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From left: Aubree Vance, forensic interviewer and prevention specialist; Annie Hanley and Ashley Vance, crisis counselors.



Small Talk Where small voices can be heard

Anationally accredited child advocacy center, Small Talk provides a safe, comfortable, child-friendly place to guide children through the trauma of abuse.

At Small Talk, professionals in the fields of child protection, law enforcement, prosecution, mental health, medicine and victim advocacy work together to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable—and help children heal.

“We facilitate hope and growth,” says Alex Brace, MA, LPC, executive director and crisis counselor. “Children have the opportunity to use their voice to help themselves heal.”

The seeds of Small Talk were sown in 2011, when concerned community members, including law enforcement and prosecutors, believed there “had to be a better way” to help children during the abuse investigation and beyond. As one young victim’s parent put it, said Alex, “What now?”

A collaboration of concerned parties set out to create an answer to that question.

Partnering with the Michigan chapter of the National Children’s Alliance, they began a child advocacy center with

Alex as its first employee, counseling children in a donated space in the Ingham County prosecutor’s office. By 2014, the organization was able to move to its own space. And in January 2016, with the support of founders, staff, board, professionals and community partners, Small Talk moved into its state-of-the-art center in Delhi Township.

Today, Small Talk has three licensed therapists/crisis counselors and a forensic interviewer/prevention specialist. Awareness is a critical piece of child abuse prevention, says Alex, so Small Talk is active in raising community awareness.

“We know we have to be reactive,” he says, “but we want to be proactive, too.”

Small Talk is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, and provides its intake and counseling services at no cost. Its operating budget is sustained through grants and donations.

Small Talk Children’s Assessment Center is at 3400 Pine Tree Road, Suite 106, Lansing, 517.253.0728, smalltalkcac.org.



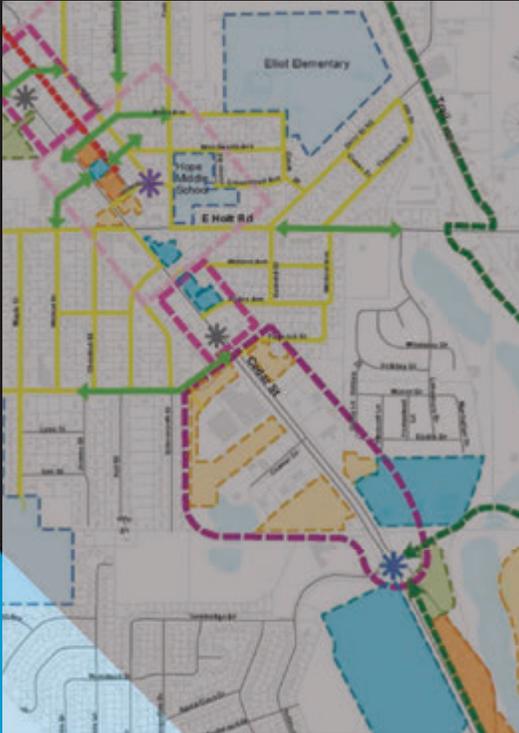
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Realize Cedar

Project will create distinctive town center



Realize Cedar is a redevelopment plan for Cedar Street—a new vision designed to improve infrastructure and create a town center with unique character and charm.

“We’re striving to create a ‘sense of place’ in the downtown area,” said Delhi Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director Howard Haas, “where residents and businesses can mingle in a walkable town center.” And, he added, a place that will help attract new businesses to the area.

Described as “the future of Holt,” the project plan was developed—after gathering public input—by a township steering committee in conjunction with community planning and design firm McKenna Associates. The Delhi Township Planning Commission adopted the plan on Oct. 24, 2016, after a public hearing, and the Board of Trustees accepted the plan on Nov. 1, 2016.

“Cedar Street and downtown Holt have been a focal point of Delhi Township planning for more than 20 years,” said Haas. “Multiple studies have supported its redevelopment.”

Although some redevelopment has been done in the past, Haas noted, the Realize Cedar initiative includes updated traffic studies, design solutions and market data.

Funding for the project will *not* come from tax increases or special assessments, Haas emphasized. The Township will pay for its portion of the infrastructure changes with DDA funds (tax dollars recaptured by the DDA that would otherwise leave the township for regional entities) and the project is also eligible for grant funding and federal dollars.

The Delhi Charter Township website offers extensive information about Realize Cedar—including the plan itself, the traffic study, a video vision of the redeveloped Cedar Street area, FAQs, project status updates and more. We invite you to visit delhitownship.com and click on Realize Cedar on the homepage to learn more!

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Lance Rice and his team work closely with clients from the beginning of the project to the end and beyond...

Today's workers are more mobile, social and collaborative—a shift that challenges organizations to rethink their work spaces. NBS Commercial Interiors helps answer that challenge.

By skillfully integrating architecture, furniture and audiovisual technologies, NBS creates workplaces that optimize space, encourage collaboration and improve productivity and wellbeing.

With in-house divisions including furniture, construction, floorcovering, commercial cleaning and audiovisual specialists, “We can do the complete office,” says Lance Rice, general manager of the NBS office in Delhi Township. And its “working showroom” enables clients to experience furniture and design solutions in real office settings.

A 40-year Steelcase dealer, NBS takes advantage of the manufacturer's advanced research and innovative products to create solutions for organizations large and small, from corporate to education to health care. Some of its high-profile local projects include Lansing Community College and C2AE, an architecture and engineering firm.

Rice and his team work closely with clients from the beginning of the project to the end and beyond, staying in touch even after completion to ensure the client is satisfied.

“We pride ourselves on service and follow-through,” he says.

NBS is at 3201 Pine Tree Road, Suite A, Lansing, 517.886.0072, yournbs.com.





Chloe, Holt location manager

The Judgment Free Zone[®]

There are few things as intimidating as walking into a fitness club and feeling like you don't belong there. That's why Planet Fitness is passionate about being "The Judgment Free Zone"—an environment where you can relax, go at your own pace, and feel comfortable asking for help.

"It's wonderful when people can come in and not have to think, 'I'm too this or too that' to be here," says Holt Planet Fitness manager Chloe Levitt. "You're not 'too' anything!"

Chloe says the club is a welcoming environment for people of all ages, abilities and levels of fitness—whether they just want to do their own thing on the treadmill, take advantage of the club's unlimited fitness training programs, or just ask for a little help from time to time. As the Planet Fitness website puts it, "If you're in our house, you deserve a little cred just for being there."

Holt's Planet Fitness opened in October in the former L&L space. It offers more than 100 state-of-the-art fitness cardio and weight machines, fully equipped locker rooms, massage chairs and hydromassage beds and more, all for a basic membership of just \$10 per month. It's also open and staffed 24/7 (holiday exceptions posted on the website) so members can fit in a workout whenever it's convenient.

Membership details are available on the Planet Fitness/Holt website, and it's quick and easy to join online or in person at the facility.

Planet Fitness is at 2380 Cedar Street, 694.5500, planetfitness.com.



A look back at the Delhi Township Pioneer Cemetery project

Delhi Township's Pioneer Cemetery is aptly named. Established in 1853 and listed in the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites, it is the resting place of more than 200 of our township's earliest residents.

In 2010, the Delhi DDA launched an improvement project to replace the crumbling wall around the cemetery and upgrade the site's overall appearance. A new stone retaining wall, stone steps to the cemetery's entrance and new landscaping now grace the historic site.

Pioneer Cemetery is on North Aurelius Road north of Cedar Street.



Before



During



After

Open “summer hours” all year!

Come on in, the weather's great inside the market!

Holt Farmers Market has extended its longer summer hours throughout the whole year, and is now open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

To learn more, to volunteer or to inquire about becoming a vendor, please call Holt Farmers Market Manager Chuck Grinnell at 517.268.0024.

Holt Farmers Market is at 2150 Cedar Street, Holt, 517.268.0024, holtfarmersmarket.org.



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If you're reading this, you've already discovered HOLTNow.com — also home to Ram Quarterly, Delhi Neighbor, and the Holt Community Education newsletter.

But did you know HOLTNow is also on Facebook? Be sure to follow us! You'll get previews of current articles and local happenings in our community. Please check out our page at <https://www.facebook.com/HOLTNow/> — and be sure to recommend it to your friends!

Sophisticated, reliable equipment for environmental professionals

Unfortunately, today's world comes with an abundance of air, soil and groundwater contaminants. Fortunately, Geotech Environmental Equipment, Inc., is a leader in providing equipment to detect, monitor and remediate these hazards.

Denver-based Geotech has designed and manufactured environmental equipment since 1978, when it partnered with the U. S. Geological Survey in developing products and technologies. In 1999, Geotech acquired Keck Instruments, then of Williamston, and moved its Michigan service center to Delhi Township three years ago.

With its proximity to highways, Geotech's Michigan service center is easily accessible for clients, says local general manager Eric Sanchez. And client support is what the local service centers are all about. Not only does Geotech sell and rent the industry's most comprehensive line of quality environmental equipment, it offers free ongoing product training, support through the lifetime of the equipment—and highly skilled account managers who understand both the equipment and the client's needs.

The Delhi service center currently has six employees. "There are a few of us doing many things," says Eric. Still, Geotech's large inventories enable immediate shipment to its many service centers. And the personal service of the account managers ensures client comfort with and mastery of even the most advanced equipment.

Geotech is at 3125 Pine Tree Road, Suite 3D, Lansing, 800.275.5325, geotechenv.com.

Left to right: Andy Van Halst, Alex Sanchez, Eric Sanchez, Paul Stoin and Mark Curtis





The doctors and staff at Holt Eye Care.

Holt Eye Care

“It shouldn’t be stressful for people to have an exam or to have glasses. We want to do everything we can to make eye care less hassle.”

— Brian Houser, O.D.



When *Our Town* last visited Holt Eye Care, co-owners Brian Houser, O.D., and his wife, Amy Cousineau, O.D., were preparing to move to a new, larger location. Now, in January 2017, the practice is celebrating its 15th anniversary.

“We’re bigger and busier,” says Dr. Houser. “We’re kind of excited about where we’ve been and where we’re going.”

That includes advanced instruments and technology that help the doctors check the entire visual system and detect conditions such as dry eye, cataracts, macular degeneration and glaucoma. In fact, says Houser, many times there are ocular symptoms that may suggest an overall health concern such as diabetes, high blood pressure, lupus, or rheumatoid arthritis.

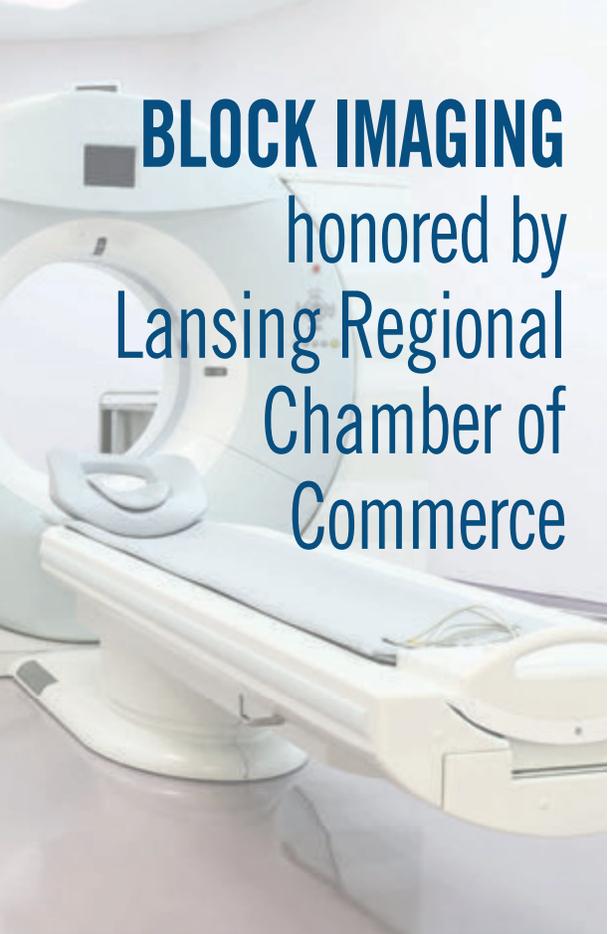
“It is our job as optometrists to monitor the health of your eyes as well as your overall well-being,” he said.

Of course, proper fit and function—and yes, appearance—of eyewear is important, too. Improved technologies in frames and lenses, along with more custom frames and unique designs, help set Holt Eye Care apart, Houser says.

Now with a staff of 14 doctors at the Holt location (the couple also own two Draper Eyewear offices in Lansing), Houser hopes to continue to grow the practice and improve its efficiencies in helping patients.

“It shouldn’t be stressful for people to have an exam or to have glasses,” he says. “We want to do everything we can to make eye care less hassle.”

Holt Eye Care is at 2040 North Aurelius Road, Suite 20, Holt, 699.3937, holteyecare.com.



BLOCK IMAGING honored by Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce

Block Imaging of Holt has been recognized by the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce with a Celebration of Regional Growth (CORG) Award. Established by the Chamber in 2005, CORG honors organizations that have made major financial investments in our regional economy.

Block Imaging received the CORG Award at the Nov. 17 Lansing Economic Club luncheon, along with fellow 2016 CORG recipients Lansing Community College, MSU Federal Credit Union and Sparrow Health System.

Founded by independent medical equipment broker Bruce Block in 1997, Block Imaging began in a home office in Holt. It is now a premier worldwide provider of refurbished medical imaging equipment, buying, selling and servicing equipment including MRI, CT, C-Arm, digital x-ray, PET/CT and women's health technology.

In 2015, Block Imaging was named to *Inc. Magazine's* list of the 5,000 fastest-growing companies, having achieved a growth rate of 133 percent over a three-year period. It now employs a staff of 125, has offices in Japan and Germany, and does business with more than 100 countries.

Block Imaging is at 1845 Cedar Street, Holt, 517.668.8800, blockimaging.com.



THE DDA – WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) promotes economic development through business attraction/retention programs and works to foster investment within the DDA district. It strives to increase the township's tax base and strengthen the local economy while maintaining those qualities that make Delhi Township a desirable place to live and work. For more information, visit us at www.DelhiDDA.com.

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