

Business Notes

Workshop leads to help for local business owners

Business owners interested in taking advantage of workshops in Vernonia for small and emerging businesses, and/or one-on-one business counseling will soon be able to do so.

At a June 19 meeting, local business owners met with members of the Oregon Rural Development Council to examine the needs of businesses in the area. As a result of discussion, small business workshops and one-on-one business counseling were offered by the Small Business Development Center of Portland Community College and the Small Business Assistance program of Portland State University.

Vernonia Community Development Corporation (VCDC) will act as local coordinator for the programs by gathering the names of interested individuals. Local business owners who wish to be included are asked to call either Jim Tierney at 429-0720, or Julius Dalzell at 429-4037, with areas of interest and the best times to meet.

Access to financing was also discussed at the meeting, for both new and on-going businesses. Arrangements will be made, through VCDC, to work individually with the businesses to meet their financial needs.

Kids' summertime favorite: The Ice Cream Truck!!



"My kids had seen ice cream trucks when they'd visited other places," Larry Bays said when asked why he decided to start Dixie Sweets, an ice cream truck business, "and they wanted to know why there wasn't one in Vernonia. So I checked it out and started it."

Now, whenever the temperature is over 70 degrees, Bays and his little sign-covered truck will drive throughout town, alerting ice cream lovers with tinkling melodies. When the temperature falls under 70 degrees, he will be out only on Fridays and Saturdays. In addition



When Gordon Smith and Chuck Hendryx, owners of Vernonia Sentry Market, reached their 25th year of serving the community, they decided to celebrate by giving away lots of groceries. Pictured above are some of the winners in the big 25th Anniversary Giveaway. Winning a year's supply of various items — ranging from orange juice to bath tissue to ice cream — were Dawn Naeve, Lynn O'Dair, KC Credit, Sandy Welch, Cristina Hein, Barb Ervin, Betty Holsey, Gunny Cox, Rebecca Brookins, Michael Spry, Alice Brock, Liz White, Vicky and David Rice, Randy Witworth, Nancy Devine, Lauri Jerman, Julie Budge, Wally Thomas, Don

Linville, Gwen Green, Kelly Sohler, Kelly Ellson, Patty Fogel, Trisha Maldonado and Paula Stover. Winners of specific items were Todd Sullivan, Archway Cookies picnic table; Dawn Titus, Advantix camera; Shirlee Daughtry, \$100 gift certificate; Trudy Gissel, Weber barbecue; Tammy Smith, Glad kitchen tool kit; Lori Sutton, gift package. Sentry manager Randy Parrow is at the far left; assistant manager Derrell Rush is on the far right.

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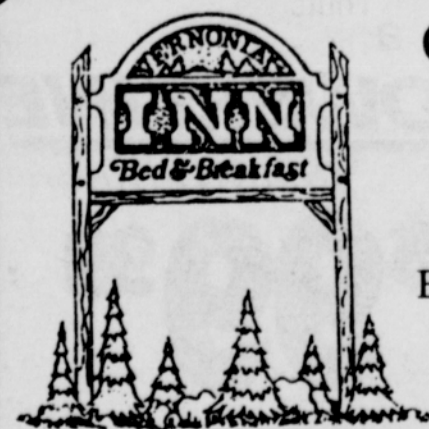
tion to local neighborhoods, Vernonia Lake and Anderson

Park, Bays' route also includes Big Eddy Park on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Bays, who is a single father,

knows how every dime counts in a family, so \$1.00 is the highest price for any of the treats he carries, and popsicles are only 25-cents. He also provides sugar-free and fat-free treats for health conscious folks.

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