

**Business Notes**

# The Clever Cricket will please you, and your children's imagination

The Clever Cricket, a store with new, used, and handmade items for children and their families, will hold its Grand Opening this Saturday, December 4, starting at 9:00 a.m.



**Camrin Eyrrick**

The owner, Camrin Eyrrick, is very excited about filling a need in Vernonia, "I know that there is a need for children's

items in Vernonia. I look forward to being able to meet new people, to provide educational toys for kids, plus being able to offer resources (such as a parenting library) for the community," said Eyrrick.

This store started as an idea about four years ago, but Eyrrick recently did research to make the idea a reality. The name came during the original idea phase when she was looking for a name that fit her focus on learning (the 'clever' part).

Clothes, books, games, imagination powered and learning toys, videos, resource books, anything and everything to do with family and children will be offered at the Clever Cricket.

Eyrrick lives in Vernonia with husband Brandon, seven year-old Jacob and four year-old Kaitlyn, plus the family dog. If

the shop isn't open during scheduled hours, it's probably due to family needs, in which case Eyrrick will come in by appointment. Call 971-998-2223 for appointments.

The Clever Cricket will be open extended hours during

December, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. The store will be closed for Christmas from December 23 through 26. Starting December 27, the reg-

ular hours, Tuesday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., will be in effect.

Visit the Clever Cricket in the old Joy Theater building at 711 Bridge Street, for children and family-oriented items. It's sure to be a hit for holiday shopping.

## Chamber dinner meeting

Starting its long-planned change to vary meeting times, the next meeting of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce will be on Wednesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Buckhorn Restaurant.

Chamber meetings will continue to be on the second Wednesday of each month, but the times will vary – breakfast, lunch, dinner – to meet the needs of business owners who have not been able to attend at noon. The January meeting will be a 7:00 a.m. breakfast meeting at the Buckhorn Restaurant.

On the agenda for the December meeting will be nomination of officers for the 2005 year. Those interested in finding out more about the Vernonia

chamber are welcome at any meeting.

There are also membership forms outside the chamber office at City Hall. The annual membership fee will be \$35, starting January 1, 2005, but those who join or renew in December will pay the current \$30.00 fee.

Financial Business Planning is the topic of the next chamber sponsored training session. It will be presented January 20 at the Scout Cabin by SCORE, an organization of mostly volunteer retired business executives. SCORE is affiliated with the Small Business Administration.

The customer service training held last month for local businesses was well attended.

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