

Business Notes

All About Me is designed to let you feel good

Vernonia is no longer underserved in the nails and manicures area. In March of this year, Kathy Wolfe opened All About Me Nail Salon to provide acrylic and gel nails, facial waxing, deep spa manicures and has now added deep spa pedicures to her list of services.

Wolfe, who previously had a beautician's license, had been working the last seven years in jewelry sales instead. Then, after taking a look around, she decided the community needed nail services. So she returned to school, updated and retrained, renewed her license and opened up shop.

She relates being chastised by her instructor for being "too gentle" and was told that she would have to toughen up, because some procedures hurt. Well, maybe, but most of us will appreciate a gentle approach to having nails replaced when necessary, not to mention during waxing.

Her goal in operating the salon is "to make the ladies feel good about themselves and to help them feel pretty," said Wolfe. She likes meeting new clients, visiting and laughing with clients. Stated Wolfe, "It's not a job you hate to go to, it's been so much fun so far."

A close-knit family, Wolfe has now been joined by her daughter, Carrie Dass, who recently received her nail license. Wolfe enjoys having her daughter at the salon and says she has also received nothing but support from her husband, Jake, who owns and operates another family business, Wolfe & Son Trucking.

All About Me Nail Salon has a relaxing, fun environment. If you've been thinking you deserve some pampering, or want to give some pampering as a gift, here's your opportunity. The Salon is located at 1800 State Ave., Vernonia, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call 503-429-4650 for appointments or for that gift certificate.

Fred Meyer grant helps Vernonia Cares feed families

Vernonia Cares Food Bank has received a grant of \$1,782.12 from the Fred Meyer Foundation. The presentation was made April 23 by Fred Meyer Ambassador Deb Giberson to the Vernonia Cares President Bill Yeo and Director Sandy Welch. All of the money will be used to purchase food toward the goal of supplying three days worth of emergency groceries, once a month, to eligible households.

"This is a timely donation," said Director Sandy Welch. "Our funds were dropping low while the need for groceries continues and escalates. We serve over 100 families per month (about 300 people). As you can imagine, that's a lot of groceries and expense. Every month more new people utilize Care's services, too," she added.

"The Fred Meyer Foundation was particularly impressed by the successful track record of Vernonia Cares Food Bank and its programs," said Mary Loftin, vice president of community relations for Fred Meyer and executive director of The Fred Meyer Foundation. "We hope this community grant will help Vernonia Cares continue the

important work it is doing. We are proud to be part of the Vernonia community and are committed to helping where we can. Social responsibility and community involvement are company priorities established by our founder, Fred G. Meyer, who said, 'To be a good neighbor, you must strive to be a good neighbor in all ways.' Financial support of nonprofit organizations is one of the ways Fred Meyer upholds this tradition."

The Foundation's community grant program is driven by 32 local Advisory Committees made up of local Fred Meyer employees who research nonprofit organizations in their communities and then award community grants. Deb Giberson, one of Fred Meyer's ambassadors, resides in the Clatskanie area. She worked in the Scappoose Fred Meyer and transferred to the Fred Meyer Corporate Center in Portland.

"These grants are the result of true community efforts. It involves both employees, through Employee Giving Campaigns, and customers through the contributions they make to the Make Change Count coin boxes and scan cards at the checkstands. The dollars col-



Bill Yeo and Sandy Welch happily accept a donation for Vernonia Cares from Fred Meyer Ambassador Deb Giberson, center.

lected through these efforts are combined, then allocated by the Advisory Committees as community grants in the five western states where we have stores," Loftin said.

The Fred Meyer Foundation assists nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping children

and reducing hunger in the communities served by 134 Fred Meyer stores in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, and Utah. The Fred Meyer Foundation has awarded grants totaling approximately \$3.2 million since it began in December 1998.



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