

Business Notes

Metal products company moves to Banks location



North American Metals plant is on Sellers Road in Banks.

North American Metals, Inc. manufactures metal roofing and siding products, custom sheet metal work, gutter products, even cannonball horse stalls. As outside salesman Leland Fields describes it, "We have everything needed to build a pole barn, except the wood."

The new Banks company's biggest seller may be the metal roofing that comes stock in 16 painted colors plus copper and galvanized finishes, or can be done in custom colors. North American Metals, Inc. developed a special high quality paint system that incorporates nylon beads and provides for 25 years of slip, scratch and stain resistant beauty. The metal itself will hold up for 50 years or better.

According to the Metal Construction Association, "no other roofing material has greater ability to withstand a wider range of weather conditions." Metal roofs usually contain 25 to 95 percent recycled content and are fully recyclable themselves, making for a very environmentally friendly roofing alternative, while weighing from 1/3 to 1/8 less than other roofing materials.

North American Metals, Inc. was started in Hillsboro in 1987 by President Mike Applebee, though commercially produced metal roofing systems have been available since about 1910. Applebee started installing gutters after high school and was buying large coils of material which needed

cutting. Once he figured out how to work with the material, he found more and more applications. The company's move to Banks in July, 2003, brought the job closer to home (Banks), where the five Applebee children go to school.

With 15 employees, most with many years of experience, North American Metals, Inc. offers superior products and services with a faster order time than other similar businesses. On the custom metal side, they can provide 'sticks' up to 26 feet, 4 inches long, rather than the usual 10 inch 'sticks.' Job delivery with hydraulic booms is also available in their service area, which includes Oregon, Washington, N. California and Idaho.

For metal products, North American Metals, Inc. is ready to serve both commercial installers and homeowners. Fields wants everyone to feel "welcome to come out to the big blue building" located at 15869 NW Sellers Road in Banks. North American Metals, Inc. is open to the public Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tours can be arranged by calling 503-844-8688.

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