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The Empire Car Wash on Empire Avenue is scheduled to open in March.

What's Going Up?

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What: Empire Car Wash

Where: 20425 Empire Ave., at Sherman Road

Owners: Rick Lane and Larry Dolezal

Architect: Gary Johansen, Bend

General contractor: Richter Brothers, Sisters

Engineer: ZCS Engineering, Bend

Details: A new \$1 million car wash is going up on the north end of Bend.

Partners Larry Dolezal and Rick Lane are building the Empire Car Wash on part of the 2.7-acre parcel they own at the site of the old Tom Tom Diner at Empire Avenue and U.S. Highway 20.

The building, complete with a clock tower, will house an automatic car wash with three bays for detailing, Lane said. It won't offer detailing when it opens in early March, but the service will likely be added later, Lane said.

All of the car wash's wastewater will be cycled through an oil/water separator. It will use biodegradable soaps, and much of the water will be recycled, Lane said. Solar panels on the roof will help power it.

- *David Fisher*