



DELHI TOWNSHIP

Holt sees growth thanks to community support



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Small Talk gets the conversation going to end child abuse

At the end of the day, one of the missions of the Small Talk Children's Advocacy Center is to not exist. That might seem like an unusual goal for this small business located in Delhi Township. But for a non-profit providing services for families impacted by child abuse, such a goal would mean a community where every child is safe from sexual and physical abuse.

"Addressing the concern of child abuse is important in any community," said Small Talk Executive Director, Alex Brace. "It is a crime that can happen to any child regardless of where they live."

Small Talk serves Ingham and Eaton counties and appreciates being centrally located in Delhi Township. They have been providing free services for families since 2012. This includes services such as statement interviews, counseling, canine support, and other types of support resources throughout the legal process. They work closely with law enforcement, medical professionals, the prosecutor's office, and Child Protective Services (CPS). According to Alex, Small Talk "brings the whole team together and builds this community around a child of all these different professionals to support them through their healing process and the criminal justice process."

Part of the team includes Loki, Small Talk's canine advocate. A child can have Loki present when they tell their story, and he can even go to court and sit in the witness stand with them.



Talking about child abuse can be uncomfortable. But as Alex pointed out, that's why it's so important. "Part of breaking down that stigma and making a safer community is for people to be able to have the courage to have some of these open conversations."

Small Talk offers no cost training for the community to help get the conversation going. Any business or group of interested adults can have a Small Talk staff member educate them on how to prevent and respond to child abuse appropriately and responsibly. As in-person interactions in the community start to open back up, Small Talk can offer in-house training for businesses.

"The more we have these kinds of conversations, the less we'll be needed. And at the end of the day, that's what we want. We want to eradicate child abuse," said Alex about Small Talk's mission. "We can't do that without community support and understanding."

Small Talk is located at 3400 Pine Tree Road, Suite 106 in Lansing, 517.253.0728, smalltalkcac.org.



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Holt sees continued growth thanks to community support

For the last 20 years, Delhi Township has been the fastest growing community in the area. Delhi Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director Howard Haas attributes this to the investments made and the involvement of the community. “The parks we’ve built, the roads we’ve fixed, the factory areas we’ve developed, have made Delhi Township the fastest growing area in mid-Michigan.”

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Delhi Township’s small businesses are an integral part of creating a thriving community. “Supporting local businesses, who are our friends and neighbors, is an easy thing to do,” Haas said. “Our businesses are well-run and, for the most part, local people who live here and work here.”

The outdoor spaces in Delhi Township also continue to attract residents and visitors who want to get outdoors. “I’m very excited about the parks and trails systems we’ve developed here,” Haas said. “Pick any day of the year, and you will find someone on the trails.” Biking and skating, playgrounds, boating, fishing, and sports are just some of the activities the parks offer. With nearly 100 acres of space between seven parks, there is something for everyone in Delhi Township Parks.

Haas says growing employment opportunities at surrounding hospitals, Michigan State University, and the new McKesson facility are all important to attract new residents to Holt. He believes future growth will come from housing and neighborhoods as people relocate to the community. “I see nothing but the upside now, with all of the housing that’s started and all of the developers that are interested in locating here,” he said. “I think we’ll see a continued pattern of growth.”

The Delhi Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping Delhi Township businesses and the community prosper together. Visit delhidda.com for more information.



The Water Store serves up affordable and quality water

Water has been part of the Tong family story for a long time as owners of The Water Store in Holt. Three generations to be exact.

“When we started off, my grandpa owned a soft water business and then he started bottling water for people,” said Chris Tong, manager of The Water Store. “I’m the third generation. My mom, Tina, owns the business and my father, Roy, is the head manager.”

And for the Tongs, taking care of their customers as if they were family is what they do. As is providing the best quality products possible. “We’re a small, family business, so we take care of our customers and they’re all very important to us,” Chris says. “Service really is our biggest thing. We stretch ourselves to take care of people.”

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The Water Store offers water and coffee services to businesses and individuals in the community. Water services include providing purified, spring, distilled or deionized water, as well as offering water cooler or bottleless filtered systems. Coffee services include providing equipment including brewers, as well as regular filtered bag coffee, K-Cups, sugar, creamer, cups and more.

Businesses can have water or coffee service delivered or pick up products. But The Water Store is for more than just businesses. Individuals can also sign up for home delivery or come into the storefront onsite to purchase any of these products or fill their own water. They also 24-hour outdoor water vending where customers can fill water at any time.

While the business originally started in Jackson and still has stores in that location, it was important to the Tongs to open their Holt location in 2015 and have a local presence to better serve the Greater Lansing area.

“Our goal is to provide the purest, most affordable water we can and ease of convenience,” Chris says. “Not everyone can afford a system at home, so we’re another option to get you better quality water.”



The Water Store is open from
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through
Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on
Saturday. The Water Store is located
at 2419 N. Cedar Road in Holt,
517.764.7210, waterstore1.com.

Changing Restaurant Landscape

As the Holt restaurant industry continues its recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, two local favorites are rebounding with moves to new locations. Holt residents will soon be able to visit the popular Gravity Smokehouse and Los Tres Amigos at their larger spaces on Cedar Street.

Gravity Smokehouse

Gravity Smokehouse will open this summer in the location formerly home to Champions Sports Bar & Grill, which closed its doors in February after 20 years of business. Gravity Smokehouse began in 2018 as a part-time venture for Holt natives Bruce Kring and James Stine, operating as a food truck traveling mid-Michigan. In 2019, Kring and Stine purchased and remodeled the former Hot N' Now on Cedar Street, where the restaurant's drive-thru proved valuable as indoor capacity was limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new location will greatly expand Gravity Smokehouse's offerings with 5,000 square feet of space and seating for 150 people, allowing for new menu items, pool tables and dartboards, and the addition of a full bar.

Los Tres Amigos

Los Tres Amigos is moving to the space most recently occupied by Kazumi Japanese Steak and Sushi Bar, just south of their current location in Lansing. For over a decade, the Los Tres Amigos

restaurant group has been a mainstay in mid-Michigan Mexican fare with 16 locations across the state. Though the group experienced a loss with the closure of the downtown Lansing location in June 2020,

Los Tres Amigos continues to expand, including its newest addition in Northville and the possibility of more openings. Holt residents can expect the new location will feature the delicious mainstays Los Tres has become famous for, including their traditional Mexican menu, signature margaritas, and homemade sauces.

Finishing touches are underway for the new Gravity Smokehouse location at 2440 Cedar Street with an anticipated opening date soon! Follow Gravity Smokehouse for the most up-to-date news online at www.gravitysmokehouse.com, and on Facebook [@gravitysmokehouse](https://www.facebook.com/gravitysmokehouse).

The new Los Tres Amigos will be at 2457 Cedar Street in Holt. Visit their website for more information at lostresamigosonline.com, and on Facebook [@lostresamigosouthside](https://www.facebook.com/lostresamigosouthside).



Lieutenant Chauncey Shattuck Returns to Delhi Township

Holt residents will see a familiar face at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office starting this month as Lieutenant Chauncey Shattuck takes over leadership of the Delhi Division. Lt.

Shattuck began his 14-year policing career in Delhi Township, training and working as a night shift patrol officer, and is enthusiastic to return to the community.

Lt. Shattuck has spent his career building relationships in Ingham County as a member of a number of multijurisdictional teams. He worked for three and a half years undercover as part of the narcotics division, and is currently the assistant team commander of the Ingham Regional Special Response Team. Prior to his return to Delhi Township, Lt. Shattuck oversaw the detective bureau, courts and transports, emergency operations center, and volunteer services as head of the Sheriff's Office Staff Services Division. "I'm proud of the relationships built with law enforcement officers in other jurisdictions in the area," he said. A proven leader in the community, Lt. Shattuck also played a key role in overseeing emergency management during

the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as in the implementation of body cameras for police in 2021.

Lt. Shattuck hopes the Delhi Division can continue to be an integral part of the community. "I'm looking forward to coming back to Delhi Township in a position where I'm able to affect change," he said. The rise of violent crime in the area is one of his top priorities as he assumes his new role. "It's important we focus our resources on being proactive and preventing crimes from taking place in the Township," Lt. Shattuck said. "Being visible and having a vested interest in the community is the strongest tool we have in fighting violent crime."

The ICSO Delhi Township Station is located on the west side of Cedar Street just north of Holt Road at 2045 N. Cedar St, Holt, MI 48842. The front office is open to serve the residents of Delhi from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Delhi Station can be directly reached at 517.694.0045.



Corrigan Oil Speedway provides local entertainment for the whole family



For Tom and Tracey Hernly, the Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason has been a part of their family history from the very beginning. The racetrack, also known by the locals as Spartan Speedway, was Tom and Tracey's home track growing up. They both grew up at the track, enjoying the races and doing some racing themselves. And it's where they met years later.

When they got the opportunity to purchase the track in 2020, it was a natural fit for the Hernlys to become the new owners. While the racetrack wasn't open in 2020 due to the pandemic, the Hernlys are happy to see the track back open and selling out races.

Corrigan Oil Speedway hosts automobile, stock car racing. "We provide local, short track racing every Friday night and one Sunday a month beginning in late April through early September," said Tracey. Racing starts at 7 p.m. on Fridays and 5 p.m. on Sundays.

This includes lots of family-friendly fun with special events in addition to the racing, with events like bike night giveaways, autograph nights, and a Sheriff's race.

"It's amazing to me how many people live in our community and have never been to the racetrack," said Tracey. "It's like a hidden gem in our community."

In addition to watching the races, fans can go down into the pits after the races to meet the drivers, sit in race cars, and get autographs. Events last about three and a half hours. Races are split into several different classes depending on the make of the car.

The racetrack is a great place for everyone – race enthusiasts, families with kids, and everyone else in between. Guests might even get a chance to see Tom, Tracey, or one of their three children racing in one of the events. In addition to running the racetrack, the Hernlys still like participating in races themselves.

"It's great family fun entertainment. It's something different that most people don't do every day, and it'll provide a unique experience. Plus, kids love it!" Tracey said.

The Corrigan Oil Speedway is located at 779 College Road in Mason, 517.676.5404, corriganoilsspeedway.com.



Creative Touch Hair Design

meets community's
hair needs since 1960



Creating a space where guests feel welcome is literally the name of the game for Creative Touch Hair Design of Holt. The salon has been part of the community in various forms and with various owners since the early 1960s.

While the style or ownership of the salon has changed through the years, for its current owner, Marcia Crump, the goal is to make guests feel welcome and cared for. Marcia purchased the building the salon resides in in 2007, but the salon was closed at the time.

"We had to start from scratch," Marcia reminisces about Creative Touch. "It was still in the 1960s décor, so we did a few upgrades when I purchased the building. And then we changed the interior design of it again in 2012." Marcia has continued to update the interior design and make cosmetic changes to the space ever since.

All to make sure the salon is a cozy, quaint place where guests feel as comfortable as possible when they get services done. "It's a very small salon, so it's more of an intimate setting. It's a place where you will feel welcome," Marcia says of Creative Touch.

The salon offers a variety of hair services including cuts, coloring, highlights, and styling. They also offer facial waxing, as well as nail and foot care services. And they serve everyone in the community.

"It can be anyone from a child's first haircut to an elderly lady who might still like a perm or rollers in her hair. We do everything in between." This includes services for men as well.

The stylists at Creative Touch are also very flexible in accommodating schedules for their guests. While normal hours for the salon are typically Monday through Saturday, stylists can make just about any day or time work. As the stylists at Creative Touch like to say, "Let your hair down and kick your feet up!"

While Creative Touch is not currently taking walk-ins due to the pandemic, guests are encouraged to call anytime to make an appointment.

Creative Touch is located at 1910 Aurelius Road in Holt, 517.699.1080.





Holt Food Frenzy

FOOD, FUN & MUSIC!



Delicious food, live music, and community connection

After a long and hard year, it's time to get out and enjoy the summer.

Food Frenzy events provide Holt residents and visitors with evenings full of delicious food, live music, and community connection. Hosted by the Holt Farmers' Market, Food Frenzy events are held once a month on Wednesday evenings. Over 25 local and regional food trucks set up in the market's parking lot, serving tastes and treats from virtually every cuisine and diet. There are even some vegan, vegetarian, and allergy-friendly vendors.

"There is literally something for everyone!" said Chuck Grinnell, director of the Holt Farmers' Market. "From BBQ to Mediterranean to hamburgers and hotdogs and everything in between. Plus, we've got some wonderful desserts!"

Food Frenzy events have a casual and carefree atmosphere, making them the perfect outing for relaxed summer evenings.

"We have people coming up to us and thanking us for doing this," Grinnell said. "They say it's nice to get out and see their neighbors again."

Visitors can walk around the food truck area at their own pace to sample the different options. Folks who want to stick around can find a spot in the seating area or bring their own lawn chairs to enjoy the live, local music and catch up with neighbors. Or, you can take your food to-go for a private picnic in a nearby park or quiet evening at home.

Food Frenzy events have been a popular summertime tradition in Holt for a number of years, and this summer is no exception. Grinnell estimates they saw an average of 1,200 visitors per night for their May, June, and July events.

"People are tired of being cooped up and locked down," he said. "They are very happy to get out, hear live music, and see their neighbors again."

These events would not be possible without support from the Holt community, including the businesses and donors who have provided more than \$8,000 in sponsorship funds this year. Grinnell would especially like to thank the Holt Lions Club, who volunteer their time to help pick up trash, keep the tables clean, and break down after each event.

"They are instrumental in keeping these events running smoothly," he said.

Want to join in on the fun? There are still two Food Frenzy events planned for this summer — August 11 and September 8 from 4-8 p.m. Folks who are interested in attending can park in one of the neighborhood lots near the market or at Veterans Memorial Gardens across the street.

A full list of vendors, entertainment, available parking, hours and dates are available at holtfoodfrenzy.com.



The Kahres Dairy Farm

A look at Delhi's agricultural heritage



The Kahres Dairy Farm was established in northern Delhi Township in 1906 by Henry and Meline Kahres. By the 1920s, the dairy became a partnership between brothers Martin and George Kahres and their widowed mother Meline. The Kahres Dairy produced and distributed their own dairy products, offering home milk delivery and other products, including ice cream, at their dairy store located on Cedar Street.

The dairy expanded over the years, purchasing land off West Holt Road in 1935. By the mid-1960s, the dairy moved its operation entirely to West Holt Road when I-96 was built.

In 2021, the Kahres family donated a large collection of farm artifacts to the Holt-Delhi Historical Society (HDHS). The HDHS is currently raising funds to build a small museum to house the collection, to educate the public on Delhi's agricultural heritage, and to illustrate historic dairy processes through original artifacts used by the Kahres Dairy Farm.

More information on the collection and project can be found at holthistory.org/kahres-collection.

This photograph, taken in 1956, depicts Kahres Farm 3 — the current site of Holt High School.



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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