

Business Notes

Former Vernonia resident returns to operate screening business

Maybe you've heard of KO Screening. Maybe you've heard of Kris Crowston (you may even have gone to school with him in Vernonia).



Kris Crowston

Now, you'll be hearing of Kris Crowston and KO Screening together, because Crowston recently purchased KO Screening and now has a KO Screening satellite office above the Black Bear Coffee Co.

KO Screening offers full apparel screen printing and em-

broidery services. They can do most any picture or logo or lettering on most any fabric. You can bring in an item (jacket, shirt, blanket, fabric hat, etc.) or order from one of the available catalogs. "Anything you can see or think of can be put on clothing or fabric," said Crowston.

Crowston's father, Gordon, was raised in Vernonia, and taught school in Vernonia for many years. Kris also grew up in Vernonia and earned a degree in marketing management at Oregon State. His sister and an aunt still live in Vernonia, though Kris now lives in Hillsboro with his wife and two of their five children (three are grown, two in high school).

Crowston, an OSU alumnus, went to KO Screening with an idea for a football project. His enthusiasm caused the owner to ask Crowston if he'd be interested in buying the business. Crowston, who has been working in the equipment rental field for 20 years, saw this as an opportunity to pursue an existing

interest in sports marketing and said "Yes, he would like to buy KO Screening." Crowston took over December 1, 2005.

When asked about interesting items he's done so far, he mentioned a 'slider' (a dirt track car) that was taken from a pho-

tograph and put on a letterman's jacket. It had 60,000 stitches in it. Another interesting item was a tractor-trailer rig on the back of a jacket for a Banks customer. The same design was then put on a hat for that same customer. "Whatever

your idea is, we'll see if we can make it happen," said Crowston.

To make your idea happen, go see KO Screening at their office above Black Bear Coffee Co., 831 Bridge St., Vernonia. or call 503-429-4940.

City will auction property given by Columbia County

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monies that can be used for the wastewater system. If the bond measure fails, residents may see sewer fees increase from \$37 per month to \$100 per month. Bassett noted that citizens can contact their legislators and/or DEQ to recommend they help the city find other funding mechanisms if they have concerns about the cost of this project to city residents.

Council approved an amendment to the City Park Ordinance based on a house-keeping issue identified by the city's legal consultants.

Council then reviewed the recommendations of the Tree Committee. The committee did not recommend any ordinance changes, but did recommend the library have a resource area with information on trees

compatible with this area's climate and growth rate, needs and maintenance of tree species so citizens can get information about trees before planting.

The council approved an auction of donated property at 872 Weed Ave. with a minimum bid of \$34,000. The city had looked into using this property for parking, but found the cost of demolition and site improvements would be prohibitive.

An ordinance addressing Pocket Parks was reviewed, then tabled for changes to be made before adoption.

Council approved OLCC license renewals for the Lyons Den and Bridge Street Mini Mart.

The next meeting of the Vernonia Council will be March 20, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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