



## PLAN MAIN STREET CLINIC OPENING

Members of the Main Street Health Clinic, 92 W. Main, prepare for the opening of the clinic on April 11. They are from left to right, front row – Jane Miller, Minde Smith, Nilda Lake, medical assistant; second row – Dan Larsen, consultant; Sue Widdis, Clinic Supervisor; Cheryl Payne, receptionist and biller; and, Bobbi Ryder, Executive Director of the Migrant and Rural Community Health Association (MARCHA), the Bangor based organization sponsoring the clinic with federal and state funding. Fees will be charged patients on a sliding scale, based on the patient's ability to pay. Ms. Ryder said that appointments must be made, to make the best use of Dr. Robert Clark, the physician for the clinic. Hours will be from 8:30 to 5 p.m. and the phone number is 925-0078. With recent cut backs in medicaid, the clinic offers city and area residents affordable and accessible health care. Ms. Ryder said the staff will also be doing "health fair kind of things" – health education, community health activities. Costs can be kept to a minimum of \$22 to \$24 per visit as compared to the average \$50 to \$100 charge of a hospital emergency room because of the reduced overhead, she noted.

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