



A crew of volunteers from U.S. Bank joined many more in brushing and cleaning up Ora Bolmeier Park during the Vernonia/Solv Cleanup Day last Saturday.

Health Notes

By Audeen Wagner

Maybe you have noticed all the activity around the old Pharmacy Building. The Vernonia Health Center Board of Directors and Providence Family Medicine - Vernonia are happy to report that "groundbreaking" has started at last for our new clinic! Since April 12, construction crews have been working inside the building, getting ready to build the new clinic.

Jill Arena, Director of Physician Services, attended the Board's meeting last Wednesday, and gave a very positive report on the construction phase. Barring unforeseen snags, the construction should be completed in July, with the move into the completely renovated building soon after that. This represents a great deal of work and planning accomplished by both Providence Health System staff and the Vernonia Board, and will translate into a better served community. In addition to the much-needed additional space, new services will be offered, such as x-ray, space for physical therapy and counseling, and much more.

The new face you will see at the clinic on Mondays is Jami Minyard, Medical Assistant for Dr. Livingston. A lifelong resident of St. Helens, she got her medical training in Portland, and has worked for Providence Health System since January. Jami lives in St. Helens with her three children, Joshua 9, Jordan 7, and Skylar 5. Dr. Livingston and Jami will be seeing patients in Vernonia every Monday.

Providence's new computer system is up and running very successfully, providing Vernonia with a state-of-the-art Electronic Medical Record system. An amazing amount of medical information will be at the fingertips of the staff, from scheduling to prescriptions to medical histories of patients and much more. This kind of efficient records-keeping is pretty advanced in the field, and the staff at the clinic has worked very hard to learn how to use it...they are delighted with the system.

Prevention of child abuse is local and national goal

The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse (NCPCA) announces that the month of April is celebrated throughout the country as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month-long observance was designat-

ed for the first time by Presidential proclamation in 1983. Since that time, individuals and organizations have joined together during April to raise the public's awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

The public, rightly outraged by reports that over a million children are abused and neglected each year, and that three children die each day due to abuse, have become involved in activities and events that promote the message that child abuse can and must be prevented.

Interest in Child Abuse Prevention Month has grown tremendously, as evidenced by the expanding list of activities that are offered in communities in every state. The activities vary widely but many of them are designed to involve more citizens in recognizing the im-

portance of children by offering poster contests, special programs, messages distributed widely on tee shirts, buttons, and grocery bags, and conferences by child abuse prevention organizations.

Part of the appeal of a national campaign to address a serious issue like child abuse is the opportunity for citizens who are concerned about the problem to become involved in preventing child abuse right in their own communities.

Some ways individuals or organizations can help in the community are to help parents by establishing a parent support group or child play group, or just by offering to give a stressed parent a break by babysitting, responding when you see abuse in public, and examining your own parenting practices and seeking help when you need it.

The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse is a volunteer-based, not-for-profit organization, established in 1972. Call (800) CHILDREN for more information, or visit their website at www.child-abuse.org.

A married couple that plays cards together is just a fight that hasn't started yet.

— George Burns

In the Service

**Dawn K. Lee
Dianna A. Punzel**

Dawn K. Lee and Diana A. Punzel have joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry program. Lee joined at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Longview, Wash. Punzel joined at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Hillsboro.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives new soldiers the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Lee will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training in August.

She is the daughter of Dana E. Lee of Vernonia.

Punzel, a student at Banks High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training in August.

She is the daughter of Marilyn D. and Leonard S. Punzel of Banks.


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<p>VERNONIA EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH</p> <p>Grant Williams, Pastor 957 State Avenue Vernonia, 429-6790</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Children's Church w/Nursery Evening Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Nursery Care Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Studies, Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>D.J. Dickey, Pastor Grant & North Streets Vernonia, 429-1919 or 429-8720</p> <p>Sunday Services: Adult Prayer & Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday Service: All Family Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Every Second Sunday, the 2:00 p.m. Worship is replaced by a Fellowship Meal following the 11 a.m. service.</p> <p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD</p> <p>Michael Jackson, Pastor 662 Jefferson Vernonia, 429-6353</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Bible Study, 1st & 3rd Mon. 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministry, Alternate Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p>Fr. Ron Millican Pastoral Administrator Lani Vandehey</p> <p>960 Missouri Avenue Vernonia, 429-8841</p> <p>Mass Sundays 10:00 a.m. Reconciliation 9:30-9:45 a.m. or by appointment</p> <p>SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST</p> <p>Roger Kruger, Pastor, 397-6883 2nd Ave. and Nehalem St. Vernonia, 429-1941</p> <p>Sabbath School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ST. AUGUSTINE (CANTERBURY) EPISCOPAL CHURCH</p> <p>The Rev. Robert Grafe, Vicar 960 Missouri Vernonia 429-3700</p> <p>Sunday Services, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>VERNONIA FOURSQUARE CHURCH</p> <p>Pastor Paul Pastor 850 Madison Avenue Vernonia, 429-1103</p> <p>Sunday Worship Services 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Evening Service Youth Ministry Children's Ministry Nursery Available</p> <p>Men's Ministry 7:45 a.m. 3rd Saturday, each month</p>	<p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS</p> <p>Lee Knowlton, Branch President 1350 E. Knott Street Vernonia, 429-7151</p> <p>Sacrament Meeting, Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School & Primary 11:20 a.m.</p> <p>Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women, Sunday 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>NEHALEM VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH</p> <p>500 California Ave Vernonia, 429-5378</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>John Cahill, Pastor 952 Washington Avenue Vernonia, 429-1161</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Visitation, Monday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH</p> <p>Joel Stith, Pastor 410 North St., Vernonia, 429-6522</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Every Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study, 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Family Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Fellowship, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.</p>
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