

Comfortable Living

Local Organizations



The Bridge Club is one of many social opportunities for local retirees.

When it's time to sit back and enjoy the rewards of many years of hard work, Vernon is an ideal community in which to spend those retirement years.

Affordable housing is available with a slower paced lifestyle, friendly atmosphere, many recreational opportunities as well as exceptional medical services.

There are also quality living facilities for those who need care in their daily lives, as well as assisted living facilities for those who can pretty well manage on their own but just might require a little additional help in their senior years.

Vernon also has a number of home health care agencies, offering in-home care, and of course, Wilbarger General Hospital is located right in Vernon to offer quality medical assistance. Vernon is fortunate to have a number of doctors and specialists, saving seniors the time and expense of having to travel to

other towns for many of their medical needs.

On the social side, the Chaparral Senior Activity Center is a hub of activity for seniors. Located behind the Vernon College campus, the center offers a variety of programs and activities for local senior citizens, including computer accessibility, exercise programs, cards and dominoes and other fun events and programs.

A hot, nutritious meal is served at noon each day, and those attending enjoy the opportunity to socialize with others.

Iva Belew serves as the center's director. Information on programs and activities is available by calling Belew at 552-6114.

For residents who live at home but need some help, such as with meals, the Wilbarger County Meals on Wheels program is available. Sylvia Hinojosa is

director of the program and can be reached at 940-552-6114 for information on how to qualify for this service.

Wilbarger County's Senior Citizen Transportation is another service available to senior citizens, offering rides for doctor's appointments, beauty shop, grocery shopping, Chaparral Center and other excursions. For information, call 940-839-5574.

For the ladies, over 50, the Red Hat Societies offer social entertainment. The groups offer fun, friendship, fellowship, fulfillment, fitness and other social benefits with regular meetings and outings held monthly.

There are also a number of other groups such as the Vernon Musicians Club, Happy Huggers, Retired School Employees, Pease River Quilters, Tops Club, and Extension Service Clubs that offer social opportunities as well.



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Greenbelt AA meetings, 8 p.m., each Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat., 1719 Indian
 New Hope Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., each Sun., Tues., Fri., Lockett Hwy. Church of Christ, 10252 US Hwy. 70 South
 Santa Rosa Belles, Mon., 6:30 p.m., Wilbarger Street Church of Christ
 Rotary Club, 12 noon, Tues., Wilbarger Auditorium.
 Vernon Bridge Club, 12:30 p.m., Wed., Herring Bank
 Kiwanis Club, 12 noon, Wed., Vernon College
 TOPS Club, weigh-in 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m., Thurs., Wilbarger Auditorium
 Vernon Lions Club, 12 noon, Fri., Wilbarger Auditorium
 Pease River Quilters, second Monday of month, Wilbarger Street Church of Christ
 Boy Scouts, Troop & Pack 130, First United Meth-

odist Church, 552-6281 or 357-0140; Troop & Pack 87, First Presbyterian Church, 553-3925
 Boys & Girls Club, 2015 Yamparika, 552-0115
 Wilbarger County Camp Fire, Wilbarger Auditorium, 552-9652
 Meals on Wheels, 4400 Augusta, 552-6114
 Carnegie City-County Library, 2810 Wilbarger, 552-2461
 Wilbarger Humane Society, 2801 Sullivan, 552-5373
 VFW, 1401 Commerce, 552-9198
 American Legion, 1901 Deaf Smith, 862-824-5225
 Salvation Army 3029 Wilbarger, 940-357-0137 or 940-6281
 United Samaritan Services, 1708 Main, 552-8778
 Wilbarger County 4-H, Wilbarger County Courthouse, 552-5474

Wilbarger County Extension Clubs, 552-5474
 Santa Rosa Association, 940-357-1607
 Santa Rosa Palomino Club, David Fisher, president, 940-886-8389
 American Red Cross, 1701 Main (Wilbarger County Courthouse), 552-2991
 Vernon Relay for Life, 940-886-6006
 New Visions, 940-839-9252
 Chaparral Senior Activity Center, 4400 Augusta, 552-6114
 Wilbarger County Seeds of Hope, Dorothy Martinez, 940-552-5444
 Wilbarger General Hospital Auxiliary, 552-9351
 Additional clubs include:
 Musicians Club, Yamparika Club, Optimist Club.