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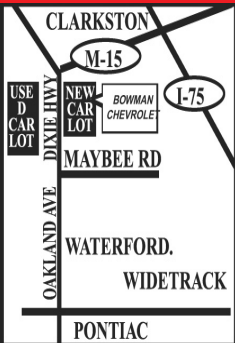
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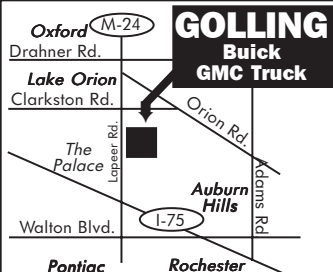
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“Most 4-year-olds at the center are reading,” said owner Pam Rush.

“This is considered a learning center. We have a very strong preschool,” she said.

However, playing is still a big part of the center, and each room is filled with toys.

Besides the two large outside playgrounds, The Learning Experience is unique with their own indoor micro-Disneyland called Make Believe Boulevard.

Children love to explore socio-dramatic play and the room is one of the favorites! They adore dressing up and playing in the mock house, store, diner and fire department.



**The Learning Experience staff enjoy teaching and helping children develop emotionally, socially and cognitively.**

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“At any given time, we’ll see kings, queens and princesses playing,” Ms. Pam said. “We have a lot of fun here!”

In addition, children participate in enrichment programs such as Fun with Phonics, dance, art, music, math and science. Spanish and sign language are also included.

A bonus that many parents appreciate is that there are no fees for enrichment programs as the tuition is all-inclusive.

The facilities at The Learning Experience are state-of-the-art. From the moment children and parents enter the building they are greeted by a warm and caring atmosphere that is clean and conducive to learning.

Ms. Pam loves working with children and their families and makes sure her staff does,

too. Staff members have to have more than a degree and spotless qualifications. They must genuinely enjoy being around children and interacting with them.

“We are here to love other people’s children and keep them happy, safe and educated,” she said.

A team of professionals work together to coordinate the day’s activities for children. Everyone, from program and state certified lead teachers to the paraprofessionals and on-site cook, have one goal: to build a strong foundation so each child can develop emotionally, socially and cognitively at his or her own pace.

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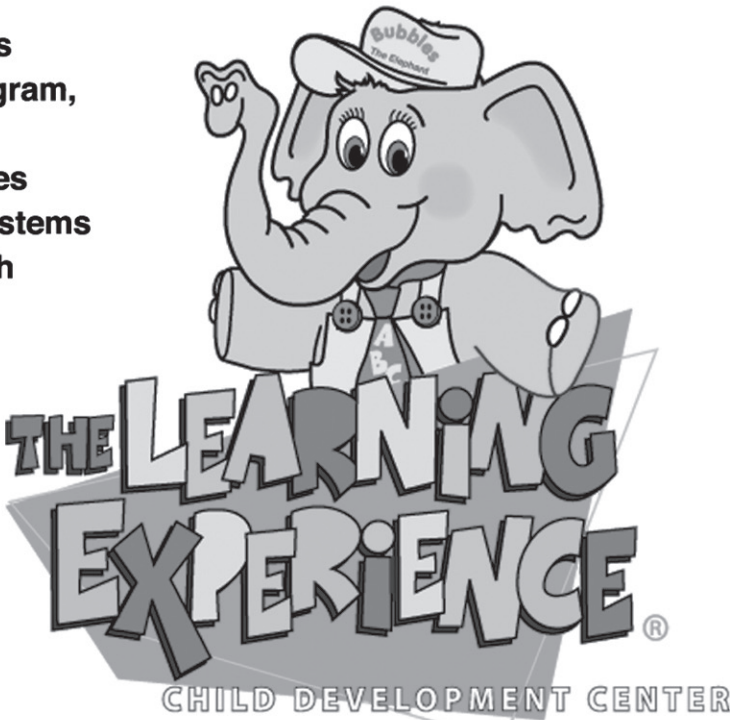
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Established in 2008 and open in its current location since November, Mimi's Metals buys, sells and trades all precious metals, including gold, silver, platinum, and palladium.

For Smith, what started as a hobby soon became a passion. The draw, he explained, was both the artistic value of the different designs, as well as the historical aspect - knowing the pieces were once traded as actual currency.

As he read any information he could find on the topic, Smith began buying precious metals as a mechanism for saving - and recommending others do the same.

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Mimi's Metals is named for Mimi, a three-year-old Chihuahua who often greets visitors with a friendly hello.

about the topic, it only made sense to set up shop and open a business.

"We got tired of seeing friends taken advantage of by people in this business," said Akins, explaining that a large part of the focus at Mimi's Metals is on education - helping people understand the value of

their coins, jewelry or other possessions, whether they're looking to sell or not.

"We always pay the best price possible," Smith added. "We'll sit down and talk with people, let them know how to test for silver, how to look at a piece and make an accurate judgment of its value, and how

to find items of value."

While jewelry, coins and bullion make up the bulk of merchandise Mimi's Metals deals in, other items come and go, as well.

Silver, especially, is moving fast. "Anything silver is hot right now," Smith said. "Tea sets, silverware, jewelry, coins - if it's silver, there's someone who will buy it."

Including Mimi's Metals. "We constantly have people in and out of here. We pay as high as we can and sell as low and we can. Our margins are thinner, but our volume is higher and that keeps us profitable and keeps people coming in."

In addition to the business' buy/sell/trade aspect, they also offer precious metal estate appraisal services, fundraising opportunities for non-profit organizations. Jewelry is available at wholesale prices, as well.

For example, a shopper might come by one day and find a \$10,000 wedding set for \$2,500.

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Marketti Academy is currently expanding its senior clinic floor, adding room for 15 more stylist stations, to keep up with its thriving admission rate. Co-Owner Allison Murphy explained that each senior student has their own station on the clinic floor much like a stylist would have in a salon.

“We want the transition from school to salon to be seamless for our students and that means providing them the right learning environment,” Murphy said.

The clinic floor, which is open to the public, offers a full salon service menu at discounted prices. New services continue to be added to the Marketti Academy service menu including the recently released Shellac™ Manicure.

The Manicure lasts for up to 14 days with no chipping, no peeling, and no smudges.

Tawny Marketti-Pearson said, “Educating our students on the newest techniques is important, but giving them the opportunity to perform those services as well is critical to their future success in the salon industry.”

To recognize and thank clients for

returning to Marketti Academy for salon services, Murphy and Marketti-Pearson created a frequent client punch card. Any purchase of at least \$5 gets the client a punch. After 10 punches the client is eligible for \$10 off of any service valued at \$10 or greater.

“Our clients have been so supportive of our students, we wanted to do something to say ‘thanks,’” Marketti-Pearson said.

Admissions also continue to increase due in part to the National Accreditation Marketti Academy received last year. With National Accreditation the Academy offers financial aid, like the Federal Pell Grant, to students who qualify. Interested students can apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and enter the Marketti Academy school code (041593).

Marketti Academy offers classes in cosmetology, manicuring, esthetics, and instructor training. The Academy’s State Board passing rates for each program is very high in both theory and practical applications.

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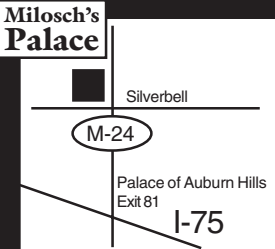
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To determine how much mulch you need, measure the square footage of your area and the desired depth, in inches, of mulch. If you want to compare pricing on bagged vs. bulk, know that bagged mulch is usually sold by either weight or cubic volume.

- There are 27 cubic feet in a cubic yard.
- The average 40 lb. bag of mulch is approximately equal to 1 cubic foot.

The only compelling reason to buy bagged mulch is ease of transportation. Bagged mulch can be up to ten times more expensive than bulk mulch. It makes sense to pay a delivery fee and borrow a wheelbarrow if you don't have

one. Further, cheap bagged mulch can sometimes contain shredded construction debris or other waste with toxic chemicals.

Bulk mulches from reputable landscape companies are likely clean and safe. Mulch is useful for preventing soil erosion and holding moisture in the ground. It helps to inhibit weed growth and gives a garden a manicured appearance. Mulches vary in makeup, color, texture and appearance. Use the following examples to help guide your selection:

- For a soothing, natural look, use dark-colored mulch.
- For a brighter bed, use lighter mulch or consider light colored gravel.
- For a classic look, choose un-dyed dark brown.

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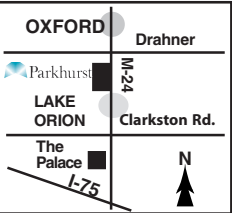
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