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FIND DELHI BUSINESSES ALL IN ONE PLACE

Delhi Township residents know that our community is home to a variety of businesses, from large scale industries to small shops. A great way to explore all of the businesses Delhi Township has to offer is the DDA Business Directory. You can search for local businesses from restaurants to salons, retail to home services, and more at delhidda.com/business-directory. Visit today to find your new favorite Delhi business!

Happy Feet Pet Rescue

Happy Feet Pet Rescue helps pets find fosters and forever homes.

Your new best friend is just around the corner in Holt.

Happy Feet Pet Rescue, a 501(c)(3) organization focused on foster pet care, recently opened their new building in Delhi Township. This new space is their "Command Central," where they house incoming pets, look after pets when fosters are sick or out of town, and more. The building has separate play areas, pens, and kennels for cats and dogs – including a television set to a relaxing channel for dogs to watch.

Co-president Patience Cole started Happy Feet Pet Rescue with her co-owner after both worked at a different organization and wanted to focus more on the rescue community. "We really wanted to do a lot of community outreach, owner surrenders, and the like. We wanted to focus in and make that our niche," she said. "So we started Happy Feet Pet Rescue so we could focus in more on the local community."

Happy Feet Pet Rescue aims to raise awareness on pet ownership, assist in temporary homes for dogs and cats, and help match rescue animals with the best homes possible. Their priority is caring for each animal in need, without judgment to help both the animals and humans involved.

"In our society, sometimes we look at people who surrender their pets

as pariahs. We didn't want it to be like that. Sometimes life happens, and sometimes everybody needs help. We wanted to create a judgment free zone," Cole said.

"If you needed to surrender your pet, it doesn't matter to us why. That's a decision you've come to, and if it's in the best interest of everybody, then we want to be able to help when and where we can."

Happy Feet Pet Rescue has each owner surrendering fill out an application, letting them know what the pet is like, what their vetting status is, are they good with other animals or children, and more. This allows them to match the pet up with the appropriate foster home.

"It's really important to us that we are very intentional about where we place our animals, and that we are holding them long enough to get to know them, and place them in the appropriate homes."

Once the pet is placed in a foster home, they are required to stay there for at least two weeks to ensure their vetting is up to date and to get to know the pets. "Day one and day twelve, that pet is going to be different. It takes them time to decompress and settle down," Cole said. "A cat may be



huddled up in a corner under a bed shaking the first seven days. But on day twelve, it might be bouncing off the walls like a lunatic."

Cole sees adopting from a foster rescue like Happy Feet as an advantage for new owners. "When you adopt from us, you know you're getting a pet that has been in our homes," she said. Fosters can fill them in on their new pet – their likes and dislikes, personality, and any unique characteristics.

For future pet owners, Cole suggests thinking hard about their ideal pet and how the pet would fit in their life. "Ask a lot of questions and get to know everything you can about that pet before you commit to adoption," she said.

To learn more about Happy Feet Pet Rescue and to get involved, visit their website at www.happyfeetpetrescue.com and follow along on Facebook and Instagram @HappyFeetPetRescue. The best way to get in touch is through email at HappyFeetPetRescue@gmail.com.

Neuropsychological Services of Lansing is a Passionate Patient Advocate

It's all about patients first at Neuropsychological Services of Lansing. Dr. Edward C. Cook has been serving the Lansing community for over 35 years and is considered one of the top neuropsychologists in the nation. Dr. Cook provides assessment and treatment for individuals suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's, ADHD, learning disabilities, and concussion follow-ups, among others.

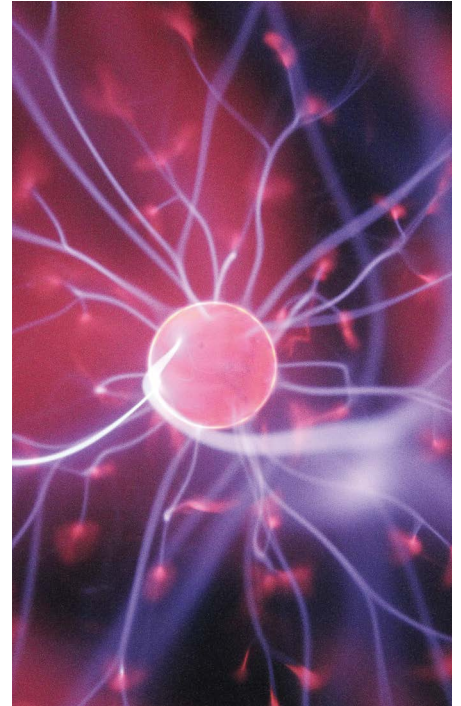
Neuropsychological Services moved their office to Holt last year, after determining it was an easier and more central location for their patients. "We decided to move to a location that was more centrally located," said Andrea Bierwagen, Office Manager of Neuropsychological Services. "It's way easier for our patients to find us, especially our patients with memory issues." The office is located near US-127 and I-96, just south of the Holt Farmers Market.

Patients of Dr. Cook receive the full benefit of his depth of experience and expertise. For new patients, Dr. Cook has crafted a battery of tests which he customizes, based on the individual, for the initial in-take appointment. "We like to do all-in-one appointments," said Heather

Davidson, Executive Secretary and Testing Technician. "Dr. Cook goes over the medical history and background information with the patient, then he will administer the testing at the same appointment. And then he'll actually go through the results in that appointment as well, so they can know what we recommend." This process is much more synthesized than other practices which spread these out over multiple appointments, which keeps patients waiting longer for results.

While Dr. Cook's office does not prescribe medication or provide therapy services, they make sure to work closely with a patient's doctor to provide recommendations, as well as partnering with others in the area who do provide therapy services.

Another area Neuropsychological Services of Lansing specializes in is legal work. Dr. Cook and his staff advocate for patients to get the services they are being denied for whatever reason from their insurance company. "We fight for patient advocacy - we're very passionate about that," said Andrea and Heather. "We make sure our patients are taken care of, especially



our elderly patients." The office is working towards doing more legal work in the future.

Most patients are required to obtain a referral from their doctor's office when asking for services from Dr. Cook's office. Neuropsychological Services accepts most insurances. Dr. Cook is accepting new patients and his staff will try to get individuals in as quickly as possible.

Neuropsychological Services of Lansing is located at 2132 Cedar St., St. 2 in Holt, 517.853.1925, psychserv.biz.

Visit the drive-thru at the new Holt Biggby



The Holt Biggby location is now open—complete with a new drive-thru and a walk-up window. The new location is located in the former Gravity Smokehouse & BBQ location, on Cedar Street just south of Holt Road, right next to the walk/bike trail which will eventually connect Holt to Mason.

The move was fueled by the ever-changing needs of the consumer. Owner Andy Bunnell says drive-thru locations are essential these days. “We heard from our customers that this is something they really wanted,” He added that a drive-thru is a must for everyone from weekday work commuters to parents with children.

The Holt Biggby is located at 1850 N Cedar Street, Holt, (517) 709-3923

AH-1 COBRA INSTALLED

A striking reminder of military might—the Holt American Legion Post recently installed a retired Bell AH-1 Cobra Attack Helicopter in front of their building on Cedar Street. The helicopter, which is visible from the road, served during the Vietnam War. AH-1 Cobra's flew continuously from 1967 until the end of the war in 1973.

The Holt American Legion is located at 1785 Cedar Street, (517) 699-2235



Local auto repair shop stays tech savvy to compete with dealerships

While Master Tech Auto Repair might be new to Delhi Township, owners Joel Wilhelm and Nathan Antes have been in the auto repair industry for close to 15 years each. Wilhelm and Antes both worked at a local dealership auto repair up until April of this year when they opened their own independent repair shop.

"We saw there was a need because there were a lot of shops out there sending cars to dealerships because they didn't have the equipment to work on them or didn't have the knowledge so they couldn't figure it out," Wilhelm said. They wanted to give customers another option beyond the dealership, and they knew they had the experience and expertise to do it.

Many independent auto repair shops are finding it increasingly difficult to stay up-to-date on both the technology and know-how for the more computerized vehicles hitting the market. Antes and Wilhelm knew they could break that mold when they ventured out by themselves.

"Being as we were at a dealership for so long we understood what it took to be able to keep up with everything being computerized. So we've spent the last five years accumulating some different equipment that

we would need," said Wilhelm. Both Antes and Wilhelm are very technologically savvy and are committed to staying up-to-date on what's changing with vehicles in the electronic aspect.

Antes spent time in the military training in electronics and then worked in California, which has more stringent laws on vehicle emissions. He brings these experiences along with his many years of dealership experience to Master Tech.

The two co-owners searched for the perfect space to be able to open their shop, with the potential to expand in the future, until they landed on their current location. Master Tech Auto Repair is located right off I-96 in Delhi Township, making it a perfect location for customers to get to easily for their repair needs.

Master Tech provides a variety of services including alignments, tires, AC work, engine, transmission, brakes, and interior work. The only work they don't do is body work. Antes and Wilhelm are glad to offer the Delhi Township and surrounding communities another option from dealerships and encourage people to give them a try.

Master Tech Auto Repair is located at 6165 Bishop Road in Lansing, 517.325.9089.



Leo's Coney Island, a restaurant chain with nearly 60 locations throughout Michigan, will open in Delhi Township in March 2023. The new location, which is currently under construction, is located on the site of the former Burger King restaurant, at the corner of Jolly Road and Five Oaks. The building has space for several additional tenants.

Premier Home Solutions Provides Affordable and Efficient Options

For anyone looking to make more energy efficient home upgrades, while not breaking the bank at the same time, Premier Home Solutions of Holt is the perfect solution. Trevor Monroe, President and Owner of Premier Home Solutions, and his partner started the business over 10 years ago.



“We found a niche in the market to specialize in basically

making homes more energy efficient and reducing the carbon footprint but saving homeowners money at the same time,” said Monroe, who is himself a licensed builder with a degree and background in the environmental field. That’s why he’s so passionate about the work Premier Home Solutions provides its customers. Monroe understands people’s desire to reduce their carbon footprint, but he is also very conscious of the affordability of the solutions they provide.

Premier offers spray foam insulation in both existing buildings and new construction, as well as replacement windows, replacement roofs, and siding. One area Premier is starting to get into more is solar. “We are doing a

little bit of solar work right now and it’s something we will be expanding into. Again that goes into the affordability, I don’t want to get into it until it’s widely affordable for most homeowners. It’s great but if you can’t afford it you can’t do it,” Monroe said.

With an eye to affordability, Monroe and his team at Premier believe in showing customers exactly where they can be more efficient. Using thermal imaging technology and metrics, the Premier team can see exactly where heat is being lost or gained and pinpoint which areas of the home need work. And they believe in showing these results to the homeowner right away so they can decide what to focus on and see the fastest return on investment.

It’s this attention to the customer that sets Premier apart from others like them in the area. “It’s important to me that they’re entrusting me with how they keep their house warm and their kids warm,” says Monroe. “I try to treat everybody’s house like it’s my mother’s house because that’s how I’d want people to treat my mother.”

Premier Home Solutions is located at 4378 Holt Road in Holt, 517.742.2424, premierhomesolutionsmi.com.



“10 Over the Next Ten” Winner



Ernest Tisdale, co-owner of the Hidden Gem Event Venue, has been named to the Lansing

Regional Chamber’s “10 Over the Next Ten” list. The award celebrates Greater Lansing’s top young professionals who are anticipated to significantly contribute to the community over the next 10 years.

Ernest and Carmen Tisdale are co-owners of the venue, which they started in the winter of 2020. The Hidden Gem Event Venue is located at 4230 Charlar Drive.

THE DELHI TOWNSHIP DDA IS HERE TO HELP YOUR "HELP WANTED" EFFORTS!



As part of DDA's ongoing efforts to support local businesses, we are continuing to promote jobs via HOLTNow's social media platforms. Jobs will be shared on a weekly basis via Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and featured in social media stories and highlights – all reaching thousands of individuals around the area. Social media is a great way to get further exposure for your job listings.

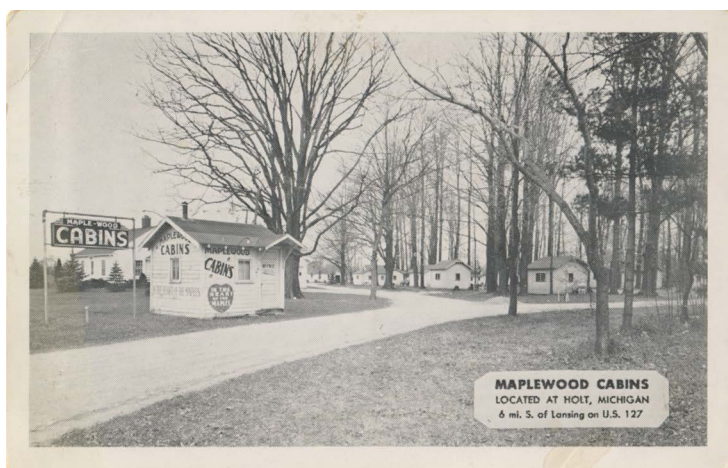
Best of all, this is a **free** resource available for businesses and organizations in the area.

If you are interested in submitting a job posting, please email the DDA at DDA@delhitownship.com with the following information:

- Name of business
- Job title
- Brief job description
- Position closing date (if applicable)
- Link to posting (if available)
- Contact name and email address

We look forward to helping you find great local talent for your business!

HOLT HISTORY



The Maplewood Cabins stood off Cedar Street for more than fifty years, “in the heart of the maples” as their signs state. Originally owned and operated by L.E. Finch and Dr. J.A. Ahrens around the 1930s, there were a dozen cabins by 1937 operating as tourist cabins for people traveling through the area. Overtime they became long-term residential cabins. The cabins remained in operation through the 1980s. In 1986, the Delhi Township Fire Department used the cabins as a fire training exercise. On the site, Delhi Village Square was built in 1987-88 by developer Gordon Long, which originally housed Goff supermarket, followed by L&L Shop-Rite, and today Planet Fitness. Many longtime residents remember the old cabins behind McDonald's and we're happy to finally share this photo!