

Business Notes

Birkenfeld Lunch reopened for business by newcomers to area

Ron and Mary Hamilton left a life of garlic farming in Myrtle Creek, just south of Roseburg, to pin their hopes on plans for breathing new life into the Birkenfeld Lunch, alias JR's Place.

While they have no previous experience in such an undertaking, they firmly believe they can develop a formula that will have the support of the community.

Though none of the many ideas they have is cast in stone, some fundamental premises are emerging.

Among these, the Hamiltons say, is a need to separate the bar and restaurant in such a way that families may enjoy the atmosphere together.

They have already established a menu of basic foods at reasonable prices, with desserts included in dinner meals.

Jim Cox joins local mortuary operators

Fuiten-Rose Mortuary Chapels has announced the addition of Jim Cox to their professional staff.

A 1963 graduate of the California College of Mortuary Science, he worked at mortuaries in Hermiston, Corvallis and Hood River prior to joining Fuiten-Rose.

Cox grew up in Albany and graduated from Albany High School in 1958. He and his wife, Janni, have two grown children.

There will be live music at least once a month and, possibly, an amateur night to involve and encourage local talent. A blackjack game is being operated by a concessionaire, under a social gambling permit, though there is no regular schedule.

Gasoline and diesel fuels are available for at least the next year.

Most of all, say the Hamiltons, "We want to run a clean place; a place where families can be comfortable."



Ron and Mary Hamilton



Patrick Clark

Final meeting set before start of Jamboree

The final meeting of the Vernonia Jamboree Committee, before this year's celebration, will be Monday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Oregon Electric meeting room.

Anyone having reports, requests or pertinent information for the committee is asked to attend.

Journalists added to Independent staff

Joining the staff of The INDEPENDENT six weeks ago, were Patrick and Lois Clark, who recently moved to Vernonia from Granite Falls, Washington, where they published a small newspaper called the Foothill Review. Prior to their time in Granite Falls, they were publishers of

the Courier-Times, the official newspaper of Sedro Woolley, in Skagit County, Washington.

The Clarks were enlisted to assist in the publication of the Columbia County Fair premium book, published this year by The INDEPENDENT, and the annual Vernonia

Friendship Jamboree tabloid.

Other possible areas of exploration and expansion are currently under consideration.

The Clarks have bought property in the area and are in the process of getting settled here.

Trio of cooks opens eatery in Vernonia

Donald and Anna Price, who have re-opened the recently closed Darcy's Coffee Break, have named their culinary adventure La Deaux Chefs. While the name suggests French cuisine, Don Price says they will provide a menu which will be classic regardless of its cultural origin; ie. if they serve spaghetti, it will be authentic Italian or if they serve cordon bleu, it will be authentic French, etc.

Having surveyed the present offerings in the community's restaurants, they will be offering a bill of fare that fits somewhere in the middle range, neither elite dinner house nor fast food.



Don and Anna Price

The Prices have many years of experience in the food business, beginning with a high intensity breakfast house in Charleston, South Carolina, and nine years of catering in San Diego.

In the meantime, they have completed a two year program at Linn-Benton Community College, earning A.S. degrees in the culinary arts.

Innovations which will be introduced at LaDeaux Chefs will be family style dining for two or more people ordering the same menu, and a for-sure first in Vernonia - the no smoking sign will be up - with no exceptions.

Joining the Prices in the venture, as an assistant, will be fellow Linn-Benton graduate, Dan Claybille.

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