Circuit Rider is on a mission

By Jim Cornelius

News Editor

Peter Herman of Circuit Rider Carpet Cleaning has been cleaning carpets and upholstery for home and office since 1982 in what he describes as "a labor of love."

Now he's brought his expertise, attention to detail and concern for health and safety to Sisters.

Circuit Rider Carpet Cleaning uses plant- and seed-based primary detergent and an anti-allergen prespray. There are no solvents or harmful ingredients, which is best for your health and for the environment. A single session including thorough pre-vacuum and pre-spray, with attention to thorough spot-cleaning, all followed by hot-rinse extraction means your carpet gets very clean, very safely.

For Herman, the values and ethics that he brings to his work fit seamlessly into the expression of who he is as a man.

"I'm a person of faith," he said. "Everything we do isn't segmented into this is our spiritual life and this is our secular life. It's the same thing, though you obviously don't express it the same way."

For Herman, the way he conducts himself in every aspect of life is about honoring God and loving others.

Putting that much of himself into his work is a boon to his customers, who can rest assured they're always getting his best effort.

"If I see a spot that I could ignore, because they won't see it — I'm going to take care of that," he said. "I want the customer to feel they can really trust me."

Herman was raised in



Peter Herman is dedicated to a high level of customer satisfaction in his carpet cleaning business.

Salem, but he got his start in the carpet-cleaning industry while living in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. A friend offered him a job in 1981, and he took to the work. He ventured out on his own just a year later, and expanded his company to include janitorial and maid service.

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In 1995, a desire to be close to family brought him back to Salem, where he operated a carpet-cleaning business until just recently. In 2014, he and his wife, Dana, moved to Sisters.

"I had to continue to live in Salem until my business sold," he said.

He would work for 10

days, then head to Sisters for a long weekend. Finally, in August 2016, he was able to get over to the east side for good, and he launched Circuit Rider Carpet Cleaning in Sisters.

The name of the company is a bit of a nod to an ancestor who was a circuit riding preacher in New England who traveled the region setting up Sunday schools. And it fits — since he's out riding the circuit in Sisters, cleaning folks' carpets.

Circuit Rider can handle commercial or residential cleaning jobs, and Herman is happy to take on spot cleaning, including moving heavy furniture.

"Ideally, I like to come out and look at the house before I do an estimate," Herman said. "I'm willing to do a phone estimate; it's just more difficult."

Herman is highly skilled, deeply experienced and, above all, committed to doing an excellent job for his Sisters clients. Circuit Rider Carpet Cleaning can be reached at 541-549-6471.

Architecture firm chosen for bond work

By Steve Kadel

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The Sisters School Board approved BBT Architects Inc. to lead the design of construction work authorized by passage of last spring's school bond.

Board vice chair Amanda Clark and directors Don Hedrick and Greg Zadow voted in favor during the Wednesday, November 2, school board meeting. Directors Stephen King and Jeff Smith were absent.

The Bend company was chosen from five applicants based on its presentation and the quality of work it has done in Central Oregon, said Sisters School Superintendent Curt Scholl. He and Clark called the decision a clear choice.

Clark added it was "a great selection process." She joined Scholl, Project Manager Brett Hudson, Director of Operations Ryan Stock, and Citizens Oversight Committee member Jay Wilkins in the group that rated applicants.

Scholl said no financial cost has been set for BBT's work. Instead, he said that will be determined as bid packages for work at each school are discussed.

The first meeting of

the Citizens Oversight Committee, a group tasked with bird-dogging design and expenses for the bond projects, has been set for Wednesday, November 16.

BBT Architects has a long history of public, private, and commercial building design projects in Central Oregon. Earlier this year, the firm was hired to design the new Work Skills Technology Center and Campus Central Facility Building on the campus of Klamath Community College in Klamath Falls. BBT also was picked this year to provide architectural services for the Athena-Weston School District in Athena, including upgrades to the elementary school, middle school, and high school.

Established in 1976, BBT Architects has a 17-member staff, including seven licensed architects.

In other business, the school board received updated enrollment figures showing there are 45 fewer students in the district than at the end of the 2015-16 school year. A total of 1,073 students were enrolled as of October 28.

Compared with the end of 2015-16, that was 21 fewer at the elementary school and 29 fewer at the high school.





