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B and B Bedding: The wholesale leader for landscaping, 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. They have added a soil line, including topsoil, potting mixes and compost. They are currently putting in a screening plant 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 holding 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 pro-

ducers 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!

Decor & More turns your dreams into reality

With all the decorating shows and glossy magazines available these days, they tempt most of us with a desire to make our home look just like that, but with our lack of talent and artistic knack to get it done, what do we do? Call Kathy at Decor & More.

Kathy Harrington, owner and designer of Decor & More, can make those dreams turn into reality with the ease of an experienced expert. Kathy has over 15 years experience in interior decorating and it's obvious that she not only knows what she's doing, but she enjoys it.

Kathy's business offers not only design consulting,

but she can obtain whatever you need to complete the project. From custom-designed furniture, to artwork, special lighting features, floral designs, area rugs and a number of unique decor accessories that perfectly complete a room or space.

Whether you are redesigning your living room, bedroom or kitchen, Kathy can walk into the room with a smile on her face and a sparkle of excitement in her eyes. By adding a throw to your couch, an area rug that brings out your favorite colors, or a simple end table that pulls everything together, it is obvious that

she loves her work.

Kathy works with area businesses like Donna's Upholstery and Logan House Pottery in some of her interior designs.

Effective April 1, Kathy is going to be even more accessible to her customers. She has decided to relocate her showroom into a smaller building and work mostly out of her home.

You can reach Kathy on her cell phone number (641) 891-2115 or send her an email at dkh@iowatelecom.net.

Let Kathy show you what she can do to turn your home dreams into your reality.

Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp serves Oskaloosa since 1866

Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel has served the Oskaloosa area since 1866, when Jonas B. McCurdy began J.B. McCurdy & Co. Furniture and Undertaking.

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Personalization remains the current trend in funeral service today, especially with the advent of the computer and the technology associated with it.

We now can do more than ever before to make the funeral service a distinctive expression of love and remembrance. In fact, many times families tell us that putting together a photo board or gathering photos for a video tribute allows them to reminisce, recalling a lifetime of memories.

Music is another aspect of the funeral service that provides an expression of faith, love and hope. Songs, old or new, hold a special meaning in families.

Pre-planning or pre-arranging funerals also remains a strong trend in the funeral industry. A new

booklet is available for individuals taking the first steps in preparing for their final arrangements.

Pre-funding final arrangements also remains a strong trend and there are several options available. After discussing your situation and wishes with the funeral director, together a plan can be created that best meets your individual needs.

Information about Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel can also be found by calling (641) 672-2181 or on the Internet at www.gvlfuneralchapel.com.

Haircuts, Etc.: A cut above the rest

With 24 years of service, experience is the key to a successful business. Haircuts, Etc. has been in business since April 1984, when sisters, Vickie Beecher and Cindy Bihn, began their venture. As the company has grown, so have its scope of products and services.

"My sister and I started as a partnership and we have grown," Bihn said. "We have experienced stylists who care about the people they serve."

Sheryl Wright has been with Haircuts, Etc. for 18 years. Sheryl takes pride in her specialty of pedi-

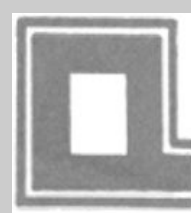
cures. Kelli McBurney has been on staff for 16 years, she specializes in cuts. Kristi Waite is the newest stylist to join the gals and keeps in touch with the new trends in cuts and color for the youthful clientele. Cindy is a full-service stylist and Vickie is the acrylic nail expert.

Services offered by Haircuts, Etc. include their expertise in all forms of cutting, coloring, facial waxing, perms, manicures and pedicures. There are many products available to maintain your hairstyle.

They also do children and mens' haircuts. "Kids

are always welcome. We have a play area for them while they are here," Bihn said.

Haircuts, Etc. is committed to providing top-notch service and products to its customers. They are located north of Oskaloosa on Highway 63, just across from KBOE Radio. They are open Monday through Friday with evening appointments available. They are open for prom hair and special occasions on Saturdays, by appointment only. Call 673-5960 to make your appointment today.



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