

Business Notes

New owners at Spar Tree

After twenty-one years in the restaurant business, cooking and waiting tables for someone else, Tom and Debra Hess have decided it is time to begin working for themselves, in their own place. So, with great determination, high hopes and some apprehension, they have taken over the Spar Tree, five miles north of Vernonia.

The new Spar Tree will feature a basic menu of well-prepared food, bolstered by accumulated special recipes that have been developed over the years to please even the most particular palates.

Debra Hess gained early exposure to the restaurant business when her mother owned a Vernonia eatery known as Dorothy's Coffee Break, in the building now occupied by Crazy Charlie's. Mother and daughter are both graduates of Vernonia High School. Debra left Vernonia in 1971 and returned three years ago.

Tom's roots are in Beaver-

ton. They have three children; a son in the air force and two daughters in Vernonia High School, both of whom will be helping Mom and Pop in their new venture.

They will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. They will close on Mondays.

See their ads for Grand Opening and Mother's Day specials in this issue of The INDEPENDENT.

Meeting scheduled for contractors

Contractors specializing in earthworks and/or concrete work are invited to an information meeting hosted by the Washington County Soil Conservation District and the USDA Soil Conservation Service. The variety, quantity and quality of current and future farm construction projects will be discussed.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Oregon State Extension Service office, 2448 S.E. Tualatin Valley Highway in Hillsboro.

"There is a tremendous need for contractors who can construct animal waste storage systems, streambank stabilization projects, ponds

and diversions," said Robert App, District Conservationist. "We are also looking for companies who can design and construct wetlands. We have a variety of projects designed and would like to develop a current list of available contractors."

All projects to be constructed are in the Tualatin Basin, with the majority located north and west of Hillsboro. Area farmers are working with the SCD and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to develop and implement water quality improvement projects.

Contractors are asked to call the Soil Conservation office, 648-3014, to register or to obtain more information.

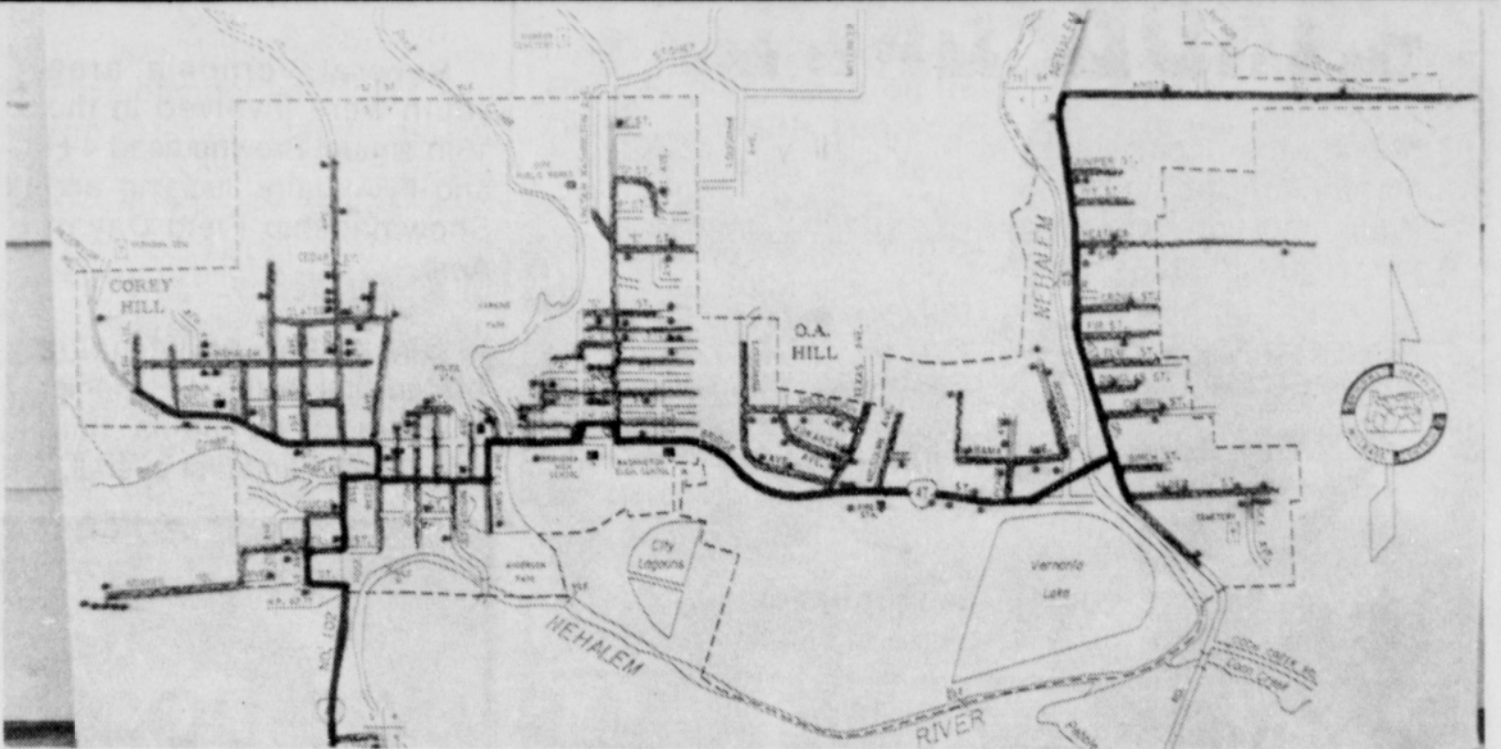
Foresters honor Richard Courter

Richard W. Courter, a former Vernonia resident, was recently honored as Forester of the Year by the Oregon Society of American Foresters at their annual meeting at Salishan Lodge.

Courter is a director of the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District and recently served as president of the Washington County Small Woodlands Association. He has also served as

president of the Oregon Association of Consulting Foresters and chairman of the Portland Chapter of the Society of American Foresters.

Recently, Courter has been involved in the Backyard Tree Farm Program in Oregon and is representing the Association of Consulting Foresters on the Oregon Stewardship Coordinating Committee.



Dots on the map mark locations which have converted from electric, propane, oil or wood to natural gas.



Pat Dignan, vice-president of marketing for Northwest Natural Gas, gets an assist from Mayor Scott Sword as the ceremonial ribbon is cut, symbolizing the conversion to natural gas by Vernonia schools.



Robin Dennis and other Vernonia Jaycees gave the interior of the museum a fresh new look.

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