

Dog trainers provide lesson in 'obility'

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About a dozen people and their dogs got a lesson in "obility" — obedience and agility — June 25 and 26 in Canyon City.

Prairie City resident Kathy Moss hosted a clinic at Canyon City Park with Bend trainers Flora Steffan, Herd U Needed a Home dog rescue, and agility trainer Carole Mann.

"They made a great team as they shared their experience of the unspoken communication of the canine language from Flora's perspective and the attempt of 'try and achievement' from Carole's experience," Moss said. "Each participant brought their questions, concerns and issues of dog handling and communication to the forefront to be discussed and faced — from trust issues, hyperactivity, to boredom to critiquing finer points of agility and obedience."

Moss said the trainers were full of information from the hundreds of dogs they have worked with. She said the attendees learned to work with the dogs in a positive environment with games and simple challenges for the dogs to accomplish to receive awards.

"In doing so, the dog engages with the owner and becomes more attentive in the partnership



Flora Steffan, from Herd U Needed A Home dog rescue, and agility dog trainer Carole Mann, both of Bend, taught an "obility" — obedience and agility — class June 25 and 26 in Canyon City.

between dogs and people, and the person is more receptive to the dog's attempt of communication and accomplishments," she said.

Moss said the trainers brought their agility equipment, and the dogs worked on tunnels and ramps. She said they also worked on recall and targeting.

This clinic filled up fast, she said, and future clinics will likely be limited to five dogs. Moss said anyone interested in a future clinic or more information about dog training can contact her, 541-620-0746, akmoos12@gmail.com.



Agility dog trainer Carole Mann, left, works with Dustin Dexter, Baker City, and his dog, Chloe, at a training June 25 and 26 in Canyon City.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Taylor Edgar, right, owner of Perfectly Polished Day Spa in John Day works on a manicure with beach-style nails, including a hand-painted anchor and starfish, for her customer Heather Rookstool.

Local day spa offers 'Pampered Paradise'

Taylor Edgar opens new business

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

In need of a day of pampering?

Taylor Edgar has opened Perfectly Polished Day Spa, 140 E. Main St., in downtown John Day.

She offers customized services for nails and skin, with everything from express manicures, pedicures and facials for a quicker visit to in-depth services such as "Pampered Paradise" and other packages.

Pampered Paradise includes a deluxe facial with décolleté massage of the neckline, a deluxe manicure and pedicure, which includes foot bath, massage, scrub, callus removal and polish.

Other services include nail art and French tips. Her gel polish lasts two weeks without chipping and dries right after application.

"There's something about coming in and getting a service done," Edgar said. "It makes you feel refreshed."

She attended Grant Union

High School in John Day, earning her GED a year early.

When she graduated from Phagan's in Bend, she passed the state boards in Salem and began working at Bend Day Spa at the Old Mill District the next day.

After working there for about one year, she made the return to her home town, opening her own business on May 2.

"I love John Day and decided to move back and go out on my own," she said. "I like the lifestyle, and everyone's friendly. I like seeing all the familiar faces."

Edgar said, while growing up, she was happy to give her friends manicures.

"I thought it would be fun to have a career that you actually enjoy," she said. "I like that it's a different thing every day. Everyone has different styles, and I like helping them express their personality and style."

The day spa is open from noon to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Sundays are by appointment only.

Gift certificates are available to purchase in any amount.

For more information or an appointment, call Edgar at 541-620-4966.

Housing assistance available for Grant Co. vets

Veterans can sign up for program locally

By Angel Carpenter
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Veterans at risk of or experiencing homelessness can now apply for supportive assistance locally.

There are \$45,500 in funds available through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program.

"It's a great program," said Veanne Weddle, who is assisting veterans who'd like to apply for the funding. "There's a lot of money there, if we can find people who qualify to spend it on."

Services for those who qualify include: rental assistance, utility-fee payment assistance, deposits (security or utility), moving costs, transportation (public transportation or car repairs), general housing stability assistance and emergency housing assistance.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Head of household, or spouse of head of household, must be a veteran.
- Household annual income cannot exceed 50 percent of the Baker and Grant county median income.
- For Grant County, that amount is \$18,200 for one person, \$20,800 for two or \$23,400 for three.
- Household must be homeless or at imminent risk



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Large American flags, courtesy of American Legion No. 106 of Prairie City, flutter against a clear blue sky at Prairie City Cemetery in honor of Memorial Day.

of becoming homeless.

Homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless is defined as one of the following:

- At risk of losing permanent housing.

• Residing in a "double up" situation.

• Currently living in a shelter or other transitional housing program serving the homeless.

- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.

Though the funds are available for veterans of all ages, Weddle is handling the grant through her position as the Grant County senior programs director.

She also handles other housing programs through Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc.

"I have all the other housing programs. If they're not a veteran, they can call me about the other housing programs," she said. "It's great that there's finally something for our vets at a local level. It's determined at a much lower eligibility."

For more information, including documentation required, contact Weddle at 541-575-2949.

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FRI-THURS (4:20) 7:20 9:35

MIKE & DAVE NEED WEDDING DATES R
Comedy. Two brothers place an online ad to find dates for a wedding and the ad goes viral.
FRI-THURS (4:10) 7:10 9:40

THE LEGEND OF TARZAN PG-13
Tarzan, having acclimated to life in London, is called back to his former home in the jungle to investigate the activities at a mining encampment.
FRI-THURS (4:00) 7:00 9:30

\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

Thank You

to the Long Creek Fire Department and all persons involved in putting out the grass fire at the May Mack place. I am so thankful that no one and no animals were harmed.

Sincerely, Susan Carter



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Chip Seal on U.S. Hwy. 26

Beginning July 11 the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be chip sealing two sections of the John Day Highway (US 26) in Malheur, Baker and Grant counties between mile post 260.8 near Jamieson and mile post 190.93 near Austin Junction. The work is expected to take about three weeks to complete. Project schedule and specific mile post locations are as follows:

July 11 – 22: Chip Seal between mile post 260.8 (near Jamieson) and mile post 220 (about 8 miles east of Unity). This section will take about two weeks.

July 25 – 27: Chip Seal between mile post 190.93 (near Austin Junction) and mile post 199.5 (near Grant/Baker County line). This section is expected to take about 3 days.

TRAVEL IMPACTS: Expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, loose rock on the roadway, flaggers, and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through the work zones. Minor delays may occur during nighttime/early morning hours for road sweeping. Please slow down and watch for construction activities in the area and plan extra travel time during this highway preservation project.

REQUEST TO RANCHERS: To prevent chip rock adhesion problems due to animal waste on the roadway, ODOT is asking ranchers to keep all cattle and other livestock out of the work zones between July 4 and end of July. Animals can be driven on appropriate open range highway sections after the chip seal has been applied.

More information: Tom Strandberg, ODOT Public Information Officer, 541-963-1330, email thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us

Your local ODOT maintenance staff appreciates your support for this project that will help preserve and extend the useful life of the highway surface. THANK YOU!