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ness. She also likes the serving and presenting aspect of catering and will take the lead in that aspect of the business.

“We kind of tied it all together and made this amazing company that sort of offers a little bit of everything,” says Warren.

The three women have formed a friendship around three of their children who are all in the same grade together at school. “One of the reasons this works so well is that all our schedules are the same. So we can cover for each other – one of us can pick up all the kids while the others are working,” explains Riddell.

Warren says the company will travel within a thirty mile radius to cater events. She says eventually *The Farm Table* will offer drop-off trays of food for company functions as well as “dinners ready” and date night packages. “We’re going to slowly open up into a lot of things,” says Warren.



Business is already starting to take off. Warren says they already had some clients for Mother’s Day and have five parties interested in weddings at the farm this summer. They made a big impression at their first event when they served hors d’oeuvres, cookies and specialty cupcakes at Kala Cota’s book signing at the Vernonia Library on May 7.

Warren says she has lots of ideas for hosting events at the farm. She is arranging to involve a horse carriage company for weddings. Tables will be built from pallets and old barn wood. The lower level of the house will be set up as a suite for the bridal party and a stall in the barn will be made into a comfortable spot for the groom and his party.



Left to right: Jennifer Draeger, Rebecca Riddell and Robyn Warren.

their customers. “We want you to be able to choose what you use here and where you want to be on the property,” says Warren. “There are so many different ways to set it up at our place with lots of options.”

Vernonia seems to be a good match for Warren and her family. “We are loving it here,” she says. “This is one amazing community.”

We think the community is going to love *The Farm Table Catering and Events* as well.

Warren says the idea is for the business to be different than other event locations. She says they want to be flexible to the needs of

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Kala Cota Book Signing

Friends and supporters showed up at the Vernonia Library on May 7 to purchase signed copies of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Living with Alzheimers & Other Dementias*. Cota’s poem “Rewind” is published in the new book. Cota’s poem is about spending time with her mother who is suffering from Alzheimer’s Disease.

The 101 stories in the book act as a portable support group for anyone caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s

or other forms of dementia, covering the entire journey—from diagnosis through end of life.

Cota’s book signing was a fundraiser for the Vernonia Library and will help fund a Memory Garden at the Library in honor of Cota’s mother. Cota was surrounded by family and friends at the event. The event was a big success; the book sold out and more copies are being ordered by the Vernonia Library.



Terry Schaumburg Benefit Dinner

The Vernonia Community rallied once again on May 3 to help one of their own. Local good guy Terry Schaumburg is battling cancer and friends organized a benefit dinner at Cedar Ridge Conference Center to help his cause. The turn out was great and everyone had a good time helping support Terry. Donations for Terry are still being accepted at Wauna Federal Credit Union.

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