Clinic’s opening stalled; waiting for state permits

By Amande Druce

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. — The Tombstone Family Health Clinic’s opening stalled; waiting for state permits

Carol Turner moved to Tombstone two weeks ago and is interested in working at the clinic. "It gives me an excuse to get out of the house," Turner said. "I don’t want to stay inside."

According to Turner, the clinic can’t operate without a state permit. "The Tombstone Family Health Clinic is going to open the space to update the building with new carpeting and a paint job," Turner said. "I am still on the LAPD health plan and I would use the clinic anyway," Turner said.

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Read an online wish and help a Tombstone teacher

By Kelly Miller

Frank Scherle is developing a practical way to help the Tombstone, Unified School District in an unlikely way — computers.

As he scanned the online lists of6,000 school catalogs and housing for rent, the Web site gave him the idea to develop a software program for the school's computers.

He decided to create a Teacher Wish List for the district — a site on which school teachers can register to receive supplies and equipment, and Tombstone residents could buy or donate them.

The program is under development at the school, and Mr. Scherle could not be happier with how it's turning out.

“I guess I decided to do a computer program because I thought it wouldn’t be too hard,” he said.

Mr. Scherle, a sales manager at a local insurance company, came up with the idea after hearing a request for help from a teacher who needed supplies for her classroom.

“It’s not a job that’s going to make you rich,” he said. “But I thought it might be interesting.”

The teacher said she didn’t know if she would get the supplies, but she was hoping to find out whether or not she would.

Mr. Scherle has been working on the program for a few months, and he said he’s hoping to have it ready for the upcoming school year.

“I think it’s a great way to help,” he said. “I’m hoping to have it ready by the end of the summer.”

The program is available online at www.teacherswishlist.com, and it’s free for anyone to use.

Mr. Scherle said he hopes the program will be a success, and he’s looking forward to seeing how it works.

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Don Aiton
Age: 46
Experience: Ward 4 councilman two years; Ward 4 councilman, Mayor Pro-tem four years; Mayor of Tombstone March 2007 to present

Background: Don Aiton is a retired United States Navy officer with two tours in the Middle East, Bosnia and Herzegovina with the Marines. Aiton has lived in Tombstone since 1996. Aiton has been the Commander for the American Legion Post 24 for four terms.

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"We’re limited with the space we work with -- a lot of it is surrounded by state land," Aiton said. "We’re going to try to get a more prominent city hall."

"We would like this new city hall and a city complex built for the city," Aiton said. "Along with that, we would like to have the public facilities in one area in modern times, which I think will ultimately bring new jobs and new development to Tombstone." Aiton is also an editor for The Tombstone Epitaph.

Dustin Escalante
Age: 60
Experience: Ward 1 councilman two years; Mayor of Tombstone 2000 to 2004

Background: Dustin Escalante is a fourth generation native of Tombstone as well as a former mayor of Tombstone. Escalante has previously worked with the Cochise County Sheriff’s Office and has been a business owner in Tombstone for many years. Escalante is also the editor for The Tombstone Times.

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"We’re working on these issues because I’ve been here," Aiton said. "I think this is a new era for Tombstone and I think we need a fresh perspective on what’s going on."

"I think we need a city hall that’s more prominent," Aiton said. "There are a lot of things I would like to help become a reality in the city."
“This event helps keep Tombstone alive.”

That’s Betty King’s opinion of Helldorado Days — the event where cowboys, cowgirls and their young-ins from all over the world mosey into Tombstone for the biggest celebration of the year.

When many of Tombstone’s mines closed because the silver ran dry and mining hit the water table flooding some of the mines, locals began dubbing the town Helldorado. Many people began to leave. In an effort to bring people together, bring people back and celebrate the history of the town, Helldorado Days was established in 1929.

The tradition has continued 79 years since. It is held the third weekend of October to correspond with the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral on Oct. 26, 1881.

Tim Montemayor, an actor from Sierra Vista, says he enjoys performing in Helldorado Days.

“There’s nothing better then helping a town as interesting as Tombstone,” he said.

Fiona Dodd, a visitor from London, England, spent the weekend with her mother at Helldorado Days.

“My mom is mad for Wild West stuff and always wanted to go to Tombstone,” Dodd said. “I loved all of it, especially the gun fights and friendliness of the town.”

Tombstone citizens also enjoy seeing people enjoying Tombstone.

“I love meeting people who come in,” said Lillian Turner, an employee at Visitor Center.

She feels it’s a good boost for the economy of Tombstone and it keeps the morale of the town up.

“We have more fun in three days then we do in the whole year,” said Turner.