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McMinnville Green is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is (931) 259-3301.

"When I first started, I never pictured I'd have this much stuff going on," said John while surveying his very packed front lot. He says an upcoming push by community leaders will be to get more small businesses involved in recycling.

GROOMED FOR SUCCESS

Dana King will treat your dog like royalty at her new grooming service called Kritter Groomin'. It's located inside the boarding kennels at Kamp Kritter, located at 266 Shady Rest Road across from the VFW.

Dana got her start in the grooming business as a child growing up in Florida. While in elementary school, she helped a neighbor with her groom mobile

groom-mobile.

"It was a mobile van that went house to house and was really very popular," said Dana. "There was a tub in the van and it was really convenient for older people who couldn't get their dog out of the house. We'd come to them."

Dana says no dog is too

big, or too small.

"A lot of groomers shy away from the bigger dogs, but I'm a Great Dane, Saint Bernard type of girl," she said. "One thing I want to say upfront is I require all dogs to have their shots before I groom them. I lose clients over this, but for me if they don't have their shots, they have to go

somewhere else. I want all owners to feel comfortable when they bring their dogs here. They shouldn't worry that they might come in contact with a dog that hasn't had its shots."

Dana is an animal lover who has devoted much of her life to their care. She has a degree in animal science, has worked at a veterinarian's office, and has 25 years of grooming experience. This experience includes grooming a pig.

"My daughter is in 4-H and we've spent a lot of time grooming a pig before a show," said Dana. "If you're going to show pigs, they have to look their Sunday best and they actually have a lot of hair."

Getting bitten by a dog would seem like a natural danger of the job. Surprisingly, Dana says she has only been bitten once really hard and that was by a cocker spaniel.

"You learn to read the dog and you know when they mean business," said Dana. "Most of the time they bite because they're scared. Once they know you're not going to hurt them, it's OK."

If you'd like to see what Dana can do for the look of your dog, or just want a cooler cut for the summer, Kritter Groomin' can be reached at (931) 703-4517.

MUSCETTA EXPANDS KAMP KRITTER

After I finished gathering information about Dana's dog grooming service, Kamp Kritter owner Tim Muscetta took a few minutes to show me around his business to point out some new offerings



Jo Jo the dog gets ready for summer with a haircut from Dana King of Kritter Groomin'. Dana has nearly 25 years of experience in the dog grooming business and can be reached at (931) 703-4517.

pet cemetery which is available for anyone searching for a final resting place for a beloved pet. A stone marker signifies the spot where your fourlegged friend is buried.

"They can come by any time to visit," said Tim, who also has a backhoe and is available to bury large farm animals for \$50 an hour with a fourhour minimum.

As for the boarding kennel itself, Tim wants to advertise he accepts all types of animals.

"If I can get it through the door and it won't bite my head off like a Bengal tiger then I'll let it stay," said Tim. His busiest week ever came over spring break 2016 when



Longtime dog kennel owner Tim Muscetta has added Shady Rest Pet Cemetery to his business. He can be reached at 668-8245.

he boarded 20 dogs, one pot-bellied pig, a parrot, four geckos, and six pythons at the same time.

reached by calling 668-

ACCOLADES FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT

If you'd like the peace of mind of watching your home from your cellphone while you're away, give Security Equipment a call. Business owner Ken Roberts says he is more than capable of providing a security system to meet your needs.

A more than 40-yearold company, Security Equipment is in the news because it's one of only 45 companies to achieve status as a Platinum Dealer for Honeywell, one of the largest security-related companies in the world. The distinction is for North American dealers, which includes Canada, Mexico and the U.S.

"Fire alarm equipment has become a huge part of our business," said Ken. "We service schools all over Middle and East Tennessee, enough to keep several full-time employees doing nothing but inspecting schools this time of year because they all want to be inspected over the summer when kids are gone."

Security Equipment headquarters is in McMinnville. There's also a full-service office in Knoxville. Ken says the company has about 25 employees at both locations.

"It's surprising how far our people travel because we serve so much of the state," said Ken. "We go from Chattanooga on up to the Kentucky border."

Due to a high volume of business, Ken says he is looking to find a couple more qualified technicians who he can put to work immediately. "We're like the Marines. We're looking for a few good men," said Ken.

When it comes to home security, Ken says internet-based systems are what everyone wants because they can be accessed through a cellphone. Security Equipment is available for residential and com-

mercial projects.

If you'd like to buy your system from a company that's earned Platinum Dealer status from Honeywell, Security Equipment can be reached at 473-6300.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

It's not too early to start thinking about *Southern Standard's* annual Banana Day on Friday, June 22 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Stop by our office for your free banana split and pick up a discount subscription in the process.



