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Reggie Hoppins, Linda Weems, Bill Weems and Brandy Hoppins of Quality Mattress and Quality Flooring.

Quality assured at family business

Every home, no matter how big or small, could use good flooring and a comfortable mattress. Fortunately, both of those elements can be found at the same convenient Grants Pass location.

Quality Mattress and Quality Flooring share space at 926 SE “M” Street, right off of the Grants Pass Parkway.

Established more than 26 years ago, Quality Mattress is owned by Linda and Bill Weems. Quality Flooring is owned by Reggie Hoppins, Linda’s son, and his wife Brandy.

Hoppins has spent his entire adult life learning nearly every aspect of flooring, from carpet cleaning to restoration, installation and sales. All together, he brings more than 20 years of experience acquired since the age of 18.

After moving to Las Vegas from Grants Pass, where he attended his first two years of high school, Reggie eventually established a flooring business.

But before too long, the Hoppins family started considering a move from Las Vegas.

“We had been talking about moving for 10 years,” Brandy Hoppins said. “Las Vegas is big and fast all the time. It’s not a great place to raise kids.”

Two years ago, the Hoppins family

decided to make the move to Grants Pass, and they’re glad they did.

“It’s always a challenge to come to a new place and open a business,” Brandy Hoppins said. “But we’re having fun with it.”

Quality Flooring specializes in carpet, tile, wood and vinyl. It also carries more exotic materials such as leather tile, wool and silk.

Right now, Quality Flooring is holding a sale on selected carpet varieties, which are being offered at \$5.99 per yard. Some varieties of solid wood flooring are on sale for \$3.99 per square foot.

On the other side of the wall, Quality Mattress features Englander and custom RV mattresses. A mattress store inventory and closeout sale is currently underway at the store.

Reggie Hoppins said that over the long-term, he hopes to open a Quality Flooring store in Medford.

Both businesses are open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Quality Flooring can be reached at 479-5800, and Quality Mattress’s number is 476-6292.

~ Story & photo by Scott Jorgensen

Respect for dead ...

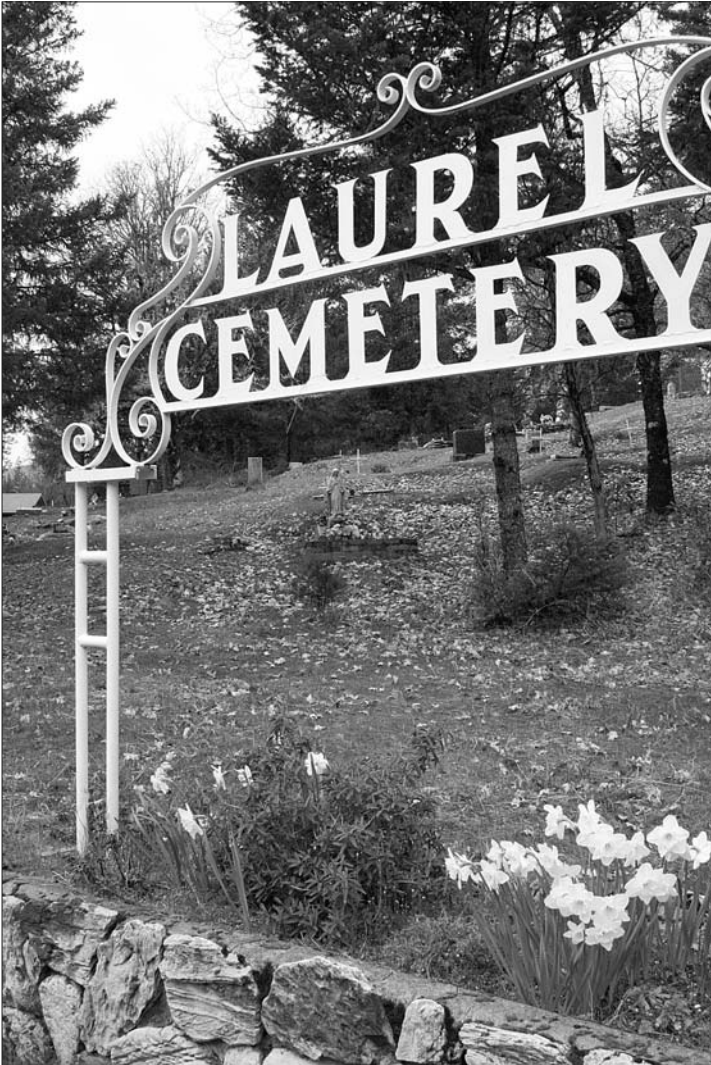
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ceive no funding from any agency or organization,” Webb continued. “What relatives should realize is that when they purchase a site, they are responsible for taking care of that site. We used to get help from the old-timers, but most of them are gone now.”

LCA has engaged a care-taker, providing free rent and power for his RV. However, because of vandals removing parts of the water system, he has no running water. It is unclear how long the current unpaid care-taker will remain. Clouser Drilling has donated a well, but volunteers are needed to help install the necessary piping.

Some grave sites show signs of vandalism. Broken statues, items knocked over and a general air of disrepair are visible. A lack of respect for the dear departed is evident, not only by the rubbish left behind, but because it is no secret that the cemetery is used by some for “doing drugs.”

A clean-up project at the cemetery is set for May 16 by Illinois Valley Grange, said Vice President Kendall Phillips. He said that I.V. Grange is teaming with SOLV and Oregon 150 to participate in Take Care of Oregon Days.



Meanwhile, the cemetery board is working to contend with its problems, including vandals who not only damage sites, but steal anything that’s not nailed down, including tools and six coffin liners. The latter were recovered, said Gilliam, after

someone who purchased them from the apparent thief advertised them as fish ponds. Two were sold, but LCA got four back.

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to LCA at P.O. Box 994, Cave Junction OR 97523.

IVHS’ Farmer gains research grant

Using a \$15,000 grant, Melissa Farmer, a science teacher at Illinois Valley High School, will be able to conduct medical research.

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Wash., announced that it has awarded a grant of \$15,000 to Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Foundation. It will enable Farmer to form a partnership with Dr. Terry Morgan to conduct research during the next two summers in the OHSU Dept. of Pathology & Cytopathology.

The title of the research to be conducted is *Gender-based Renal Pathology and Compensatory Mitric Oxide Syntheisi in Knockout Mice*.

The award also included funds to attend two national Partners in Science conferences where Farmer will share the results of each summer’s research.

This grant was awarded through a competitive process in the Partners in Science program at the Murdock Trust. Applications are accepted from high school teachers and mentors from a five-state region to conduct summer research.

The primary goal of the program is to provide high school science teachers with opportunities to work at the cutting edge of science, and thus to revitalize their teaching and help them appreciate

the use of inquiry-based methods in the teaching of science.

The selection of awardees is based on the qualifications of the partner members, the quality of the scientific research proposed, and the potential of its effect on the high school setting.

The Murdock Trust, created by the will of the late

Melvin J. (Jack) Murdock, provides grants to organizations in five states of the Pacific Northwest that seek to strengthen the region’s educational and cultural base in creative and sustainable ways.

The Partners in Science program is one of its many efforts to do so in its grant making region.

DOJ busts Medford imaging clinic

Attorney General John Kroger announced a settlement that shuts down a Medford health clinic that “endangered Oregon women by misrepresenting a breast cancer detection procedure.”

“Putting the lives of women at risk is unconscionable,” said Kroger. “Given the lethal consequences of delaying detection of such a deadly cancer, I am giving medical imposters fair notice that these types of misrepresentations will not be tolerated.”

The settlement requires the owners of the Laser and Thermal Imaging Center to warn women who received thermographic imaging at the clinic to undergo a mammogram rather than rely on the clinic’s thermography testing.

The clinic claimed that its thermography equipment could detect the presence of breast cancer seven to 10 years before other diagnostic procedures, including mam-

mography. In fact, medical studies have repudiated thermography as a stand-alone breast cancer detector.

All medical sources agree that mammography is the procedure to screen for breast cancer. Mammography has to be interpreted by a licensed medical doctor with radiology training.

The operators of the clinic also engaged in fraudulent billing practices, charging patients up front for experimental procedures with the promise of reimbursement payments that insurance companies would seldom make. The clinic operators sometimes altered billing codes to obtain unwarranted reimbursement from insurers.

The settlement requires the operators to pay \$20,000 to cover restitution.

The clinic also went by the names Mountain Top Medical and Therapeutic Laser Centers. It was located at 115 Stewart Ave, Suite 201.

The owners were Mary

Anne Crandall; her husband, Tom Crandall; and her brother-in-law, James Crandall. Mary Anne Crandall falsely claimed to be licensed as a registered nurse, a chiropractor, a medical doctor and a naturopath.

The settlement filed in Jackson County Circuit Court requires the Crandalls to close the clinic and never provide thermography or laser services or hold themselves out as health-care providers unless licensed by the state.

Consumers seeking information should contact the Attorney General’s office at (877) 877-9392. Justice is online at www.doj.state.or.us.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Greg Smith and investigator Dale Geiger handled the case for the Oregon Dept. of Justice (DOJ).

Cooperating in the investigation were the Oregon State Board of Nursing, the Oregon Board of Medicine and the Office of Degree Authorization.

Drinking ban possible?

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He said that he was told by the committee’s legislative counsel that several municipalities have ordinances banning public drinking. Those cities include Bend, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Portland, Salem, Eugene, Medford and Seaside, Maurer said.

“Their interpretation of the law is that all of these municipal codes are, in fact, within the scope of the law,”

he noted.

Cave Junction Mayor Don Moore has requested an opinion letter from legislative counsel to verify the data.

“I want something from the state that says we’re good to go,” Moore said. “I’m waiting for their legal interpretation.”

Maurer said that there “has not been a direct challenge to the law.” As such, he said he plans to meet with

representatives from the American Civil Liberties Union to see if a solution can be reached.

“This may be one of those situations where the law is OK as written and we can work within it,” Maurer said.

City Recorder Jim Polk said that if the city moves forward with a public drinking ban, it would have to follow the typical process, in which the ordinance would take effect 30 days after its second reading. Moore said that the city is taking a cautious approach to the issue in an attempt to avoid unnecessary litigation.

“We took the safe way until we could find more safe legal avenues to explore,” the mayor stated. “We can’t afford to make any mistakes.”

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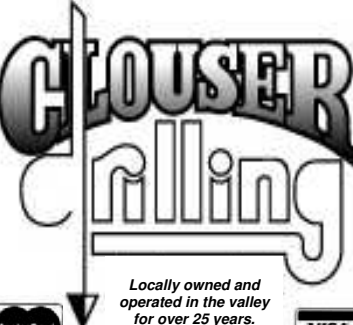
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