

Business Notes

Expanded menu at Leonetti's will feature Italian dinners and more

Aaron McCowan grew up in Pennsylvania, cooking and hammering nails. "I knew that I wanted a trade that would let me work anywhere," he said, "so I learned both cooking and carpentry."

McCowan got to Vernonia from Pennsylvania by way of Alaska (On his way to Alaska, he worked for 15 years in a Greek-owned restaurant that specialized in Mediterranean foods.). For the past three years, he has owned a restaurant in Haines.

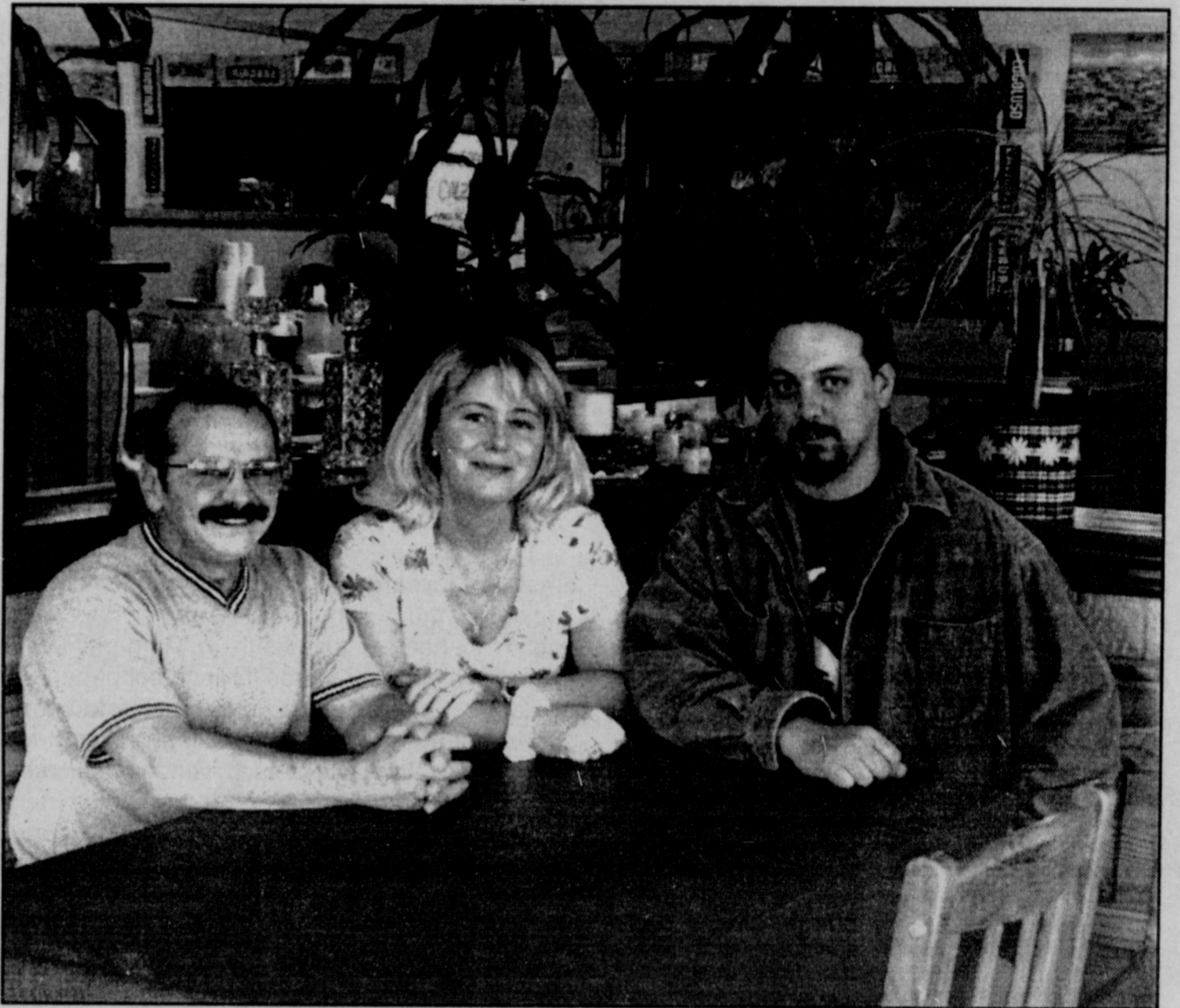
"I never thought I'd leave Alaska," he said, but he came to visit a friend in Vernonia and was so pleased with the area that he is now in the process of selling his restaurant and is

employed here by Leonetti's Pizza & Grill.

With the addition of McCowan, who makes such delicacies as calzone and also bakes bread, Mario and Nan Leonetti are planning to expand both their hours and their menu.

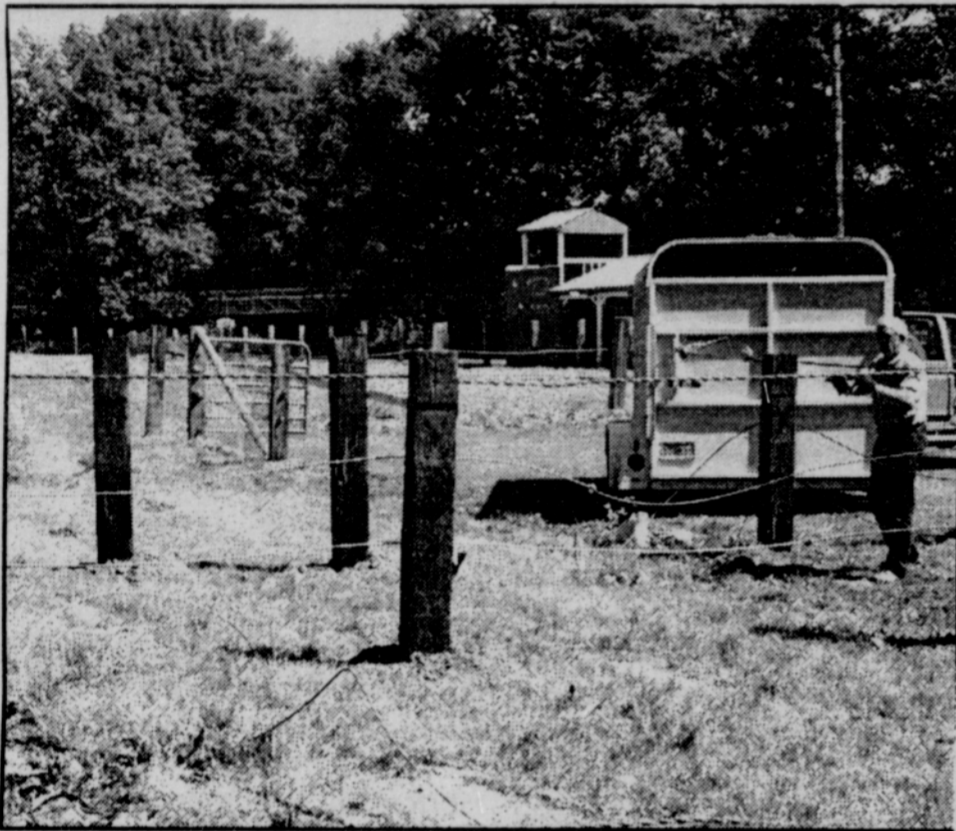
Starting July second, Leonetti's will be open for dinner Monday through Saturday, 5-8:00 p.m., with an Italian menu plus "dinner around the world," with the cuisine of a different country each night.

There will be 17 new menu items, Mario Leonetti said, both sandwiches and dinners. Coming up soon will be fresh bread, which they plan to have both for restaurant use and for retail sales.



Mario and Nan Leonetti with Aaron McCowan, who will be contributing his culinary expertise to an expanded menu at Leonetti's Pizza & Grill.

Ridge Riders schedule Poker Ride



Corrals are being added to the horse facility at Anderson Park. Ridge Rider member George Bellingham is busy tightening cable in this photo.

The Vernonia Ridge Riders' annual Poker Ride will be held June 23 at Anderson Park. The ride begins at 9:30 a.m., with the last rider out at 11:00 a.m. Poker hands are being sold for \$5.00 each or 5 hands for \$20. Top hand of the day will earn its holder \$100, and there are many other prizes to choose from. Prizes will be awarded at

3:00 p.m. You must be present to win.

The Vernonia High School Equestrian team will provide concessions.

The next meeting of the Vernonia Ridge Riders is June 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Library. For more information, call George Bellingham at 503-429-9523.

Outlaw Automotive



Automotive services and repair are now available at Outlaw Automotive, 740 Mist Drive. Joe Hammons, owner and mechanic, provides brake service, tune-ups, lubrication and engine repair. Hammons has lived in Vernonia since 1989 and finished high school here.

Food Handler's class will be taught at Sunnyside

Columbia County Sanitarian Mark Edington will hold a food handlers' class beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 18, at Sunnyside Cafe, 58360 Nehalem Hwy. S., Vernonia. Participants will study a

booklet, watch a film and have the opportunity to ask questions. The class will last approximately 1-1/2 hours.

Those who pass the food handler's test will receive a food handler's permit.

Booklets are available for check-out at the Rainier, Vernonia or Clatskanie public libraries. Booklets cannot be mailed, but can be purchased over-the-counter for \$2.00 from Columbia County Public Health, 2370 Gable Road, St. Helens. Test questions are formulated from material in the Food Handlers' booklet.

Preregistration is not required. Participants should bring a pen or pencil to complete the test. The fee for the test is \$10.00. For more information, call Mark Edington at 503-366-3828.

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PCC offers summer golf class

A summer golf class offered by Portland Community College will focus on the basics of the game.

The non-credit six-week series is offered on Saturdays beginning July 14, or on Wednesdays beginning July 18 at Millard Field, located at 35127 Millard Road, St. Helens. Saturday class times are noon to 1:00 p.m. or 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Wednesday class times are 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. or 5:45 to

6:45 p.m. Golf pro Gina Thomas is the instructor.

Tuition for the six weeks is \$21 plus the \$30 driving fee, for a total of \$51 payable to the instructor at the first class.

For more information, call PCC Community Education at 503-978-5753.

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