

Crummy Coffee Cart Caters to Morning Commute

A new drive-through coffee cart will be serving morning coffee and espresso drinks for Vernonia's early morning commuters.

Crummy Coffee, located at 717 Rose Avenue, will start serving at 3:30 am on weekday mornings in order to provide service for loggers, tree trimmers, and other early risers.

Currently the cart will be open until 12:00 pm says manager Leslie Lovelady, but she hopes to hire more employees and expand hours to the afternoons, evenings, and weekends. "We want to be able to accommodate everyone in the community whether they're driving a log truck, running out of town on errands, or heading to the beach," she says.

The cart features a convenient, one-way drive-through, a walk-up window, and a seating area. The menu features locally roasted Keturah Coffee (which will also be available for wholesale purchase), a range of espresso drinks, a variety of infused Red Bull drinks, teas, lemonade, sodas, and more. They also carry a variety of muffins, bagels, and pastries.

The cart is conveniently located across the street from the CFN commercial gas pumps. Lovelady says custom-

ers can pull in and start their pump, walk across the street and order their coffee, and then cart employees Hope Cutright or Sara Dalton will bring the order back across the street to the vehicle. Lovelady says she is also installing a CB radio so when truckers are close to town they can radio in their order.

Lovelady does note the drive-through area is a little tight and asks trucks with full loads to park on the street and use the walk-up window.

Lovelady says she first started working in the coffee business as a teenager at a Starbucks and has also managed several coffee drive-through carts. She also has some experience working in construction, which she expects will come in handy and help avoid breakdowns and service delays.

Business owner Victoria Peters has owned the property where the cart is sited, formerly Randy Shaw's saw shop, for about six years, and has been working with the City of Vernonia to open the coffee drive-through business for the last year.

After an initial soft opening to work out some of the bugs and do some



The Crummy Coffee Crew: Hope Cutright, Leslie Lovelady, and Sara Dalton

maintenance, Lovelady and her crew were ready to fully open on Monday, August 16. "Consistency is going to

be a priority for us, because we want everyone to get the same thing every time and be happy," says Lovelady.

Flowers by Beth Provides Local Floral Services

Beth Kintz is now providing full florist services in the Vernonia area.

Kintz is working from her home and takes orders for delivery, and also

has a cooler with fresh bouquets at R&S Market. She can do flower arrangements for weddings, anniversaries, funerals, holidays, school dances, or just because flowers are nice to receive.

"I starting doing this because we don't currently have a flower shop in town, so I wanted to make sure the community had access to floral services. And it's just something I really enjoy," explains Kintz.

Kintz says she has worked off and on in the floral industry since her high school years. She worked at Michaels several years ago and won an award as the best store in the region after improving floral sales by 139 percent "I've also done things for friends and family, so I've never really

stopped doing flowers," she says.

Kintz purchases her flowers each week at the wholesale market in Portland. She says she tries to keep a variety of flowers on hand at all times to fill orders, but says she appreciates it if people can order ahead if they know they have a specific event or need coming up.

People in the community may be familiar with Kintz who is a longtime resident and employee with the Vernonia School District, where she serves as the Transition Specialist helping students develop job and life skills for after graduation.

Kintz says business has been steady so far. She's done six weddings this summer, several funerals, and some orders last spring for the school prom. "The community seems to be pleased to have the services here."

You can place an order from Flowers by Beth at (971) 201-8460 or floralsby-

beth@gmail, or you can go to her Facebook page, Flowers by Beth, to see some of her work.



Beth Kintz at the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree Parade.

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