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Farwell's Economic Future Expansion

Enterprise Park, in Farwell, experienced its second celebration in less than four years. The first was in July of 2001, when it opened with a dedication ceremony, and the second was April 25. The Village of Farwell, Middle Michigan Development Corporation and the Local Development Finance Authority celebrated the ground breaking ceremony for Kyle's Manufacturing Co. as the first business to begin construction on the designated Renaissance Zone.

A Renaissance Zone is a designated area that provides businesses moving in or developing on the land the opportunity for tax breaks.

"We were impressed by their (area business people) sense of community and hope to fit in well with them. We sincerely hope our move into the industrial park will inspire others to join in and help further develop the Farwell area," said David Kyle president of Kyle's Manufacturing Co.

Kyle's Manufacturing Co. has been in operation for 9 years. The company specializes in creating small turned products for the pneumatic valve industry.

Enterprise Park is fully equipped with large-scale public facilities including municipal water, natural gas, electricity, telephone lines and paved and lighted roads.

"The community is excited for the opportunity to work with Kyle's Manufacturing Co. We expect to continue to grow as a progressive community creating future jobs in the area," said Steven Grim, President of the Village of Farwell.



Dave Kyle, Mark Vestrand and Steven Grim

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"Champions aren't made in the gym. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them—a desire, a dream, a vision."

—Mohammed Ali

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CHARACTER COUNTS! COALITION

TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING and CITIZENSHIP are the six pillars of character guidelines for CHARACTER COUNTS!SM The MSU Extension office of Clare County is working to bring the pillars

into Clare County through its local coalition.

CHARACTER COUNTS! is a campaign created by The Josephson Institute of Ethics and is designed to develop good character

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through an education and community supported program. The Josephson Institute of Ethics was started in 1987 and organized the National Coalition in 1993.

MSU Extension 4-H Youth Agent Michelle Hyde delivered several speeches promoting the program to local teachers and business people in the area this past April. She discussed several different workshop ideas, and the materials her office has to offer

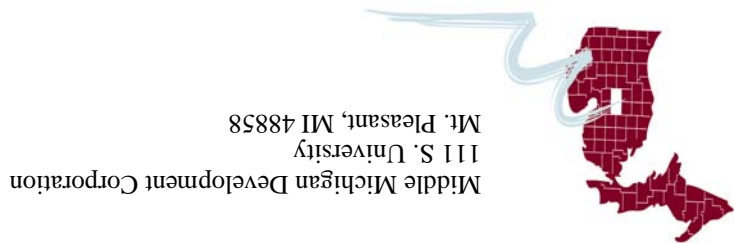
participating schools including videos, books and activities.

“The program provides a framework for students, staff and adults, which creates an opportunity to become better people, citizens and members of their community,” said Steve Newkirk assistant principal at Harrison High School.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Is a service mark of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, a project of the Josephson Institute of Ethics.



Steve Newkirk and Michelle Hyde



Small Business Wins Big

DCM Associates, LLC (DCMA) of Mt. Pleasant has been awarded the 2004 Best Small Business Award. The business was one among 10,000 other companies up for the award by the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC).

MI-SBTDC provides services including counseling and training for Michigan companies in the early stages of development and for existing businesses.

DCMA was started by Deborah Marmarelli in 2004. Her

small business designs and develops software for hazardous waste. DCMA has grown from one employee to seven and is expected to employ 21 full-time employees within the next two years. The office is located in The Center for Applied Research and Technology at Central Michigan University.

DCMA is not new to exceptional accomplishments, the company has recently

become the first Michigan recipient to receive the Small Business Innovation Research Program Grant.



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