

Business Notes

Apple Valley Market now open all year

Apples, whirly-gigs, lodge pole pine furniture, log homes and Christmas trees can all be found at the Apple Valley Market, the corner of NW Sunset Highway and Fisher Road in Buxton.

Kirk Beniefel, a native of Banks, has been operating the roadside stand since August and, during the past few months, has managed to change with the seasons, first selling fresh produce, then becoming a Chantrelle mushroom buyer in the fall, now selling Christmas trees, but always having fresh apples available.

Beniefel will continue to offer a variety of items, guided by both the seasons and his customers.

The market is located next to one of the last Gravenstein orchards in the area, with 850 fruiting trees and an additional eight varieties of apples.

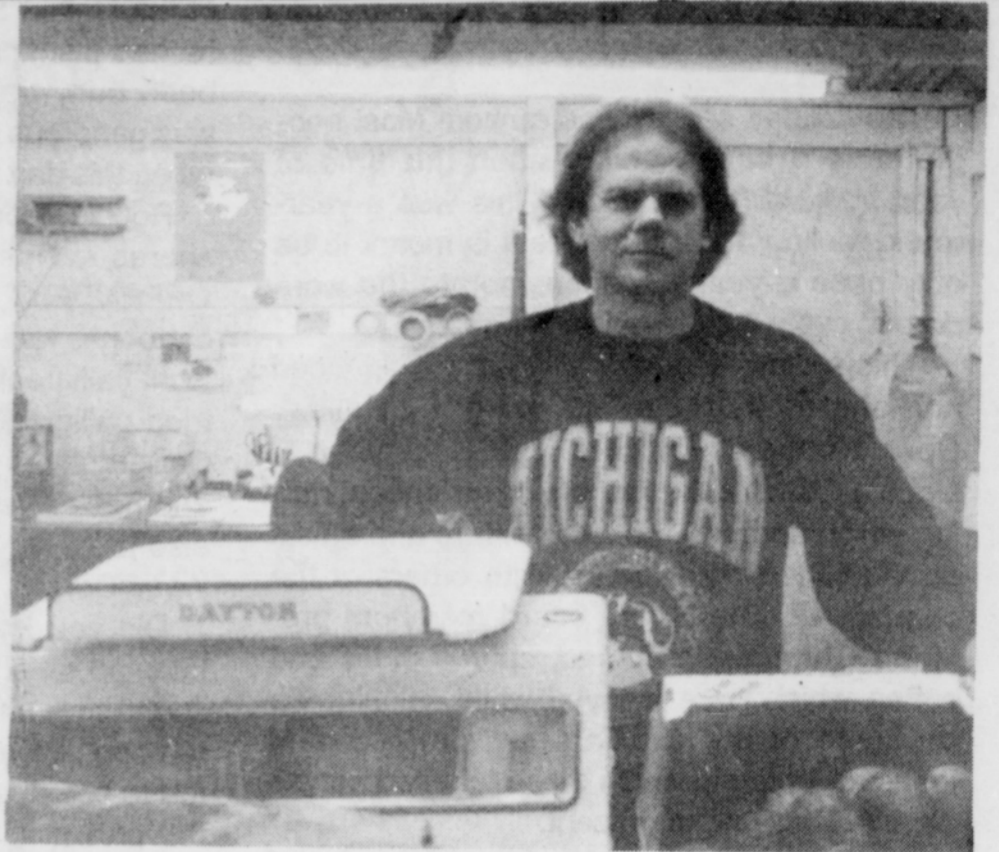
Beniefel, a senior loan officer for a Hillsboro bank in his other life, plans to continue the business, occasionally using contractors, but relying primarily on himself and his friend, Donna Phillips, who is also a loan officer.

The market will remain open daily until Christmas

Eve, after which it will be open weekends only. In May, Beniefel will again open the market daily. Handmade items on consignment are welcome.

When the stand goes to being open weekends only, Beniefel will use the extra time to prune trees. He plans to make perches for birds, and other items, from the branches he removes from the trees. It will also be a time to focus on his banking business.

For more information, see the Apple Valley Market ad in *The INDEPENDENT* or call Beniefel at 324-0609.



Kirk Beniefel

Two Vernonia businesses close down



The signs say it all: Mary Cota, left photo, closed Vernonia Variety this month after the building's new owner, C.E. Davis, increased the rent. In photo at right, Alicia, Chong and Priscilla shut down Vernonia Cafe after being evicted from their location by Davis.

Can't get to the barbershop? Local barber will take care of you at your home or office

Longtime Vernonia barber Ray Pelster, who closed up shop when his rent was too steeply increased, returned to school and is now certified to cut hair in the homes or offices of his clients.

Pelster was certified by the

Oregon Board of Barbers & Hairdressers. Any prospective customer with questions about such services may contact the board at 700 Summer St. NE, Suite 100, Salem, OR 97310.

To obtain Pelster's services, call 429-4000.



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Saturday, Dec. 31, 9 pm - 2 am



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Santa Claus will be here Dec. 22 from 2-7 p.m. The bar will be closed so bring the young ones in to visit with St. Nick

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday

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