

Venice Business Winners

to-earth and humble. He takes pride in his work, and I like the special touch he adds when a job is finished: he puts a big red ribbon on or around the new work," she said.

Another important "winning" quality was the way Lowell treats and cares for his employees – they are rewarded with more than just a paycheck. Employees can take advantage of education in the areas of safety, personal finance, communication and health.

Everybody Benefits

The Friends of the Venice Public Library has been dedicated to enhancing the services offered by the Venice community library since 1962. The organization raises funds, recruits volunteers and is an advocate for the library and its services.

Founded in 1962 by a group of concerned Venice citizens – including the author Walter Farley, who wrote 34 books, including the popular "Black Stallion" series, and his wife Rosemary. The original goal of the group was to actually establish a public library in Venice.

Now the Friends of The Venice Public Library has expanded its support for the library in many ways: it provides funds for expansions, renovations, furniture, equipment, new technology, programs for adults and children, library materials and other needs not allocated in the county budget.

The Friends office and used bookstore are located inside the Venice Public Library. The used bookstore offers thousands of inexpensive titles from fiction to cookbooks. The group also provides a service that delivers library materials to the homebound within the community.

Serving the public is really the main goal and true purpose of this organization. The young, the old, all income levels, all education levels and all races enjoy and benefit from the library.

