

Pressure washing service started

Handles buildings and vehicles

By Richard Hanners
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Residents and business owners in Grant County with a heavy-duty cleaning project now have a service to turn to.

Wayne Saul of Mt. Vernon, who grew up in Grant County, has started a mobile pressure-washing business this year called Saul's Pressure Washing.

Mounted on a trailer that can be pulled to a site, his equipment offers hot or cold pressure washing,



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Wayne Saul has started a new mobile pressure washing service in Grant County.

steam-cleaning and surface cleaners for concrete surfaces. "We can clean gutters, decks and patios, and pro-

vide painting preparation and house washing — and more," he said. Saul said he drove to Salt

Lake City to get the trailer with all the equipment ready to go, including a diesel-fired water heater and a gasoline powered water pump that keeps his operation totally self-sufficient.

Saul also will clean vehicles and heavy equipment used for construction or logging. This includes cleaning firefighting vehicles to prevent the spread of noxious weed seeds, he said. The trailer is set up with two washing hoses so two people can work at one time to speed up jobs at a wildfire incident.

"I've been keeping pretty busy so far," he said.

For more information on Saul's Pressure Washing, call 541-620-2282.



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Rachel Sharp, left, and waitress Kendre Littlefield in front of the Silver Spur Cafe in Mt. Vernon. Sharp and her husband, Ty, are the new owners of the cafe.

Bed & breakfast opens in John Day

British ambiance amidst Old West landscape

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The landscape view is Eastern Oregon, but the atmosphere inside at the Victorian Lane Bed & Breakfast in John Day has a slight British flair.

Decorated with fine upcycled furniture and antiques, the home on a ridge high above the John Day Valley features four bedrooms named for places in classic English literature, Andrea Martinez explained.

The Kensington room, named for a park in London featured in James Barrie's well-known children's book "Peter Pan, or The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up," comes with a double bed and a children's bunk bed perched above a playhouse built into an eave of the house.

The Plumfield room, named for the school in Louisa May Alcott's "Little Men," offers two single beds for visitors who want to share a room. A family room with a large-screen television is shared by the four bedrooms.

Andrea and Pete Martinez moved to John Day about four years ago to escape the crowds and pace of Southern California, where Pete worked as an engineer in the aerospace industry. They remodeled the house on 13 acres near the end of Chimney Gulch Road and opened up the bed and breakfast in March 2017.

Visitors can enjoy a spectacular view of Canyon Mountain from the back deck, watch an Old West sunset or peer at the Milky Way through a reflecting telescope.

"We counted more than 30 falling stars during two meteor showers last year," Andrea said.

A piano and guitar in the music room sees some use, but many visitors come to see the Kimberly orchards or the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, to swim at Magone Lake or hike up to Strawberry Lake.

"One group of women came to visit antique and thrift



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Andrea Martinez and her husband, Pete, have opened the Victorian Lane Bed & Breakfast in John Day. The home is well furnished with upcycled items with an English flair.



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Andrea Martinez stands in front of the Victorian Lane Bed & Breakfast at the end of Chimney Gulch Road in John Day.

shops," Andrea said, noting that her website features a list of the local shops.

Visitors at the bed and breakfast have come from Holland, the United Kingdom and Germany. Two couples on motorcycles from the Portland area stopped at Victorian Lane last year on their way to see Hells Canyon, she said.

"Members of the Dutch

TV reality show 'Who's The Mole?' stayed here last year," Andrea said.

She said she was encouraged by news about a sister city relationship being established between John Day and a village in China connected to the Kam Wah Chung Heritage Site, which could draw more visitors to the area.

Guests at the bed and

breakfast are served an afternoon appetizer when they first arrive and a full breakfast in the morning. Breakfast-to-go is available for guests who must depart early, and packed lunches are available on request.

The Victorian Lane Bed & Breakfast is open from the end of February to the end of November. For more information, visit their sites on Facebook and Instagram and online at victorian-lanebnb.com or call 541-286-5548.

New owners take reins of Silver Spur Cafe

Burgers, breakfast and prime rib popular

By Richard Hanners
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Rachel and Ty Sharp are the new owners of the Silver Spur Cafe on Highway 26 in Mt. Vernon.

Longtime residents of Grant County, they reopened the cafe April 8 after it was closed for a few months.

The cafe has been in business for about 40 years under different ownership and names. Rachel worked at the cafe for 13 years.

Open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day of the week, with breakfast available at any time, the cafe is popular with locals but also attracts motorcyclists, bicyclists, hunters and other travelers passing through on their way to John Day, Rachel said.

"Ty and I are bowhunters," she said, adding that word about the cafe will get around.

Prime rib is served every Saturday night, and the breakfast skillet are very

popular, Rachel said, but the cafe also offers a wide variety of burgers — including the ranch, cowboy, bacon-cheese and rodeo.

"That's what we're known for," she said.

Rachel's mother, Kathy, has been helping out at her sister Penny's bakery in Caldwell, Idaho, but will come to Mt. Vernon to start baking at the Silver Spur.

"We'll have pies, cakes, cinnamon rolls, cookies and brownies," Rachel said. "And Danishes for the coffee drinkers that come in early."

The couple has done some painting at the cafe, but remodeling plans are in the works to accommodate electronic gambling machines in the future. They also have plans to get a beer and wine license, which would be new to the cafe, Rachel said.

The Silver Spur Cafe is located at 150 Ingle St. in Mt. Vernon. For more information, visit them on Facebook or call 541-932-4449.

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