

Seed Days sign of spring

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It was not business as usual at Hinton's Plummers Landing Mill Saturday as the last of the Seed Days took place.

It was better than business as usual. In the hard economic times, sales have picked up at the farm stores. According to owner Frank "Bud" Hinton, "Business is great."

The four days of Seed Days opened at May's Lick Wednesday Feb. 18, and continued Thursday at Jabetown Mill, Friday at Fleming County Farm supply and ended at the original store owned by the Hinton family, Plummers Landing Mill.

Several members of the Hinton family were on hand to greet the estimated crowd of 200 people. Bud Hinton, his sister Elaine Logan and her son Donnie were all at the mill. Hinton said he was concerned about the turnout in these difficult economic times, but he said business had increased.

"We've sold a lot of garden seed," he said.

Donnie Logan, who is the manager at Plummers Landing, said the garden seed business picked up this year, which is the national trend.

Charlie Mers, who was laid off when Bath Manufacturing closed, said he buys all his seed at the Plummers Landing store. "I've been coming here since I lived here at Ryan Road," Mers said. "I have a good garden and buy all my seed here. When they get tomato plants in, I will buy them here."

Mers plants peas, corn, green beans, potatoes, and tomatoes in his acre-sized garden.

Troy Daily brings his boys Justin and Dustin to Seed Days at Plummers Landing. Because it's fun.

"It's always fun to come to Seed Days," he said.

Seed Days has been part Hinton Mills since the store opened in 1918 at Plummers Landing. Frank O. Hinton and his father worked there as the business grew. Bud Hinton and his sons have taken over the other three stores.

Donnie Logan is the fourth generation to work at Plummers Landing. His mother joked that they sent him over to the store when he was a young boy.

"We sent him over every Saturday and he stayed here," she said.

The store at Plummers Landing is different for another reason – it houses the Plummers Landing Post Office.

"I think the post office has been here since 1906," Bud Hinton said.

The store offers the same items offered at the others stores. Donnie Logan said he sells orchard grass, horse pasture mix and beef cattle mix to name just a few of the grass seeds available.

Elaine Logan said she had ordered enough food to feed 200 people and by lunch time most of it was gone.

"That's doesn't include the donuts to feed 50 people this morning. We have had steady traffic and good sales all day."