

Business Notes

Vernonia Country Kitchen expands offerings with "Pizza Diner"

Betty Vaughn and her family are not quitters! They were hit especially hard by the flood of '96, taking a double hit and getting little financial aid to speed the recovery. Now almost totally restored, Vernonia Country Kitchen shows little evidence of the damage done.

The final touch on the interior—and the restaurant's development—is the creation of the Pizza Diner, a pizza parlor in a back room recently rescued from flood damage.

A new kitchen, separate from the restaurant, features ovens and workspace to produce pizza in 10, 13 or 16-inch sizes, with a choice of ten toppings. There's even a house specialty...a fruit pizza similar to apple pie, but with a pizza crust.

This venture involves several family members. In addition to Betty, there are her sons Dave and Marshall, daughter Kristi, and three grandchildren, James, Jasar and Cody.



Kristi Vaughn and her nephew, James Vaughn, in the recently opened Pizza Diner.

Triple S Service opens saw shop



Randy Shaw at the county of Triple S Service.

Randy Shaw, a newcomer to the Vernonia business community, founded Triple S Service by buying out the chain saw stock and equipment from Old Timer's Saw & Radio, assuming the Husqvarna franchise and stock from Vernonia Auto Parts and negotiating a lease of Ralph Sturdevant's former service station on Rose Avenue — a neat triple play!

The new business is up and running with the addition of the Jonsered label to round-out his marketing program in the Vernonia area.

Shaw has a long relationship as a logger, and with family in this area, where he and his family now live.

He was a faller for 15 years, cutting for Crown Zellerbach, Cavenham, Simpson and others.

Bike-a-thon will aid St. Jude Hospital

Lots of bicycles will be circling Vernonia Lake on Saturday, May 10, as young riders compete in the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon to raise money for the noted children's hospital.

Riders will register at 9:00 a.m.; laps will be counted until about 11:30. Participants will secure pledges before the ride starts.

There will be prizes for the youngsters and the person raising the most money over \$100 will go home with a brand new boom box.

er companies. Injuries and long commutes were factors leading to his present venture.

Shaw has worked on saws throughout his years in logging, and now plans to add work on mowers, string trimmers, rototillers and other things powered by small engines.

Old logger buddies are already stopping by to talk, of course, and have their saws repaired.



Blue Heron Hollow was dedicated April 25, at an Open House for representatives of the many public agencies and private businesses involved in the affordable housing project. Facing the camera and gesturing is Vernonia resident Jim Tierney, of Community Action Team, who handled details of the project from its beginnings in the idea stage. With backs to the camera are Columbia County Commissioners Jack Peterson, in striped shirt, and Tony Hyde, on the right.



Rilla and Brandy

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