

DISPATCHES

Bivwak LLC has launched its online outdoor equipment marketplace at www.bivwak.com. The site offers consumers and merchants the ability to sell new and used outdoor gear online. Listing items and advertising is free. A 5 percent fee will be charged on successful transactions.

Emerald Ranch is open for the summer at 68020 Cloverdale Road, in Sisters. The ranch offers summer horse-riding classes, camps and private lessons for children with a new head instructor, Erin Deggendorfer. Deggendorfer, a Sisters native, has experience working at various ranches and coaching the Sisters High School equestrian team. The ranch is open Tuesday through Thursday and by appointment the rest of the week.

DANI Inc. has moved its manufacturing and business operations to 63067 Plateau Drive, in Bend. The new location offers a 12,500-square-foot space and features renewable, recyclable and recycled materials.

Kubota Image Tools has moved to 19855 Fourth St., Suite 105, in Bend. The new space is twice the size as the company's original office. Kubota Image Tools also is located with Kubota Photo Design, AsukaBook USA and Red Beet Design. An open house will begin today at 5:30 p.m.

HiLine Homes is open at 150 S.W. Fourth St., in Redmond. It is the homebuilder's first location in Central Oregon. HiLine Homes built 900 homes last year and has other locations throughout Oregon and Washington.

Singing Sparrow Flowers is open at 1465 S.W. Knoll Ave., Suite 102, in Bend. The flower shop also sells fine accessories, gift items, wine and truffles.

John and Susan Scott, of Bend, and Lesa Stewart, also of Bend, have started Internet travel businesses **Central Oregon Accommodations and Travel** and **YTB-Lovin' the Travel**, respectively. The businesses offer travel-booking services, and say they also can help others open Internet travel businesses and help nonprofits expand fundraising through opening an online travel site. Central Oregon Accommodations and Travel also provides Bend home- and condo-booking services. Visit www.saveontravelbiz.com or www.ytbtravel.com/loveinthetravel.

Palmer Homes, a Bend-based homebuilder that has been building homes in Central Oregon for nearly 30 years, has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Palmer Homes received the 2008 Energy Star Leadership in Housing award, which recognizes energy-efficient construction. Palmer Homes built more than 50 Energy Star-qualified homes last year. Collectively, the homes will save customers approximately \$31,290 on utility bills each year.

Seventh Mountain Resort has been named to the 2008 Expedia Insiders' Select list. The list recognizes lodging properties worldwide that offer excellent service, experience and value. The list represents about 1 percent of the almost 80,000 hotel properties offered by Expedia.

The Hasson Company Realtors, with an office in Bend, has been ranked No. 1 in the nation for highest average sales volume per agent for firms with more than 200 agents in RISMedia's 20th annual Power Broker Report & Survey.

