

PROGRESS 2007

B and B Bedding: The wholesale leader for landscaping and livestock bedding products

B and B Bedding, Inc. located just south of Oskaloosa, recycles wood waste into products for the landscape industry and the livestock bedding industry.

B and B co-owner Ann Brouwer describes the business.

"Our primary focus is wholesaling materials to landscapers and garden centers," explained Brouwer.

The company continues to grow and B and B has expanded their operations. They've added a mulch bagging facility in Centerville, Ark., and are preparing to add a soil line, including topsoil, potting mixes and compost, to the Oskaloosa facility.

B and B Bedding ships up to thirty semi-loads per day from their Oskaloosa plant and up to twenty loads per day from their co-packing facilities. In addition, the Oskaloosa location is capable of producing seven semi-loads of bagged mulch materials per shift.

Ann Brouwer said that B and B has also added a new holding yard, in addition to their existing holding areas. "We move a lot of our material by rail and truck into areas closer to our markets, so that we can better service our markets. We have hold-



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B and B Bedding is located just south of Oskaloosa.

ing areas in Chicago and Council Bluffs Iowa, in addition to here in Oskaloosa," said Brouwer.

Along with their Oskaloosa plant, the company also operates a pine bark processing operation in Ripley, Miss., and is a partner in TLC Premium Bedding, which produces livestock bedding.

TLC Premium Bedding bales southern yellow pine for show animal owners and farm centers at plants in Centerville and Ripley. The baled shavings are available to livestock producers at B and B's Oskaloosa location.

The company is owned

and operated by Cornie and Ann Brouwer of Oskaloosa. Dave Vos is the Head of Maintenance, Kimberly Claypool is the Logistics Manager, Doug Kline is the Production Manager, Jon McClain is the Sales Manager, Karen Kauffman and Dawn Kilgus are the Accounts Managers, and Kris Langrebe is the Office Manager. In addition to these key personnel, the company employs up to 25 people, depending on the season. Cornie and Ann would like to thank all of their valued employees, customers, suppliers, and vendors!

Alan Adams Photography: diverse photography since 1976

When looking for a well-established photographer in South Central Iowa, one has to look no farther than Alan Adams Photography on the northside of the Oskaloosa square. Just one step into his shop, and you can see the wide variety and diversity of pictures available by Adams.

Adams has been on the square since 1976 when he opened his photography business. He and his wife operate the business.

"It has always been a family business," Adams said.

Adams' highly trained eye gives each photo a unique look, and his warm personality makes the photo session very comfortable. Having your pictures taken professionally may not be your favorite thing to do, but Adams and his staff make the process very easy, even for those who are camera shy.

In addition, Adams works hard to keep his equipment,

as well as his techniques as up-to-the-minute as he can.

"Digital is more convenient for the customers. Digital cameras give an edge," Adams said. "They let me be more creative and I can do some really cool stuff."

And some of those things have become very popular items in Adams' shop. For example, with the new digital technology, it is much easier to enhance photographs in several different ways.

Over the past year, Adams has added digitally designed albums that can take one's pictures and put them in an album in a new and creative way.

Adams said that this has been received well, but he knows that there are those customers that still prefer the traditional matte-type photo albums.

"For people that like traditional stuff, we're still capable of doing that, or if

people want the high-tech creative look, we can do that too," he said. "Either way."

Adams also provides a wide variety of other photo types, including wedding portraits, children's portraits, art blocks, which consist of a number of photos grouped together into one block, and of course senior portraits.

In addition to taking the photos, Adams is also able to do copy and restoration of old photographs. Adams says that if you have a photo you would like redone, he can make it look like new.

Photography sessions should be scheduled well in advance, especially for weddings. Alan Adams Photography is located at 105 High Avenue E, and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, and anytime by appointment. To make an appointment or for more information, call the studio at (641) 673-3471.

Creations from the Heart in business since 1999

Creations from the Heart Floral is one of three floral shops in Oskaloosa. They have been in business since 1999. It's a mother and daughter duo, Mary Lynch and Angela Plate. They add John Lynch when they are in need of extra help.

In 2003, customer demands increased, so they expanded their Floral shop into a One Stop Shop for flowers, prom and weddings. Including in home service for funeral flowers, rental lines (as well as buy lines) for wedding and prom with all the accessories.

Now, Lynch and Plate look forward to prom every year. We love having the kids in. "The kids are just great." They also donate \$10 of every dress sold and \$5 of every tux sold goes to the kids' after prom party. They serve anywhere from 10 to 12 schools.

Three years ago, they put up a new building just north of Vanderwilt Park and the new bike trail on Laveen Ave. However, since moving, business hasn't slowed down. If anything, business has picked up in large part due to having a home coun-

try atmosphere, and adding a Web site for customers far and near. In fact, one such request recently came from Iraq as a soldier's grandfather passed away and he wanted flowers to honor his loved one at the funeral.

Mary has worked as a sub-postal carrier for 10 years, and Angie is involved with her children in the Christian school as well as youth counselor, and Sunday School teacher. They do very very well balancing everything and enjoying all the kids and customers.

Maple Ridge Assisted Living adds apartments

Maple Ridge Assisted Living is celebrating an eleven-apartment addition to their facility. They opened it in mid February and have only a few rooms left to rent. They also added a rec room that has a pool table and a game table for all to enjoy.

"The residents and their friends and families have

enjoyed the new addition to our facility. They enjoy having the building totally enclosed so they can enjoy walks all the way around the inside."

Maple Ridge assisted living offers an alternative living style for seniors that don't feel that they can stay at home but aren't quite

ready for the services of a nursing home. The residents enjoy three meals a day, bathing and medication assistance and a great variety of activities. If anyone would like to visit Maple Ridge, please come any time and take a look around or contact Carri Stone at 672-1090.

Pat Richards provides insurance since 1986

Pat Richards has been a State Farm Insurance agent in Oskaloosa since 1986. Her business has become well respected in the community over the years, providing all lines of personal and business insurance, State Farm Bank, Assurant Health and Humana Medicare Advantage Plans and

Prescription Drug Plans. Pat has been actively involved in the community having served on boards for the Chamber, Chamber Diplomats, League of Women Voters, YMCA, Optimist Club and Mahaska Health Partnership (MHP).

The number one goal of Pat Richards and her licensed

staff associate Amy Larkin is to make friendliness and customer satisfaction their trademark through professional insurance advice and unmatched Good Neighbor service. Pat says, "Most people want a local agent and not an 800 number. We're her in Oskaloosa to provide that personal service."

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