

New pet project coming right along



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There's a lot of ground to cover in this week's column, so stick with me. First, the promised list of doggie kennel, home care, grooming and even walking services.

When you're leaving town for a few days or hosting friends with dogs — who then run out and roll in the first dead thing they find — you need some help. Mike and Lola Johnson are planning self-wash facility for folks to use their equipment and wash their own pets.

The business will be on Eggleston Lane between En-

terprise and Joseph. Mike and Lola are still working on their idea. They've secured a conditional-use permit, but the process of final approval continues slowly. I'll let you know when they're ready.

In the meantime I called a few folks with kennels and got their info. You can put this up on the fridge or cork board for future reference.

If you'd just as soon pay the modest price and have someone beautify your dog, there's Prairie Creek Groomers' Teresa Clough of 85455 Turner Lane in Joseph. Call to make an appointment. Phone:(541) 432-3101

Pam Sasser Kiser of Lin Lee Kennel at 83456 Russel Lane in Joseph boards both dogs and cats. Phone: (541) 432-8221.

Carol Ann Vencill offers a house-sitting service if you want to keep your pets at home and have someone come in and do the chores. She'll house-sit dogs and other animals from one day to a month. For more information call 541-432-1630 or email 14carolann@gmail.com.

And then there is Lane Smyth, 14, of Enterprise, who boasts five years of dog training with his father and Pet Smart. He's doing dog walking. He wins the prize for best slogan: "No dog too little or poop too big!"

Lane charges \$10 for 30 minutes and \$15 for an hour. Phone 541-426-6500.

There are other kennels in the county but not enough according to Carrie Hermans of Hill Top Kennels in Wallowa. Carrie is full up with her regular customers and can't fit anyone else in right now.

So, there's a business idea for someone.

On a completely different subject: Travel Oregon held the 2016 Governor's Conference on Tourism at the Wildhorse Resort & Casino outside Pendleton and five of our local businesses were featured in the Taste Oregon's Old West guest exhibit. The Governor's Conference is a big deal and we rarely get to have it on our side of the state, so I was waiting anxiously to hear who from our county was able to go.

They were: Emily Klavins' Barking Mad Farm, a country bed and breakfast; Bruce and Wendy Reininger's Arrowhead Chocolates; Troy Berglund of Mt. Joseph Family Foods displayed his specialized meats; Jody and Michael Berry of Enterprise, Wild Carrot Herbals; and Judy Goodman's BGood Energy Bars in Joseph.

Sara Miller of Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (NEOEDD) and Mike Lockhart of the Village at Wallowa Lake and the Tram also attended the conference.

It's a lot of work and a significant expense for our local folks to make that conference, even if it is on our side of the mountains for a change. So,

good on ya, mate. You did us proud.

Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce Director Vicki Searles also attended the conference on behalf of the Chamber.

"There were the usual high-quality networking opportunities in the exhibit halls," Searles said. "The networking alone is a major benefit of the conference."

There's a lot on tap this weekend with all of the Mother's Day events going on — but in the business world one of the fun things to do will be to check out the complete remodeling of Wallowa County Grain Growers in Enterprise. The Grand Re-Opening and Open House begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 5, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and continues through Sunday. There will be special pricing, door prize and "Spin to Win" game all four days. On Saturday come for the barbecue hot dogs and drinks, bluegrass band and 4-H pie sale. The Wallowa County Humane Society also will be on hand Saturday. A drawing for several grand prizes takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday.

And finally, a little story of expansion in just the way we like it. A local business is getting new skills and access to new services. Don't miss the open house at Bennett Insurance Agency at 616 W North St, in Enterprise from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 6. There will be burgers and hot dogs and all fixings and cake.

The open house and goodies are to celebrate the partnership of Bennett Insurance Agency and Simmons Insurance Group. Simmons has over 20 offices, 100 agents and 25,000 customers and handles auto, home business, health or financial services. By joining the Simmons Group, Bennett has access to at least 40 new insurance products.

"This will open up many new books of business and companies we can write with, compare with, and give customers better coverage through," said owner/agent Kathleen Bennett. "Staff will also have access to diversified trainings and the ability to advance in their careers."

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Joseph business launches CPO

BGood Bars of Joseph is looking to take advantage of a new state law that allows community members to invest in Oregon businesses and encourages Oregon's entrepreneurs to raise capital from their neighbors.

The Northeast Oregon Community Capital Collaborative (NEOC3), Hatch Oregon and the Blue Mountain Community College Small Business Development Center (BMCC SBDC) are teaming up to host an evening presentation from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 at the Winding Waters Boat-

house Shop, 204 E Wallowa Ave. in Joseph.

Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (NEOEDD) staff will describe the Community Public Offering (CPO) program and its history, and then Joseph-based Judy Goodman, founder of BGood Bars, will present her actual CPO that is filed with the state.

Music will be provided by Darrell Brann and catering by Bento Boss.

BGood Bars produces artisan energy bars that are hand-craft-

More online

To learn more about Goodman's CPO and others, visit <https://secure.hatchoregon.com>.

ed with unprocessed and often organic ingredients. They are sweetened only with honey and/or the naturally occurring sugars in the fruit and dipped in "fair-trade" dark chocolate.

Judy Goodman launched BGood Bars in 2014 and has seen growth ever since, expanding her reach throughout Oregon and Idaho. She is especially excited to have her CPO launch at Winding Waters, a river outfitter that also sells BGood products.

"I thought of the Boathouse because Winding Waters both represents and supports BGood Bars," Goodman said. "I spent about 25 years wading rivers and snorkeling streams doing fisheries research, and I also love to fly fish, go backpacking and raft. These are the types of activities which inspired BGood Bars to begin with."

The event is open to the public and no registration is required. Suggested donation to NEOEDD is scaled from \$5 to \$15.

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What: Well checks, dental screenings, community resources

From: Wallowa Valley Network of Care & Local Community Advisory Council