



EcoSmart ELECTRONICS RECYCLING JOINS CHAMBER

Most of us have grown up equating the three R's with Readin', Ritin' and 'Rithmetic. Not so with Jeremiah Holmes though. To him the three R's are Reclaiming, Recycling and Repairing. And that's exactly what he does.



Jeremiah Holmes
 Founder & Manager of
 EcoSmart

Jeremiah Holmes is the founder and manager of

EcoSmart Electronics Recycling. He has some strong feelings about the need to take pride in our planet and conserving its scarce resources. In a two-story facility behind his home on 120th avenue he operates his computer repair and electronic recycling business and does more than his share in living up to his beliefs.

Touring his facility and speaking with Jeremiah, I got the impression of a man who is highly organized and committed to a cause. I saw bins containing computer parts broken down into their lowest common denominator, so to speak. Jeremiah refers to the process of separating the recyclables in a computer as "de-manufacturing."



Valuable metals can be retrieved from computer circuit boards.

To show the level to which he separates the materials, he has four bins containing copper from the computers he de-manufactures. Each bin contains copper

with varying levels of purity. Insulation and the various resins used to form copper wire around the neck of the tube in a monitor rank lower on the scale and have their special place. Separating the items to this level results in the maximum



Separating the various recyclable elements from a computer is a labor intensive job, but it greatly increases the salvage value.

value when they are sold as scrap to metal recyclers.

According to Jeremiah Holmes, the three R's are Reclaiming, Recycling and Repairing

Jeremiah started four years ago as a computer repairman after completing the requirements to earn his A+ Certification. This certification is a nationally recognized demonstration of competency as a computer technician. He evolved into recycling as an outgrowth of his computer repair business and now it's his major focus. To date, 7691 pounds have been recycled through his facility.

Contact Jeremiah if you have any kind of electronic devices that no longer serve a useful purpose. He can be reached at 866-415-6127.

Fennville Downtown Development Authority announces Business Advantage

Fennville's Downtown Development Authority is pleased to announce its next Business Advantage for Monday, November 9, 2009. The Business Advantage will be held in Downtown Fennville at Salt of the Earth, located at 114 Main Street. The Business Advantage will begin at 5:30pm with a happy hour, guest speakers will begin at 6:30pm.

The event guest speakers are, Michael A. Moraw, Vice President SBA Product Specialist-Sr for Huntington Bank. Mr. Moraw will discuss what information banks generally need for financing requests from small businesses. Tamara Davis, from the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center will discuss how it assists small businesses in getting the necessary information needed for financing. Both guests will be on hand to answer questions that you may have with your business. Additionally, State Rep Bob Genetski is slated to attend this event.

Whether you're a new business, you're planning to start a new business, or you've been in business for 50 years, you need to attend this event. Pizza and soft drinks will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Please contact Lisa Sheaffer to reserve your place at this free event at 269-561-8321.

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Fennville Schools to Host Community Thanksgiving Dinner

“If you have no place to go on Thanksgiving or have no one to share it with, come to Fennville and share it with us.”

That’s the message Jon Carr has for our community. Jon is Director of Facilities at Fennville Public Schools and is the spark plug behind a community wide Thanksgiving Day project.

Almost a year ago Jon came up with the idea of holding a community thanksgiving dinner in Fennville. It would be available at no cost to anyone who might otherwise go without dinner or the companionship that most of us take for granted on Thanksgiving Day. He presented the idea at the school’s administration meeting proposing that up to 200 people might be accommodated. The administration agreed

Getting someone with the knowledge and skill necessary to cook a turkey dinner for 200 people is not a trivial task

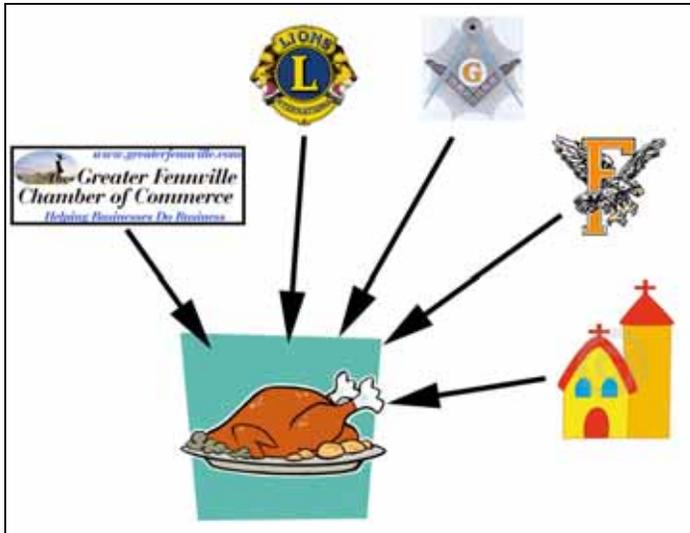
that the school could host the dinner. Now all he had to do was find a way to fund and provide logistical support for this not-so-trivial undertaking. Anyone who has prepared Thanksgiving Dinner for a normal sized family can just begin to appreciate the challenge of providing the same for a “family” of 200.

He contacted local churches, the Masons, the Fennville Lions Club and the Fennville Chamber of Commerce. The favorable response he received from these groups energized Jon to move forward with his project.

Jon’s next challenge was getting someone with the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare a Thanksgiving feast of

such proportions. Clearly this was not a job for the average homemaker with experience cooking meals for the family.

Not-so-coincidentally, Jon’s sister Leann is a registered dietician. She’s also shared in discussions at their own family thanksgiving table about providing a community thanksgiving dinner for



A Community-Wide Project

the less fortunate. Leann will be playing the key role in the planning and preparation of the actual thanksgiving meal.

The dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 am til 2:00 pm at Fennville School Cafeteria.

To quote Jon once more, “If you have no place to go on Thanksgiving or have no one to spend it with, come to Fennville and spend it with us.”

DISCOVERY DANCE MOVES TO FENNVILLE

A new dance studio has opened on Main Street in Fennville. The Grand Opening was held on Monday, August 24th where visitors were given a grand tour of the newly renovated building and were treated to refreshments. Its Director, Claudette Lee, has been dancing and teaching dance for decades. She trained in the Chicago area, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids (including the Grand Rapids Civic Ballet Company), & Central Michigan University as a Dance minor.

Supplementing this education with Master Classes and Dance Conventions all over the country has given her a passion and drive for sharing this love of dance with others. Miss Claudette has also been certified to teach ZUMBA Fitness—a zesty new form of exercise designed to burn fat, pump blood, & tone the body, all while really enjoying the workout. It’s fun and easy to do!



The new studio is adorned with a whole wall full of shiny, full length mirrors; a ballet barre spanning three sides; a light reflecting, silver colored, metal ceiling; three spacious & clean rest-rooms; a comfortable & spacious parent waiting area; a “floating” laminate floor to reduce fatigue and help prevent stress injuries; hot pink accents throughout; and sparkling rhinestones illuminating unexpected points of light. All this has enlivened this old Fennville corner building that sat dark and empty for many a year, just waiting for the perfect business enterprise to enter its walls. Now, it is filled with smiling children who delight in movement classes of all sorts. It is also filled with adults of all ages who want to get their heart pumping and fat burning while having a blast in ZUMBA Fitness classes. New life has been breathed into the old Fennville Feed Store!

Discovery Dance offers classes in tumbling, Ballet, Jazz, Modem, Hip-Hop Fusion and Creative Movement. Students aged 18 months to adult are accepted in classes appropriate to the age group. There are even classes for children with special needs.

Contact Claudette Lee at 269-355-0562 for further information.

Visit their web site at www.discoverydancefennville.com



**PATTY BIRKHOLZ CUTS THE RIBBON AT OUR NEWEST
DOWNTOWN EATERY & BAKERY**

Most of you know by now that we have a new restaurant in town. Salt of the Earth, billed as "Rustic American Eatery & Bakery" has been officially open for business for several months and is located at 114 E. Main Street in Fennville.

The new Business is situated in the spot formerly occupied by the journeyman cafe and Rye. The bakery is open 7:00 am til close. Dinner 5 pm til 10 pm. Bar 5 pm til 11 pm. Live music every Friday 8:30 pm.

**PICTURES FROM THE
GOOSE FESTIVAL**



Katie DeJunge (left) was chosen as Goose Festival Queen. Hailey Saintz (center) and Alaina Harris are members of her court.



Lexis Wilson (center) was chosen as Gosling Princess. Mady VanHowe (left) and Missie Latham (right) will be members of



The Scottville Clown Band returned to perform after a four-year absence.



Contestants from the Pet Show.

See more pix at www.fennvillegoosefestival.com

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Business tip: Don't talk the talk unless you can walk the walk. Impress with action, not conversation. Endorse your business enthusiastically, yet tastefully.



Hello everyone. You'll notice I've updated my picture for the newsletter. I thought it was time to quit using the one that was taken five years ago and substitute one a bit more in tune with today's reality. We change pretty quickly in our earliest years, then again in our elderly years. I'm afraid I've reached my elderly years having just joined the ranks of those claiming septuagenarian status.

Two new businesses came to Fennville since our last newsletter, Salt of the Earth took over the facility previously occupied by journeyman café and Discovery Dance now occupies the building next to the railroad track that changed hands several times within the past few years. It's been a tanning salon and a video store most recently. There's an article about Discovery Dance inside on page 2.

Message from the President

Salt of the Earth did an extensive renovation inside. Most notably, the walls have been refinished, the entrance to the main dining area and bar has been enlarged. The bar itself has been extended in length. They've also added a stage to accommodate the live music every Friday evening starting at 8:30. I haven't had a meal in Salt of the Earth as yet, but I'm planning to. I can vouch for the pizza however. It's second to none, in my humble opinion.

John's Auto reached a milestone recently celebrating 50 years serving Fennville. You can view a short video clip of their 50 year celebration at www.fennvillenews.com.

Many of you are aware that the Fennville *Chamber of Commerce sponsors two scholarships* for our high school graduates. We began offering a single \$500 scholarship five years ago, then

increased it to two \$500 scholarships three years ago.

Money for these scholarships comes from the sale of refreshments at our Tuesday in the Park concerts, not from your chamber dues. So, in a very real sense, our scholarship money comes from literally hundreds of people in the community. It's not a lot of money, but we like to believe the backing of so many in the community may provide just the incentive at just the right moment for one of our scholarship recipients to overcome the many challenges he or she may face in making it to graduation.

While our primary source of scholarship finding is our refreshment stand profits, we do accept specific donations from local businesses or individuals.