

Route 26 Diner is Open!

Hopefully you have noticed the new sign for the Route 26 Diner as you pass through Manning on Highway 26. Maybe you have thought about stopping in to see what is going on inside. Well, owner Angela Harris sure hopes you do.

Harris, with the help of her husband and other family members, has re-opened the cafe/restaurant which has seen several different owners over the

opened the Route 26 Diner a few months ago.

“I like the idea of a place where people can gather and get to know each other,” says Harris. “I worked in big restaurants. I’ve worked in small pubs. I’ve worked at little lake resorts. I’ve seen what works and what is comfortable and what makes people feel good. And it’s the small diner-type atmosphere.”



last few years.

“When we moved to Vernonia six months ago we just kept driving by, stopping and peeking in the windows, and thinking, ‘Why isn’t this place open?’” says Harris.

Harris has created a warm and inviting space with good homemade food, coffee drinks, homemade desserts, weekend specials and all the things you want from a good, old-fashioned, road-side diner.

“My husband and I were always out hiking in the woods and needed a little breakfast place, needed a place to get some good coffee, stuff like that,” says Harris.

Harris, who has worked in the food industry, “...all my life,” waiting tables, cooking, bar tending and managing, says she always wanted to run her own diner and took a chance when she

Opening a restaurant turned out to be a family affair-Harris’s mother made the curtains, everyone came in and painted the interior together, and her mother-in-law, mother and daughter all work in the restaurant during the week.

The diner is open seven days a week. The inside of the building is brighter and feels lighter and more welcoming. Harris has been slowly building a menu of basic home-style cooked meals. She serves breakfast and lunch during the week, a Friday night prime rib dinner as well as those homemade desserts, and Sunday Brunch. The drive-through window is open for coffee and food and includes a \$2 on-the-go breakfast menu.

Harris says the Friday prime rib has been really well received. “It’s just been really nice to see local families come in and enjoy themselves and have

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Extended Holiday Shopping Hours in Vernonia

December 12th and 19th local shops are open until 7:00 PM

Support all your local businesses this Holiday season. Keeping your money local helps your community and you might be surprised at what you will find. The following businesses welcome you to shop extended hours on Thursday December 12th and the 19th until 7:00 PM. Come explore the many wonderful gift ideas and enjoy some Holiday refreshments.

Grey Dawn Gallery is featuring artists from the Pacific Northwest including new work from Oregon’s own internationally acclaimed photographer Christopher Burkett, an assortment of captivating and expressive bronze wildlife sculptures from Jacques & Mary Regat, as well as a great selection of beautiful bronze jewelry by Cavin Richie.

Made In Vernonia supports local artists and authors by featuring their books, jewelry, paintings, photography, woodwork, metalwork, quilted items and so much more. They also offer Mellisa & Doug and Schylling toys and puzzles.

Cornerstone provides a variety of natural products and repurposed treasures! For the natural products they have tea (loose and box), botanicals (herbs), spices, vitamins, tinctures, extracts, essential oils, fragrance oils, carrier oils, soaps, tea accessories and more. For the repurposed treasures they have furniture, home decorating items, vintage, retro, glassware, gifts, antiques and collectibles. The shop has an extensive collection of gold, silver, vintage, and handcrafted jewelry. Always something new to see!

Vernonia Florist & Treasures

Galorist is a family owned and operated business that can fill your florist needs. They also have consigned and donated merchandise including furniture, name brand clothing, tools, household items and decor. Go see them soon, new items daily!

Kaptanskraft strives to provide the highest quality printing at the lowest possible price, including hats tee shirts, hoodies and more. They treat each customer with respect and honesty and provide a welcome environment that will result in repeat business.

Creatures What do your pets want for Christmas this year from Creatures pet shop? While each pet has their own unique set of tastes and preferences there are lots of popular picks: for instance your dog may be dreaming of Cloud Star Grain Free Buddy Biscuits and soft chews in many savory flavors; comfy Aspen dog beds with plush tops and skid resistant bottoms; ultra durable and virtually indestructible Tuffy brand toys made with 7 layers of materials! For your feline, the Kitty Fast Track by SPOT takes the crazy circle to the next level by allowing owners to create up to 7 fun configurations for the ball to roll into; or try the OurPets line of backyard play-n-squeak toys – the only electronic “real mouse” sound. For the home and owners burn a Pet Speciality pet odor removing candle in a variety of scents to freshen and delight the nose; and for younger owners there are several Melissa and Doug toys and games (inventory is co-sponsored by Clever Cricket)! Come see the many options of fun gift giving for pet and owners today. Something will be sure to delight!

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LightSpeed Networks Expands High Speed Internet Service to Vernonia

Portland based telecommunications company LightSpeed Networks (LSN) is pleased to announce the expansion of its service area to include Vernonia. The expansion was initiated in collaboration with the Oregon Health Network to deliver internet services to Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc.’s Bridge Street Clinic.

LSN, one of the Pacific Northwest’s fastest growing telecommunications companies, has extended its fiber optic network into Vernonia. LSN’s recent growth into Vernonia reflects the company’s goal of selectively expanding its network infrastructure to support the growing demands of its commercial and wholesale customers. As a fiber-based Network Operator, LSN will offer competitively priced and

customizable network solutions to Vernonia’s business community, and healthcare providers, municipal government offices and local schools.

LSN’s Vernonia Point of Presence is located in facilities belonging to West Oregon Electric Cooperative (WOEC), one of LSN’s largest shareholders. Network expansion into Vernonia began as a result of LSN’s latest work with the Oregon Health Network (OHN), a statewide organization focused on health IT. LSN is proud to contribute to the OHN telehealth infrastructure and improve connectivity at Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc.’s Vernonia clinic. This initiative demonstrates the core mission of LSN to provide cost effective, high quality services to all Oregon residents. One of the ways LSN accomplishes this

aim is by partnering with local and regional service providers, as well as other entities like OHN.

About LSN

LSN was founded in 2005 by a conglomerate of rural utility companies, including WOEC, to bring telecommunications services to traditionally underserved communities. Over the past decade LSN has grown to meet the expanding needs of both metropolitan and remote markets across Oregon and Washington. With a 24-hour Network Operations Center housed in Portland and field technicians strategically located throughout the region, LSN boasts excellence in service unrivalled in the Pacific Northwest. For more information, please visit www.lsnetworks.net.