

Community

20 Years ago this Month

The February 25, 1988, issue of *The Independent* had the following story on page 7:

Howard Hopkins was appointed by Mayor Wally Vaughn to fill the vacancy created on the Vernonia City Council by the resignation of Tom Buffington in January.

A commercial tree farm manager, Hopkins was also given his first assignment for the city – assess the city’s timber and determine where the city can log in order to raise \$10,000 towards an addition to the fire hall. The addition will house the city’s ambulances.

The non-profit corporation that operates the Vernonia Medical Center asked permission to use a city owned lot behind city hall, either by lease or donation, to build a new facility.

After discussion, council members declined on the basis that the lot is too small for a

medical center and that the space is needed for city hall parking. Long-term plans to move the police department into the space now occupied by ambulances, when the ambulances are moved, will also create a need for more parking space, the council agreed.

In other business, the council:

Approved increasing the fee for a building permit to \$10;

Approved payment of \$11,048.75 to C-Com for ambulance and fire department dispatching;

Agreed to donate fencing to the Cemetery Committee for use at Pioneer Cemetery;

Directed Dunaway to send a letter to Rep. Les AuCoin expressing concern over the FCC ruling that removes control of cable rates from local government.

Senior News

By Karen Miller
Senior Advocate



Trying to stay on a positive note while still wading through insurances, repairing, shifting locations, etc., for many of us yet. It is now February 1 and the sun is out! Also, I am looking out at my birdfeeder that says “Let’s eat” and am anxiously awaiting, along with many of you, our grand reopening of the Vernonia Senior Center, which is now slated for mid- March. We WILL reopen...temporarily until a new location is found.

Read this column for future information about new policies going into affect, one being

new donation drop off hours at the center. We do appreciate all the support we have had in donations, and those waiting for us to open our doors for food, fun and music!

January 31 found some of the seniors gathering for elections of their new officers for the year. The results: President, CARL HOLSEY; Vice President, JIM COEN; Secretary, SANDY WELCH; Treasurer, GEORGE GANS.

Remember, membership dues for the year are welcome beginning now; \$10. You can mail them to the Vernonia Senior Center, 446 Bridge Street Vernonia, OR 97064; and ANY donations of any amount would be very appreciated, of course! Call us if you have any furniture donations also; desks, tables, chairs, perhaps we could use to resupply.

My office phone is always available, 503-429-9112.

FOOTCARE is available now, please call me to reserve your spot.

Well, some of you may recoil at even the mention of water, but if any seniors out there are interested in swimming at the Forest Grove Aquatic Center, on a Preventive Health grant through Community Action

Team, please call me.

Signs to help you determine if someone MAY be having a stroke – remember the letters STR: S=smile, get the person to smile; T=talk, ask the person to talk a simple sentence; and R=raise, can they raise both their arms? Another sign: T for tongue; is the tongue off to one side? Call 911 for further assistance; time is of the essence.

Medical Landscape: <http://www.medscape.com>. Medscape was designed for the medical professional. Now, this information is available to all.

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY February 14th. Remember, dark chocolate is now touted as part of preventive health! No guilt there!

And in conclusion: How is the turning 60 group doing around town? Call me if you have a hot concert to go to; the Beatles concert I attended December 1 was great fun! Isn’t that also a part of...preventive health?

No-Limit Texas Hold’Em on February 9

The Vernonia Lions Club will hold their monthly No-Limit Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament on Saturday, February 9, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Buckhorn Restaurant. Entry will be \$20.

Tournaments are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month, with half of the proceeds going to the prize pool, and the other half to the Lions Club for their public service projects. Prizes are in the form of pre-paid VISA cards in

the designated cash prize amount, which is determined by the number of entrants.

There will be no tournament in March, and the April 12 tournament will have a \$40 buy-in.

The Vernonia Lions Club donated over \$9,000 to local projects and organizations last year, and more than \$46,000 over the last five years. Funds have provided hearing and vision screening for students and seniors, glasses and vision sur-

gery, the Vernonia Police Department D.A.R.E. car, a K9 bullet-proof vest, scholarships, helped fund the Gales Creek Diabetes Camp, Echoing Evergreen Youth Camp and helps local students travel to Washington, D.C.

To sign up for the tournament, or obtain more information, call Aaron Miller at 503-429-6049 or George Tice at 503-429-3751.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

- Senior Advocate...429-9112
- Senior Center.....429-3912
- Transportation.....429-4304

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