

North Coast Handyman knows how to stop the rot

By **EVE MARX**
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Ronnie Klemple and his wife and business manager Denese started North Coast Handyman & Woodworking in June 2017.

“Denese and I had been thinking about starting our own business for years,” the Astoria-based licensed and bonded contractor said.

A New Jersey native, Klemple aspired to come west at a young age. With years of experience working in construction and supervisory experience at a cabinetry company in Eugene — a job that was phased out during the recession — Klemple worked at the Wauna Paper Mill in Clatskanie for six years.

“Denese and I knew we had to have a new plan,” he said.

In addition to managing North Coast Handyman & Woodworking from their home, Denese also runs a small day care program.

“We are rot specialists,” Klemple said. “Rain hits hard in this area. Either through faulty contracting or outdated construction principles, we see window rot, improperly installed windows, rotting decks, porches, roofing, front doors. Rot can start out small, but rot spreads.”



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Klemple and his crew are specialists in that they identify the cause and root of the rot problem.

“We fix it at the source, repair the damage as best we can. Sometimes rot spreads so far you have to pick a stopping point. What we put back is weatherproof particular to the Pacific Northwest.”

The roles in the company are clearly defined. “We have the owner, the manager, and the best friend/

employee,” he said.

The best friend/employee is Charles Bandelt, Klemple’s friend for more than 25 years.

Bandelt, also a New Jersey native with an expertise in house framing, visited his friend on the North Coast and fell in love with the place, eventually relocating his family.

Denese is the company manager in charge of scheduling, organizing estimates, and

handling all the business’s customer communication and bookkeeping. She’s also the administrator of North Coast Handyman & Woodworking’s vibrant Facebook page, which among a gallery of photographs of jobs completed, includes a highly entertaining clip of Ronnie and Charles on the road during a windshield wiper mini-crisis.

North Coast Handyman & Woodworking will provide free estimates to residents



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Ronnie and Denese Klemple display their Construction Contractors Board education course badges at JLC Live Northwest Construction Conference in November.

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from Seaside to Knappa. The company is licensed to work in Washington, doing work in Naselle and Ocean Park.

Klemple says the most rewarding part of his job is giving folks something better than they had.

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North Coast Handyman & Woodworking is taking on projects including rot repair, roofing, siding, decks, porches, stairs and railings, fences, doors, window replacement, and pole barn building. They also do custom cabinetry and custom furniture.

Contact them at 503-440-5758 or message them on Facebook.

Coast HappeningsCalendar

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Friday, Jan. 25

Maggie & the Katz
6:30 p.m., Sweet Basil’s Café, 271 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1539, www.cafesweetbasils.com, no cover, 21+. Maggie & the Katz play blues, soul and rhythm-n-blues.

Texas Hold ’em

7 p.m., American Legion, 1216 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2973, 21+

Wes Wahrmund

6-9 p.m., The Bistro, guitar, 263 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach; 503-436-2661.

Saturday, Jan. 26

North County Pie Day
2:30 p.m., 11th Annual North County Pie Day, White Clover Grange, 36585 OR-53, Nehalem; 503-815-2800.

Danny Delegato

7 p.m., Public Coast Brewing, 264 E. Third St., Cannon Beach.

Sunday, Jan. 27

Aubrie Williams
6-8 p.m., Eclectic soulful presentation, Seasons Deli, 255 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach; 503-436-1159.

Manzanita Film Series

7:30 p.m., Best of PNW Film-maker’s Festival, Hoffman Center, 503-368-3846.

Jesse Leigh Band

9 p.m., Manzanita Lighthouse, live music; 36480 U.S. Highway 101, Manzanita; 503-368-4990.

Monday, Jan. 28

Burgers & Jam

6:30 p.m., American Legion, 1216 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2973. The Legion offers burgers and music on Monday nights.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Protect Your Home

1 p.m., “Lessons Learned from California Fires,” Pine Grove, 225 Laneda, Manzanita; 503-368-7463.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Wednesday Morning Meeting

8 a.m., Hosted by the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, Pizza A’ Fetta, upstairs, 231 N. Hemlock.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Sugar Thistles

5:30-7:30 p.m., folk/pop duo; The Bistro, 263 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach; 503-436-2661.

Friday, Feb. 1

Bill Hayes

5-7 p.m., Cheri’s Cafe, guitar; 239 N. Hemlock, Cannon Beach, 503-436-1129.

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Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre, written by Christopher Durang; 108 N. Hemlock St.; 503-436-1242.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Oyster Feed

5 p.m., American Legion, 1216 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2973, www.cannon-beachpost168.org, \$17. American Legion offers an oyster feed and fish dinner, sides and take out available.

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Sunday, Feb. 3

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3 p.m., Coaster Theatre, written by Christopher Durang; 108 N. Hemlock St.; 503-436-1242.

Aubrie Williams

6-8 p.m., eclectic soulful presentation, Seasons Deli, 255 N.

Hemlock, Cannon Beach; 503-436-1159.

Monday, Feb. 4

Burgers & Jam

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Tuesday, Feb. 5

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