

## Business Notes



Ed Clark and Scott VanDomelen

### Three agencies will work on jobs and family services in Vernonia

MTC Training and Placement Services, which provides job training and placement for workers and employers in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, under the auspices of the Job Training Partnership Act of 1982 (JTPA), is making a renewed effort to interest local workers

and employers in the program.

The services provided include financial incentives to employers and help for dislocated workers and economically disadvantaged persons who are experiencing barriers to employment, find permanent or long-term employment.

William Earles, a training and placement specialist with MTC, along with representatives from the Oregon Employment Division and Adult & Family Services, will be in Vernonia on a monthly basis starting Thursday, April 14, to bring information on the JTPA program and related services to outlying areas of Columbia County.

An overview of all the services provided by the three agencies and an explanation of application processes will be given at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the board room of Vernonia School District, 475 Bridge Street.

These meetings will continue on a monthly basis on the second Thursday of each month.

For further information call Patty Wachs of MTC in St. Helens, at 397-6495.



William A. Earles III

### Displaced workers eligible for U.S. aid

Columbia County workers displaced by the timber crisis may be eligible for retraining funds authorized by the U.S. Congress. Oregon will receive \$5 million to help dislocated workers, said U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Furse.

The program is for workers who lost their income because of the government's cutback in northwest timber harvests. Eligible workers may qualify for on-the-job training, childcare assistance, emergency housing and transportation.

To determine eligibility, call The Oregon Consortium at 1-800-888-7611.

## Long-time employee buys Brown Derby

April first there was a changing of the guard at the Brown Derby in Banks. Long-time owner Ed Clark stepped aside for his equally long time manager, Scott VanDomelen, to take over the lounge and restaurant.

In 1970, Clark bought the establishment, which he says was no more than a hole in the wall at that time. Since then, he made a lot of changes in both the interior and the service.

Clark says he's proud of the reputation that the Brown Derby has, adding that he often receives favorable comments from the Portland area and even farther away.

Although the title of owner changed on April first, the plans to have VanDomelen take over have been in the works for quite some time. VanDomelen began working at the Brown Derby fourteen years ago as a dish washer at age sixteen. He continued to work as he finished high school and, by the time he was eighteen, he had worked his way up through the ranks to become head cook. Van Domelen was one of a group of five co-managers who shared the responsibility of managing the Derby but, as time went on, Scott was the only one still there. For the last eight years he has been the manager, so, while moving into the position of owner is different, it is not totally foreign to him.

Clark says he's not retiring, he's just changing job titles and will still be around for a while. He emphasizes, however, that VanDomelen is the

owner now, and that he's just there for support.

Both Clark and VanDomelen are long-time Banks residents. Clark has lived in Banks since 1970, when he took over the restaurant; VanDomelen is a life-time resident of Banks who grew up just a mile or so down the road from his new business.

When you ask Scott if anything is really going to change, Ed is quick to remind that the restaurant business is very fiscal so evolution is a must if you want to survive.

For the most part, however, the Brown Derby will remain the same comfortable lounge and restaurant that it has been for the past 19 years.

The hours will remain the same—Wednesday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11:30 to midnight. On Sunday, brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closing time is 10 p.m.

As Ed leaves his successful business, he claims the secret is to keep your bills paid and "if you build a better burger they will come."

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