

Business Notes

Groomer ready to make area dogs look beautiful

There's a new business in Vernonia and it's already gone to the dogs. Bandito Grooming started offering grooming services at Creatures on July 1.

Teia Hassey, owner/operator of Bandito Grooming, has been grooming dogs "all her life." She has two aunts who show and groom dogs and she started helping out at an early age. She has also groomed horses for dressage, English and western riding and was a professional horse trainer until about six years ago.

Hassey, who will partner with the owner of Creatures, says her goal is to increase business there and to keep taking classes to keep her skills up-to-date to give the best possible service to her grooming clients. "I'm really proud to be able to help the animals and improve their health through grooming services such as by clipping their nails," said Hassey.

Hassey lives just this side of Mist with her husband, four dogs, four cats, two horses (and another on the way), on a seven acre farm with a large garden, fruit trees and a hayfield to keep her busy when she



Teia Hassey

is not grooming dogs.

"Pets are family and I always treat them that way," Hassey says and this is reflected in her business motto, "Where pets are family." In fact, her business is named after one of her family's dogs. Yes, you guessed it, the dog's name is Bandito.

Bandito Grooming is currently accepting new clients of all sizes and breeds. To make an appointment for your pooch, stop in Creatures at 736 Bridge St., Vernonia, or call 503-429-PETS (7387).

CCB suspends construction contractor

On July 2, the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) issued an emergency suspension to Rob's Custom Interiors, Inc. of Portland directing the business to immediately cease construction contractor activities. Rob's Custom Interiors, Inc. is operating in the Manzanita and Rockaway Beach area.

The corporate officers of Rob's Custom Interiors, Inc. are Robert D. Moore of Port-

land and Bradley L. Thomas of West Linn.

Moore and Thomas each have previous CCB licenses with outstanding construction debt. Moore's dispute resolution debt is over \$5000 and Thomas owes more than \$13,000 in civil penalties.

The CCB may suspend a license without hearing if there are sufficient findings that there is a serious danger to the public welfare, including conduct

More on beginning of 2006 fire season

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ducted recently, especially any heavy accumulations of piled woody debris. These areas are known to hold hot spots that can come to life under warm and windy conditions. Mike Simek, protection unit forester with the Department of Forestry, says our local fire season is predicted to be average. "It largely depends on what mother nature hands to us over the next four months. The current high temperatures, winds and low humidity certainly put a kick start to the fire season," said Simek.

Fire season typically builds to a peak in late summer with

spikes in the fall during dry east winds periods. Fire officials urge everyone to use good fire prevention practices whether working or playing in the forests or other areas of flammable vegetation.

For information regarding current public and industrial regulations in effect on local forests, contact the Columbia City office, Oregon Department of Forestry at 503-397-2636.

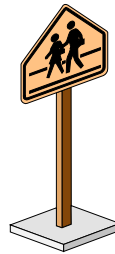
The state declaration is also enforced in populated areas served by rural fire districts. For more information, call the district where you reside. Vernonia Fire District, 503-429-8252. Mist-Birkenfeld Fire District,

503-755-2710. Banks Fire District, 503-324-6262.

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May unemployment sits at an adjusted 5.9 percent

Columbia County's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 5.9 percent in May. The rate was about the same as the statewide rate of 5.6 percent but higher than the national rate of 4.6 percent. Total employment in the county rose by

107 from April and the number of unemployed people decreased by 30. Total employment was 21,907 in May and 1,278 people were unemployed.

May 2005's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 7.5 percent. Total employment

this May was 559 greater than one year before and 337 fewer people were unemployed.

Unemployment rates for other counties can be found at <http://www.qualityinfo.org/olmij/AllRates>.