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## OCC offers relationship group

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus presents "Creating Healthy Relationships," a support group beginning Thursday, March 9.

"Creating Healthy Relationships" runs for six weeks and meets in the campus' J Building, Room 308, from 8:30-9 p.m. Cost is \$40 and the public is invited.

## MARCH 9

This group is sponsored by the Womencenter, a college facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women. For further information on this and other program offerings, call the Womencenter at (248) 471-7602.

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have announced their intention to seek re-election.

Petition and affidavit forms can be obtained at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center, 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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before. We want to understand it better."

But another issue the merchants talked about was what they think has been a lack of representation from the Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

Ratkowski said the association will maintain a presence at DDA meetings, beginning with the meeting set for 8 a.m. Tuesday.

"We don't feel, many of us, ... that the DDA has been representing downtown businesses at all," Ratkowski said. "... They're trying to bring in new businesses

to the city. And their other goal is to keep the city uplifted in terms of aesthetics.

"But that's all they've been doing. The few events they've done haven't really involved the merchants."

As harsh as those words might sound, Ratkowski insisted that the association wants to work together with the DDA to create a more-cohesive downtown where all merchants have a voice.

Judy Downey, executive director of the DDA, was not available for comment Friday.

**SPOTLIGHT ON**

## Orthodontics

by Josephine Finkas, D.M.D.

### BUCKING THE TREND

If there ever was a reason in the mind of the public to undergo orthodontic treatment, it would be a case of "buck teeth." Technically known as "protrusive overjet," this Class II malocclusion (bad bite) features lower front teeth that are either directly under, or to the rear of, the upper front teeth when the jaws meet. As a result, the lower jaw as a whole tends to slide behind the upper one. And, the upper front teeth protrude in front of the lower of the lower ones, creating the classic look of "buck teeth." Not only are the protruding incisors unattractive, but they are susceptible to being knocked out, loosened, or fractured. All three are good reasons for orthodontic treatment.

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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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Changing: The sign said "Angelo's Back," and he is planning to expand the popular restaurant on Grand River in downtown.

## Dimitri's

### Angelo's back

By TIM SMITH  
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The banner outside Dimitri's of Farmington proclaims "Angelo's Back."

And, according to Angelo Anastasiou, those connected with the Grand River restaurant couldn't be happier.

"They're happy about it, the city, bank, customers," said Anastasiou, who recently reclaimed the business following proceedings in 47th District Court. "I have a commitment."

Anastasiou had long owned the building itself, at least since the mid-1980s. He also managed Dimitri's then. But, in 1996, he sold the business end over to Ali Almansoor.

"We're getting organized," said Anastasiou, who expects the revamped Dimitri's to soon undergo a \$300,000 expansion and remodeling. "We're doing pretty good so far."

"... I'm planning to expand. But we're not changing it too much."

Anastasiou, along with his

brother Billy and Jam Hamama (who will run the eatery), will soon present plans to Farmington city officials for the project.

After that work is done, Anastasiou intends to fade back into the background and let Billy Anastasiou and Hamama handle day-to-day restaurant operations.

Under Almansoor's watch, Dimitri's was in apparent financial trouble, to the dismay of Anastasiou, who took the matter to 47th District Court.

According to court documents, 47th District Judge Maria Parker evicted the defendant, Alhaded Inc. and proprietor Almansoor, and turned the restaurant back to Anastasiou.

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