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Woman finds a niche doing jobs for others

From buying groceries to organizing closets

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Many people are just too busy these days for their own good -- and that's fine with Mandy Leeuwen.

The White Marsh resident has opened BizEBodies, a business doing odd jobs that the over-scheduled can't get around to.

The 26-year-old woman, who holds a degree in public relations, has hired an employee to assist her after just eight months in business.

For advertising, Leeuwen said she has used the consumer Web site Craig's List, releases to local newspapers and her Web site www.bizebodieserrands.com to generate a clientele of 20 weekly customers and others on a less-regular basis.

She estimated her active roster at 60 accounts.

She does chores like walking dogs, scanning business cards into a computer and picking up dry cleaning from the Washington suburbs to the Baltimore area. Her charge is \$25 per hour, including travel time.

"I cater to high-end people, people who are willing to pay me that for whatever they need done," she said.

Her husband, Greg, did the Web site, she said. The two live on Pickens Court.

She said her most interesting jobs have included test-driving a Range Rover for a man who provided her with a checklist, and doing outdoor decoration at the house of a woman turning 40 whose sister in Michigan wanted to surprise her.

For that job, she placed buzzards on sticks all over the yard and over-40 labels on the house.

"I bet she still doesn't know who did it," Leeuwen said.

Even stay-at-home mothers need help, she said.

"How are they supposed to go grocery shopping with three little kids?" Leeuwen asked.

A growing number of requests come from people wanting help in organizing their homes, from closets to bedrooms and home offices.

"Anything that is time-consuming or tedious, that's when they call," she said.