

Dave Giest Body Shop In Whitehouse Celebrates 25 Years Of Service

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Twenty-five years later, they still care.

After opening for business on October 12, 1981, Dave Giest, owner of Dave Giest Body Shop, Inc., created the slogan "Who cares? We care!"

Now, a quarter century later, Giest credits that genuine concern for his customers to his shop's continued success.

"It's our slogan, and I think it says a lot," the Whitehouse body shop owner said. "People like dealing with smaller shops because of that personal care."

The body shop's care goes beyond personal, though.

For the three men on staff at Dave Giest, including Giest, Ray Moore and Jake Welch, treating every automobile with the business' "fender loving care" trademark has become a part of their daily routine.

As Giest tells all of his customers, they must make a choice when it comes to where to take their business.

More often than not, he explained, a first-time customer will turn into a repeat customer after receiving the shop's personal treatment.

"It's your car and it's your choice," he said. "When you bring it to us, you know who's going to be working on your car and I think that's helped us a lot."

By welcoming all insurance work, Giest helps both his customers and smaller, local businesses like his own in the Whitehouse area.

The Whitehouse neigh-



The three key elements of Dave Giest Body Shop, Inc., (from left) Jake Welch, Ray Moore and Dave Giest, rank customer service at the top of their list. The Whitehouse business will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on October 12.

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borhood is a place that Giest says he is glad to still call home, both for his business and his family.

After planting his roots in the small town with his wife Sandy and children Becky and Scott 34 years ago, Giest made the decision to not stray far from home for his

new body shop.

When a friend opened a body shop in Toledo, Giest remembers being laughed at for considering the village of Whitehouse as his business location.

Looking back today, Giest has no regrets, especially with the growth that the area has

seen in recent years.

"A lot of times, you'll see people start a business somewhere and then the neighborhood around it will deteriorate," Giest said. "But this is just the opposite."

Also located in Whitehouse is the BASF training facility, which makes

Giest's choice for paint products a no-brainer.

His shop uses BASF Corporation's paint products and technical support team to mix and match nearly every color under the sun.

At 64 years old, Giest admits that while retirement is not in his immediate future, it will be in a couple of years, when he plans to

turn over his beloved business to Moore.

"I've enjoyed what I've done for all these years," Giest said. "I'm not retired yet, but I'm working on it."

Dave Giest Body Shop is located on SR 64 in Whitehouse.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (419) 877-0119.



Registration is under way for the following programs. To register, call (419) 878-3055 or visit the library at 800 Michigan Ave., Waterville.

Preschool Storytime Programs Planned

- **Baby Time** – *Fridays through November 10, 10:00 a.m.* A fun program of songs, stories, puppets, and more for children 12 to 24 months. Sessions will meet every other week
- **Toddler Time** – *Wednesdays through November 15, 10:00 a.m.* – A storytime especially for 2-year-olds and an adult caregiver featuring stories, songs and more.
- **Preschool Storytime** – *Tuesdays through November 14, 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays through November 16, 10:00 a.m.* – A lively program for children ages 3 to 5 to attend on their own featuring stories, flannel boards, puppets and more.
- **Family Storytime** – *Tuesdays through November 14, 7:00 p.m.* – A family storytime for ages 2 to 5. Join us for stories, songs and more. Two-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult.

Library Schedules Children's Activities

- **PAWS to Read** – *Thursdays, through October 26, 7:00 p.m.* – Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to improve reading skills by reading to a therapy dog. Call to register for a weekly 15-minute session.
- **Halloween Magic with the Sorcerer** – *Saturday, October 21, 2:00 p.m.* – Magician Dennis Weigel will perform his spooktacular "History of Halloween" program for children in kindergarten through grade four.
- **Pulp Paper Day** – *Thursday, November 2, 4:15 p.m.* – Keep Toledo-Lucas County Beautiful will be here to help us make tin can paper, similar to the pulp paper used by local author Denise Fleming as seen in her exhibit "Painting With Paper" on display at the Main Library. For kindergarten through fourth-grade students.

Events Planned For Grades Five To 12

- **The Otaku Anime Club** – *Thursday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.* – Crazy for Cosplay. Come dressed up as your favorite Anime or Manga character.
- **Creepy Treats For Teens** – *Thursday, October 26, 4:00 p.m.* – Ghoulish goodies and creepy treats to make and eat. Registration is ongoing.

Book Discussion Groups To Meet

- **Red Leaves** – *Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.* – by Paullina Simons
- **Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time** – *Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.* – by Mark Haddon

To register for these events at the Waterville Branch Library, located at 800 Michigan Ave., call (419) 878-3055.



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HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH MENU

October 16 through October 20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat & Cheese Macho Nachos Corn Warm Appleslices	Turkey Gravy over Potatoes Roll Baked Sweet Potatoes & Apples	Chicken BLT Sandwich Breadstick Grapes	Walking Taco with meat/cheese/salsa sourcream Key West Vegetables Watermelon	Stuffed Cheese Pizza Breadstick Carrots & Dip Applesauce

Menu is subject to change without notice! 2% milk and chocolate milk are offered as a daily choice. Contact person: Jeri Mier (A.W. Food Service Director) 419-877-0789

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL MENU

October 16 through October 20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat & Cheese Nachos OR Grilled Chicken on a Bun Corn Warm Appleslices	Turkey Gravy over Potatoes or Chicken Fingers with Potatoes Roll Baked Sweet Potatoes & Apples	Hamburger on a Bun with a Garden Salad OR Chicken BLT Sandwich Breadstick Grapes	Walking Taco with meat/cheese/salsa sourcream OR Burrito with salsa Key West Vegetables Watermelon	Stuffed Cheese Pizza OR Tuna Salad Sandwich Carrots & Dip Applesauce

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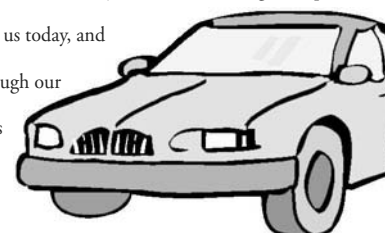
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