

Business Notes

Antiques, collectibles business opens

After many years of interest in antiques and several years spent in collecting them, René Cantu and Gil Tavares opened their own antique store in the Bridge Street Mall in Vernonia, and they will move in mid-November to a larger space at 711



René Cantu and Gil Tavares at newly opened business.

Bridge Street, the corner of Bridge and Adams Avenue, in the old theater building.

Bridge Street Antiques is jam-packed with an eclectic selection of antiques and collectibles. A beautiful, brocade-upholstered Eastlake settee, with an armchair and three side chairs, vies for attention with a time-worn Civil War trunk, a cuckoo clock and other wall clocks, old costume jewelry, victorian lamps and lampshades, marble-topped tables, and much more.

Consignments are welcome at Bridge Street Antiques and, yes, they have a layaway plan. In addition, if you can't find that special something you're looking for, René and Gil will hunt it out for you.

Bridge Street Antiques is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., or later. The phone is 503-369-1687 or 503-429-0259.

Seminar set on pre-employment and hiring issues for employers

Helen Russon of the Bureau of Labor & Industries will present a compressed, half-day seminar covering Pre-Employment Issues and Legal Hiring Practices on Friday, November 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Columbia Tech Center Auditorium, 375 S. 18th Street in St. Helens.

This seminar will arm employers with the skills needed to select the best qualified employee candidates while staying on the right side of state and federal discrimination laws.

Topics include:

- General civil rights laws pertaining to the hiring process
- Writing detailed job descriptions
- Recruiting techniques

- Checking your job application form

- Medical inquiries, when you can make them

- Conducting the job interview

- Questions you can and cannot ask applicants

- Rules for checking references

The seminar is sponsored by the St. Helens/Scappoose Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Employment Department and Management & Training Corporation.

Call Diana Riggs at 503-397-6495 or Jeanette Sharinghausen at 503-397-4995 x 26 to make your reservation as soon as possible.

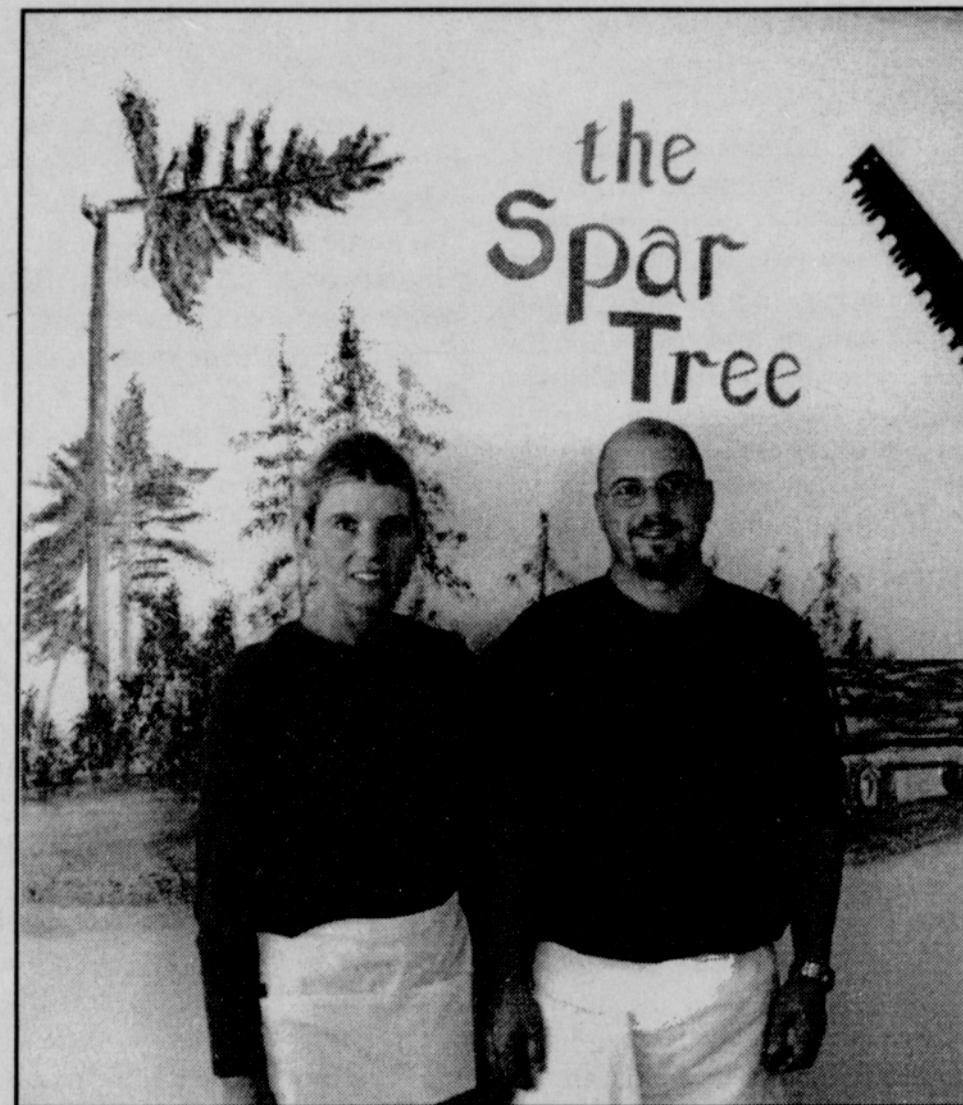
Spar Tree Restaurant re-opened by Banks couple

The Spar Tree, historic restaurant on Nehalem Highway north of Vernonia at Pittsburg, has re-opened after a year of being shut down.

Chamber will elect officers at Nov. 14 meeting

The Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its last meeting of the year on Wednesday, November 14. The no-host luncheon meeting will be at noon in the banquet room at Lew's Place. The chamber does not hold a business meeting in December.

In addition to election of officers for the coming year, the agenda will include information about the plan to "market" Vernonia. The plan is being developed with the help of the Oregon Downtown Development Association. All interested people are welcome.



Suzanne and Tim Larson re-open restaurant.

Tim Larson and his wife, Suzanne, of Banks, are retaining the name, but hope to bring new and vigorous effort to the venture. Their spirit is reflected by the new look of the Spar Tree logo, painted on a wall by Tim's sister-in-law, Debra Culye, from an old logging photo.

The menu will not change dramatically, but will eventually take the shape of customer preferences.

Tim and Suzanne have twenty years of experience be-

tween them and will offer a menu featuring breakfast, lunch and dinner, six days a week.

Service will be from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday; from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. The restaurant will be closed on Monday.

It takes two to speak the truth — one to speak and another to hear.

— Henry David Thoreau

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