

Business Notes

Willard assumes helm at Perry's Sports Camp

Sam Willard, who has owned Perry's Basketball Camp since 1979, has accepted the position of basketball coach at Vernonia High School this season.

He comes well-qualified to the task, having served as teacher and Athletic Director at George Fox College in Newberg and as director of Jack Ramsay's and Mt. Shasta Basketball Camps.

A championship coaching career in Idaho, spanning nine years, yielded eight state tournament appearances, five championship games, one state championship, one undefeated season and a Coach of the Year Award.

Willard is also in the process of reorganizing and revitalizing Perry's Basketball Camp in partnership with two other investors. He will serve as manager and director, living at the camp.

During the regular summer season, coaches, staff and parents will be working with youth groups from 9-17 years of age, developing and polishing their skills.

"Coaches say players can gain the equivalent of one year's experience in one week of camp," Willard said, "and that, frequently, is the winning edge."

In the off-season the camp

facilities are available for a wide assortment of other programs. At this writing, football groups are there to acquire the winning edge. Non-sport activities, such as a drug and alcohol abuse conference for counselors and community leaders, are in the offing.

Willard, his wife, Myrna and their children when they are home, pitch in to help with the myriad of tasks involved in a successful program.

City makes changes in inspection system

In a restructuring of its building inspection system, the City of Vernonia has contracted with Columbia County for those services. Bob Eidem, county building inspector, will now issue building permits and perform all inspections except electrical.

Eidem, who has been the inspector for all commercial projects and for both commercial and residential plumbing in Vernonia, will be at City Hall every Wednesday

from 11 a.m. to noon to issue permits and answer questions.

A parttime building official will be hired by the city to handle requirements other than inspections and the issuance of permits. The city is accepting applications for the position, and will choose from among three applicants selected by the Planning Commission.

Anyone interested in the position may get an application at City Hall.



Sam Willard

Cable TV, park hearings slated

Two public hearings have been scheduled by the Vernonia City Council for September.

The first requests citizen response regarding service provided by Vernonia CATV, the cable television franchise. It is set for Monday, September 14, 1987, at 7 p.m. in the city library.

The second hearing, regarding reinstating a caretaker in Anderson Park, will be held Thursday, September 17, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. It will also be held in the library.



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