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Vince's Gourmet Imports

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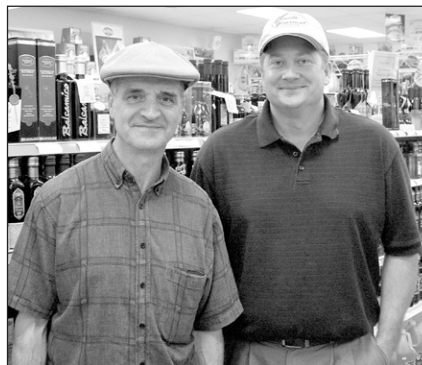
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Vince's Gourmet Imports was opened by Vince Lombardi and his son-in-law, Sam Mondello, Jr. in November 2006. Lombardi came to America from Satriano, Italy when he was 15. Starting with very little, he helped build a family business, importing items from many Mediterranean countries.

After 36 years, in keeping with tradition to pass on knowledge to the next generation, Lombardi once again opened a new family business. His son-in-law had a business background and implemented a computerized inventory system and registers. Combined with Lombardi's knowledge and experience, they have taken gourmet imports to the next level. They even created a Web site as a result of requests from customers that had relocated and couldn't find the items they enjoyed. And,



Vince's Gourmet Imports Owners Vince Lombardi, left, and Sam Mondello, Jr.

another customer request turned into homemade frozen meals, pastas, and sauces for the new generation to savor.

Vince's is unique in that it still offers the "old world" village-store feel in modern, up-

dated, open space. Lombardi and Mondello know many customers by name and work to incorporate customer requests into new business concepts. Their goal is to expand both the Web site and the number of stores and build the business for a future generation to carry on.