

Business Notes

Specialized Engraving expands and moves to downtown location

Catherine Ross, owner of Specialized Engraving, has been operating out of her home since moving to Vernonia nearly three years ago, but is now open at 902 Bridge Street.

Ross started engraving after chronic hand injuries forced her to make a career change.

"A girlfriend talked me into it," Ross said. "She thought it would be a perfect, allowing me to combine my office/management background with my creative side. She was right!

"Because the typing is done in small increments, my hands can handle it. And I love the creative aspect of designing and engraving the signs," she added.

Ross has specialized in making signs for cat shows and professional catteries. In addition, recent works includes making and engraving trophies for the Clatskanie Rifle and Pistol Club, the Clatskanie Cruisers car show, the Nehalem Valley Speed & Beauty cruise-in for the coming Jam-

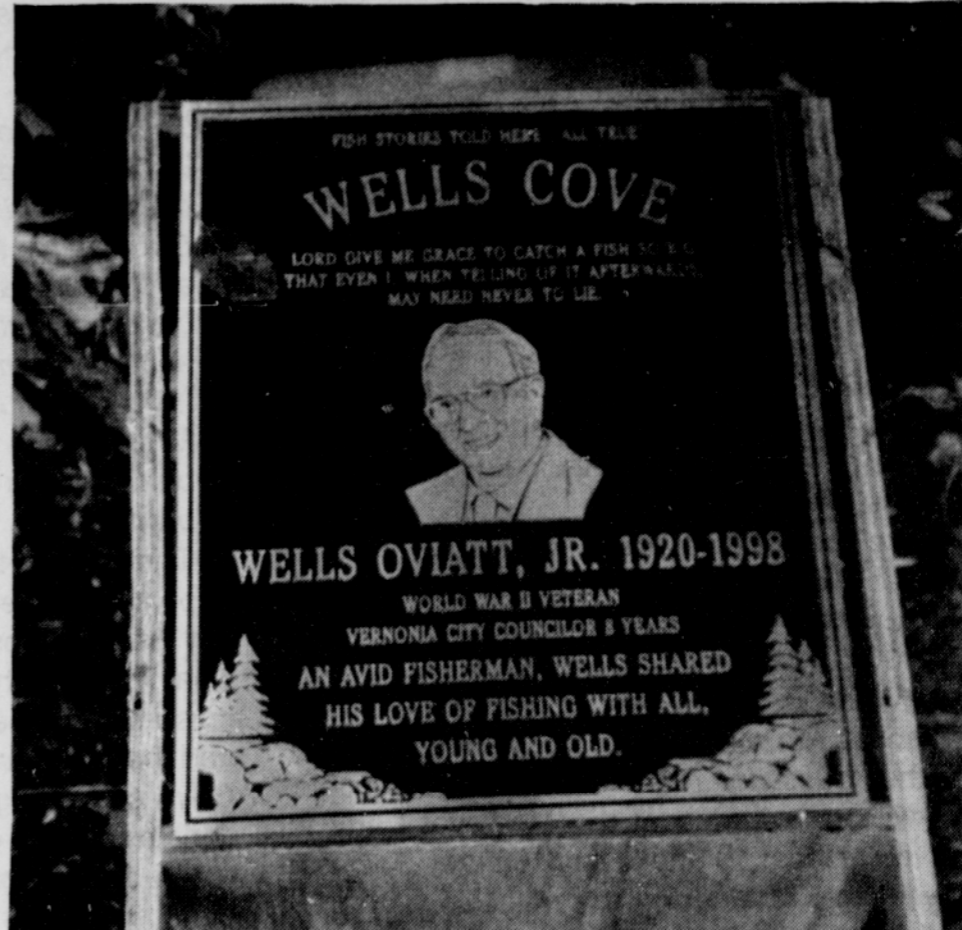


Catherine Ross has expanded her inventory and now carries some gift items in addition to her standard and custom engraving service.

boree, and the trophies for Clatskanie's 4th of July parade.

Other items include name tags, key tags, plaques, busi-

ness card cases and holders, license plate frames, plates for hunter trophy mounts, jewelry boxes and others.



The photo above is of the custom engraved plaque that will be mounted in "Wells' Cove" in honor of Wells Oviatt. Ross did the engraving on the plaque.

Ross offers several dozen type styles several hundred colors in engravable plastics, approximately 25 colors in

brass and aluminum, plus custom signage.

Stop in and say "hello" to Ross at Specialized Engraving, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., even if you don't need engraving. She has other interesting items to intrigue you.

Vernonia Sentry expands Customer Service Center, video department

Color copies and iron-on T-shirt transfers are now available in the expanded Customer Service Center at Vernonia Sentry market, in addition to the regular services. Remodeling has been completed so tobacco products are now located in the service center, too, in a fashion consistent with the new city ordinance on tobacco sales.

Remodeling also changed the video department. Videos are now on the sales floor, with an electronic gate to provide faster rental service.

To celebrate the modernization, Sentry is holding a two-week Grand Re-Opening Special. For details, see the Sentry ad on page 8 in this issue of *The INDEPENDENT*.

Passport to fun at Oregon coast

A single recreation pass that simplifies Oregon coast visitor access to both state and federal recreational areas is now available. The Oregon Pacific Coast Passport makes entry to all state and federal recreational areas along the entire Oregon Coast possible with just one pass, eliminating the need to buy four separate passes.

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Cory Smith and Anita Peerson at Sentry's remodeled service center.

cific Coast Passport, which covers vehicle parking, entry, and day use fees. Cost of the vehicle passport ranges from a \$35 annual to a five-day passport for \$10.

Buying one annual passport represents a 50 percent discount from a total purchase fee of \$70 if all four agency passes were purchased. Individual

passes already purchased for 1999 may be exchanged for a coastal pass.

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