



Jim Schaub and Alicia Litton, employees of Holland Dry Cleaners, work to get out stubborn spots and stains.

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Clothes line the racks at Holland Dry Cleaners on Airport Highway. Employee Jim Schaub said the motorized racks are used to keep track of the many garments the store handles each day.

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# Holland Dry Cleaners Offers Area Residents Quality, Quick Work

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Holland Dry Cleaners tries to make life simple for customers.

The store, located at 7200 Airport Hwy., offers straightforward pricing, on-time cleaning and friendly service for area residents' dry cleaning needs.

Holland Dry Cleaners, first opened its doors in October 1996, according to owner John Schaub.

Since then, Schaub and his employees have been doing their best to satisfy customers.

The store, Schaub's only location, offers dry cleaning, starching and pressing services.

Employees also do comforters, jackets, uniforms, fatigues, wedding dresses and pretty much any garment that needs to be cleaned.

Additionally, they clean American flags for free, a nod to the patriotism of the family.

Schaub is a Marine who served three tours in the Vietnam War, and his son Jim was recently honorably discharged from the Marines after two tours in Iraq.

All garments are cleaned for \$3.39. Shirts are done for \$1.60 and comforters for \$20.00.

"We try to make customers happy," Schaub said. "The best advertising is word of mouth."

One service Schaub said is unique to Holland Dry Cleaners is to make sure white clothing is dry cleaned together, to avoid the clothes looking gray and dull.

"Because of our volume, and state-of-the-art equipment, we're able to do that," Schaub said. "Lots of other places don't."

In addition, clothing is ready quickly. Schaub promises every garment will be ready in five days.

Holland Dry Cleaners sticks to that policy explic-



Holland Dry Cleaners, located at 7200 Airport Hwy. in Holland, offers friendly service and quality cleaning. The store, which has been operating for the past 10 years, promises to have garments ready in five days.

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ly, especially because it has a lot of out-of-town customers, Schaub said.

Business comes from all over the area, including Bowling Green, Wauseon,

Findlay and even some cities in Michigan, according to Schaub.

"They said they weren't happy with the quality of the places by their homes,"

Jim Schaub said.

Quality is exactly what the employees of Holland Dry Cleaners strive for.

"We operate honestly," John Schaub said. "We try to

treat people right."

For him, that effort is a family affair.

At some point, all five members of his immediate family have worked at the

dry cleaners.

Currently, his two sons, Jim and Jeff, are employed full-time, in addition to the staff of approximately 10 that handles the cleaning load.

Schaub said he got into the dry cleaning business because of the opportunity to own an independent store and not be part of a franchise.

With no larger company looming overhead, Schaub is allowed more freedom to do what he wants.

Schaub said he bought into a package deal, in which a company trained him and his workers and designed the layout of the store to get him started.

For a while, that wasn't so helpful as business was slow during construction on Airport Highway in front of the store.

Now, the road work is done, and Schaub said things are picking back up.

The store is easy to access from the road, with ample parking and two driveways so customers can exit the lot onto either Airport Highway or Holloway Road.

In addition to dry cleaning services, Schaub leases space in the store to Rainbow Shoe Repair and Alterations, which offers tailoring, shoe repair and leather working services.

Opened over a year ago, Rainbow offers customers one-stop shopping. They can complete a few errands with just one stop.

"It's worked out great," Schaub said.

Holland Dry Cleaners is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. It is closed on Sundays.

Rainbow Shoe Repair and Alterations is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. It is closed on Wednesdays.



## Springfield Middle School Students Graduate From DARE Program

Springfield Middle School students pose with superintendent Dr. Cynthia Beekley (left) at the DARE graduation ceremony on March 16. Students complete the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program as part of their health class.

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