

Business Notes

Banks' new saw shop has familiar faces

Banks newest business, Precision Outdoor Power Equipment, which will feature Stihl power tool products, is operated by the familiar faces of Tim Weaver and Terry Pesenti.

Precision Outdoor Power Equipment is also an extension of Precision Pump, ably operated by Weaver for the past nine years.

Weaver grew up in his family's hardware and pump business. He demonstrated a precocious ability to understand pumps, doing such a good job of assembling tank packages and helping out in the store, that he earned enough money to buy a Honda 50 motorcycle...when he was seven years old.

While going to school, he continued working weekends and summers in the family business, Banks Hardware, and, at the age of 21, was offered a job as territory manager for a pump distributor. Weaver's territory included Oregon, northern California and a small part of Washington so, in his spare time, he added a branch office in Boise, Idaho, where he spent eight months

Morning Mist is a sunny place for collectors

Dixie Palmer is pleased to announce the Grand Opening Celebration of Morning Mist Collectables and More. Drop in for refreshments and check out the cool merchandise in her shop in the old Joy Theater building, at the corner of Bridge street and Adams Avenue.

Morning Mist Collectables is the kind of store where you will find something for everyone — from antique European furniture, to '30s and '40s decor, to zany yard decor.

Palmer has great gift ideas for him or her. Looking for that special Mother's Day gift? How about soap — homemade to order, or functional wrought iron

getting sales and staff established.

Nearly five years later, he signed on with another pump company, again handling outside sales, but with a larger territory. After another four years, Weaver purchased the pump division of Banks Hardware. Now there are six additional employees and "the best equipment available to service water systems."

"I guess stress was lacking in my life," Weaver said, so Precision Outdoor Power Equipment was started.

Pesenti, who has lived in Manning since 1970, has strong roots in the logging community. He worked as a logger for 13 years, for such companies as Mead Logging, Olson Logging and Gwin Logging. He left the woods in 1989 to run Banks Saw Shop, where he stayed for six years.

Pesenti is a Stihl certified

service technician with many hours of specialized training and, while at the saw shop, was awarded a trip to Stihl headquarters in Virginia Beach for being first in sales for the entire area.

"This was a great accomplishment for a little saw shop in Banks," Pesenti said proudly.

Since leaving the saw shop for self-employment, he has been operating a landscape business for the past eight years. With his working knowledge of both logging and landscaping, Pesenti can recommend the proper Stihl product for many applications.

Precision Outdoor Power Equipment is located at 42425 NW Banks Road, at the intersection of NW Sellers Road, just off Hwy. 47 in Banks. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Dixie Palmer

art, three dimensional gift cards, hand-crafted bead bracelets, many types of vases, beautiful hand-painted emu eggs, and so much more.

In addition to the joy of finding unique items, Palmer loves sharing them with the public. She has an eye for beauty and

design, and enjoys helping her customers find what they are looking for.

After browsing the store at 711 Bridge Street, Palmer encourages shoppers to have fun checking out all of the shops in Vernonia.



Tim Weaver and Terry Pesenti

Food handler's class set at Lew's

A Food Handler's class will be held at Lew's Place, 934 Bridge Street, Vernonia, on Tuesday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m.

It is strongly recommended that the Food Handler's booklet be read before taking the test. The booklet may be checked out at the Vernonia Public Li-

brary or purchased for \$2.00 from Columbia County Public Health at 23270 Gable Road in St. Helens.

Those attending need to bring a pen or pencil.

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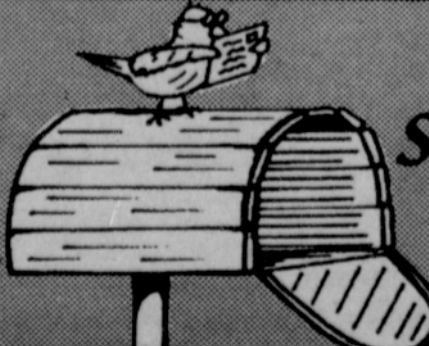
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