

## Business Notes

### The Hangout offers activities for youth in a secure environment



Shawn Jackson and some of his staff at The Hangout. From left are Chrissy Forrest, Jennifer Bernardi, Mona Riley, April Bamburg, Jackson and Teri Price.

By April Bamburg

Vernonia's newest business, an under 21 club called The Hang Out opened July 8, with plenty of activities to keep the business' 10-20 year old patrons busy. Activities range from pool and air hockey, to a mini movie theater and dancing.

The fun is not unsupervised though. Owner Shawn Jackson said that The Hang Out is a "safe and controlled atmosphere. The Hang Out is as safe as you can get." Security cameras monitor every area of the club, and every youth under the age of eighteen must be signed up by a parent before receiving a picture ID issued by The Hang Out.

"We offer something that Hawkins Park and the basketball courts don't have. There is always adult supervision. There's no outside interference either," said Jackson. "The windows are covered for two rea-

sons. First, the building inspector wanted it done as a safety barrier, and second, it prevents outside interference."

Jackson plans on adding more attractions, such as karaoke or a video game arcade, and possibly having theme nights. "There may be a night for parents to come in and check out the place with their children who have signed up. I wanted to give parents and teenagers a chance to spend some time together because some parents and teens are busy, in and out, and don't always spend a lot of time together," he said. There may be a country music night, an adult night, and more.

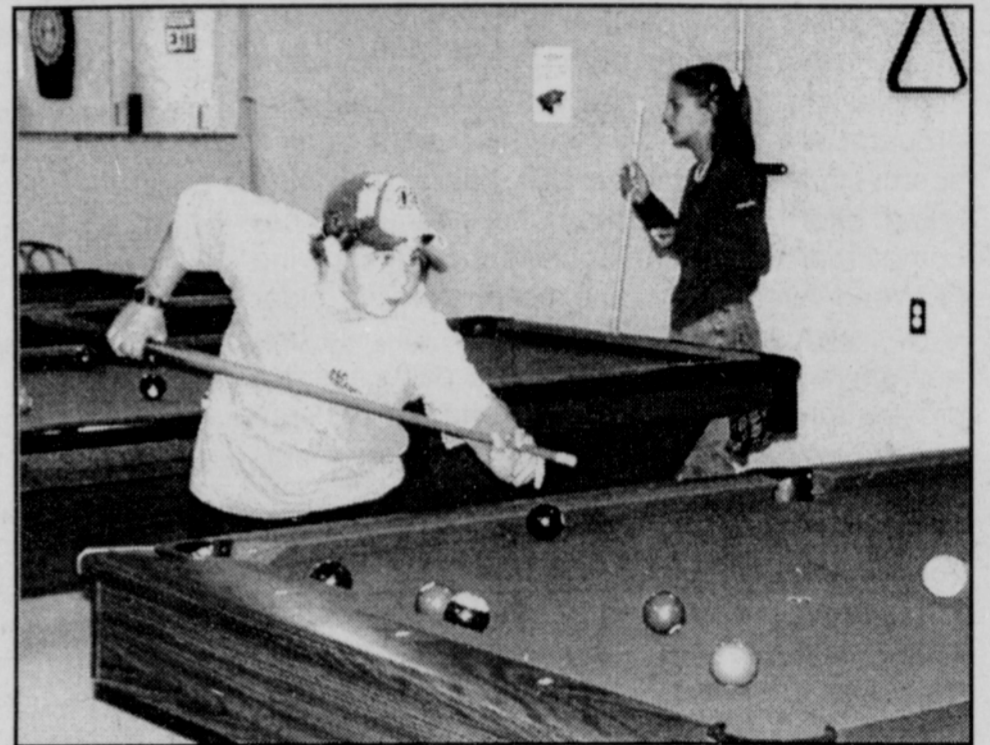
The Hang Out employs young people in various jobs, from deejaying to working in

the concession stand, but according to Jackson, if kids don't start coming in more, he may have to open The Hang Out to the public. "I don't really want to do that, because it wouldn't be just for the kids anymore," he said.

The Hang Out is open Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, from 3:00 p.m.

to 1:00 a.m., and Sunday from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. The cover charge of \$4 before 7:00 p.m., and \$5:00 after 7:00 p.m. provides for all activities. There are no other charges except for concessions.

For more information, call The Hang Out, at 429-4236.



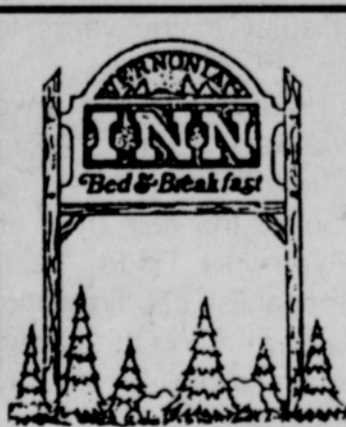
The Hangout's pool tables are a popular place to spend time. In front, Nathan Riley concentrates on his next shot as Beth Finley waits her turn at the next table.



Two unidentified girls enjoy air hockey at The Hangout while a third girl watches the action.

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