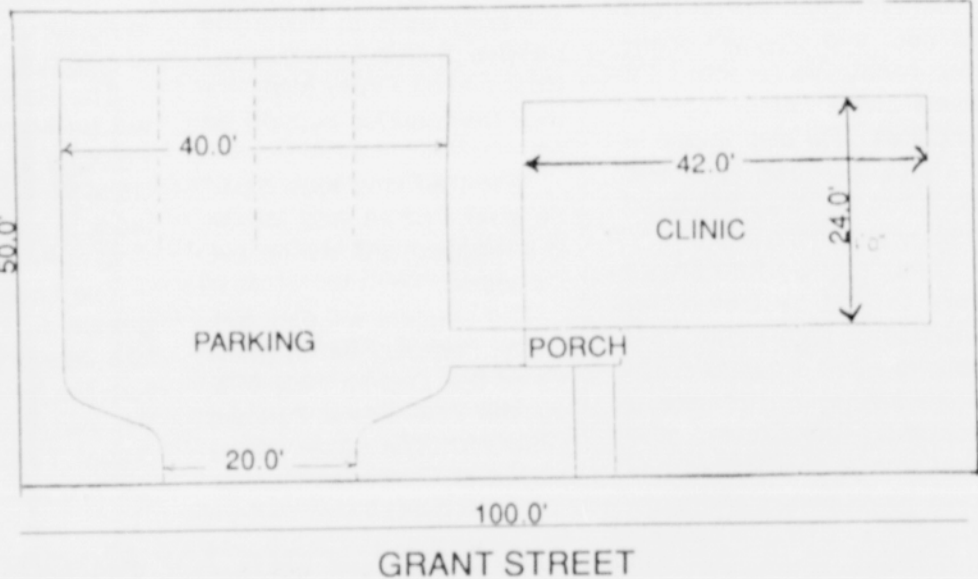
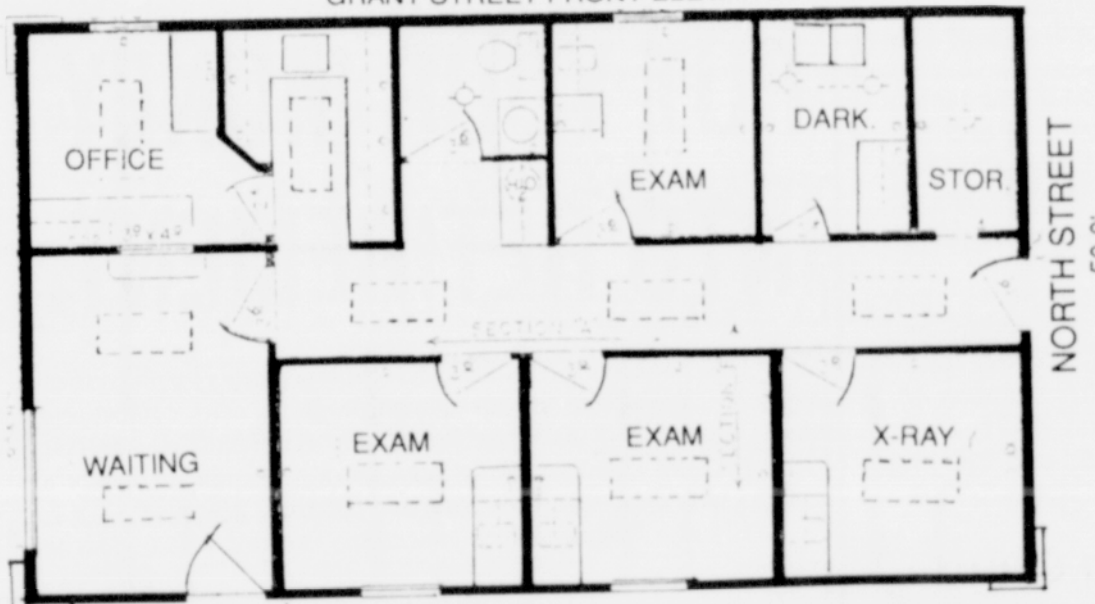
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The health center is open while interviewing continues for a permanent health care provider and Dr. Sheldon Thiringer is maintaining his regular schedule at the clinic.

To make an appointment or for more information, call 429-9191.



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Architectural rendering and floor plan of proposed Vernonia Health Center, behind the Vernonia MiniMart, at the corner of Grant and North Streets.

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