



Sunshine Seeds

Students work at a vocational skills training center.

New apprenticeship rule expands alternative path to employment

By Bethany Blankley
The Center Square

Expanding and improving the nation's apprenticeship programs by getting government out of the way is the goal of a new proposal the Trump administration announced last week.

"To address America's skills gap and expand the apprenticeship model to new industries," the U.S. Department of Labor proposed a new rule under the National Apprenticeship Act. It establishes a process for recognizing Standards Recognition Entities and Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs.

"The Department believes its industry-led, market-driven approach provides the flexibility necessary to scale the apprenticeship model where it is needed most and helps address America's skills gap," the proposed rule states.

According to federal data, more than 90 percent of individuals who participate in apprenticeships find gainful employment during or upon completion of their training.

"With this rule, the Trump administration is signaling that the days of costly, one-size-fits-all approaches are numbered,"

Kristina Rasmussen, vice president of federal affairs at Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA), told The Center Square. "Apprenticeships offer an incredible opportunity, particularly for young workers, to receive quality job training through paid, hands-on experience."

According to research conducted by the FGA, obtaining education credits through on-the-job training apprenticeships helps younger workers obtain gainful employment, increases incomes, and reduces government dependency.

A poll conducted by Cor Strategies Inc. found that the majority of likely voters surveyed support expanded apprenticeships and are more likely to support policymakers who also support them.

Seventy-seven percent of those surveyed approved of individuals receiving licenses to work if they obtain comparable on-the-job training through an apprenticeship, even if they haven't taken formal classes; 66 percent said they would vote for a governor or legislator who made it possible to use an apprenticeship as an alternative path to obtaining licenses.

Enterprise businesses play musical chairs

Same businesses, new locations and owners

By Ellen Morris Bishop
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If Enterprise seems a bit disorienting this week, it's not because your inner compass has failed. Three downtown businesses have just moved to new digs. And all are remaining within a few doors of their previous locations.

Belle Salon is taking up residence two blocks south on Main Street in the old bank building. The Enterprise Flower Shop has moved into what used to be Bee Charmed, just two doors to the north. A new quilt shop will occupy the flower shop's former space. (Confused yet)? And Eagle Cap Wellness is now ensconced in the EM&M space that was temporarily the Enterprise City Hall.

Amy Anton decided to move Belle Salon into the bank building because "... it has much better light. And it also offers some rooms so that customers can have better privacy when they are having their nails done, or pedicures, hair coloring, and other services." Anton is especially happy that the space offers a room for the space offers a room for a "dispensary", where a variety of compounds used by beauticians can be safely stored — one of the requirements for salons in Enterprise. Although her overall space is slightly smaller than her place in the EM&M building, it seems spacious and provides a sitting and waiting area with coffee, tea, and other refreshments for clients. Anton also has space for three more professionals: a beautician, a nail technician and an esthetician who will do facials. As a fourth generation Wallowa County resident, Anton understands the needs and culture of



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The Enterprise Flower Shop has been purchased by Wendy Stewart, and can now be found in the Bee Charmed Marketplace.

folks who live here. This, she says, is her very last move.

Meanwhile, over on South River Street, Wendy Stewart and her family spent the weekend moving the flowers, coolers, and furnishings out of the Enterprise Flower Shop and into what used to be known as Bee Charmed Marketplace, and now is the new/old Enterprise Flower Shop — with Italian sodas, smoothies, and espresso, locally made greeting cards, and much of the merchandise found in Bee Charmed as well. Also, Hank (aka Ferdinand) the French Bulldog will still be available for petting and consultation.

"I've always loved flowers," Stewart said. "I'm so excited to be able to continue this business that's been in Enterprise for a long time." The new Enterprise Flower Shop will fully-engage Stewart's 25 years of experience of floral design and care to serve weddings,

WHERE TO FIND THEM NOW

Belle Salon
200 West Main Street
Enterprise, OR 97828
541 426-2323

**Enterprise Flower Shop/
Bee Charmed Marketplace**
108 South River Street
Enterprise, Oregon
541 426-3693
beecharmedmarketplace.com

Eagle Cap Wellness
117 E Main Street
Enterprise, OR 97828
541 497-3060
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though there will be a delivery charge for places that far away." Along with the flowers, Stewart also carries a wide variety of seeds and indoor green plants.

But don't worry that there might be a vacant storefront on River Street now that the venerable flower shop has moved. The space that was the Enterprise Flower Shop will soon house a new quilt shop.

Acupuncturist Jamie Slagel, MACOM, LAC moved her business, Eagle Cap Wellness, from her cramped second-story quarters within the former Belle Salon site to a more spacious realm right next door in late May. Along the way, she picked up two new practitioners: Acupuncturist Julia Collins, MACON, LAC, who holds a masters degree in Acupuncture from the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, and Bonnie Wickwire, BS, DC, ND who practices both chiropractic and naturopathic medicine.

graduations, parties, and other occasions. "We will deliver to Wallowa, Enterprise, and Joseph," she said. "We'll also deliver to Imnaha and even Troy,

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