

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



LISA WAKELAND/STAFF
Owner Laurie Shelton shows some of the pottery choices and finished work at her business, Let's Go Doodlin'.

Customers' creativity comes out at studio

Laurie Shelton was at a paint-your-own pottery studio when everything clicked.

Shelton was an art and interior design major, but had difficulty pursuing that career path because of her family obligations.

She decided to open her own business, Let's Go Doodlin' in Anderson Township, while she was pregnant with her fourth child.

"It was something I could do with the kids and the idea just blossomed," she said.

After a decade in business, the paint your own pottery studio continues to draw both children and adults.

She orders most of the pottery pieces - from figurines and picture frames to platters and coffee mugs - and stocks an assortment of glaze and paint at the studio.

"I think it can be intimidating at first," Shelton said.

"We try to be customer-friendly and welcoming."

Her staff helps each person learn about the process of decorating and firing, as well as offering tips to encourage creativity.

There also are a number of stamps, stencils and magazines to spark an idea.

The key to having fun while painting the pottery, Shelton said, is to not worry

Let's Go Doodlin'

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Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday, 10
a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 1
p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, closed
Mondays

about creating elaborate designs or fretting over mistakes.

"Most people start simple and then progress," she said.

"A true artist can make something out of a mistake and we try to help them."

The finished pieces are fired on site and usually ready one week after completion.

If customers can't find inspiration or time to paint their own piece, Shelton also creates custom work for wedding gifts, sports teams or graduation presents.

There is a fee for studio time to cover the cost of paint and glaze, which is \$5 for children and \$7 for adults.

Pottery pieces range from \$5 to \$65 but Shelton said most pieces are less than \$20.

By Lisa Wakeland. Send your "Small Business Spotlight" suggestions to espangler@communitypress.com

THINGS TO DO

Holiday dance

American Legion Mount Washington Post 484 is hosting the St. Patrick's Day Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 13, at American Legion Mount Washington Post 484, 1837 Sutton Ave., Mount Washington.

The event includes door prizes, raffle and split-the-pot. It also includes beer, soft drinks and snacks. Music is by Six Pac. Green clothing is encouraged. The cost is \$10. Call 231-3572.

Rescue benefit

Labrador Retriever Rescue of Cincinnati Inc. is hosting the Labrador Retriever Rescue of Cincinnati Charity Dinner from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Ivy Hills Country Club, 7711 Ivy Hills Blvd., Newtown.

The event includes food and a silent auction. Learn about labradors who need



homes. Proceeds benefit Labrador Retriever Rescue of Cincinnati.

The cost is \$30. Reservations are required. Call 753-7572 or visit www.rescueal-ab.com.

Benefit concert

Anderson Community Band is performing at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township.

The cost is \$5, free ages 12 and under. A portion of proceeds benefits the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life at Anderson High School May 7-8. Additional donations are accepted. Call 232-4409 or visit www.andersoncommunityband.org.



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You make me want to shout! A record number of 1,178 dads and their little girls attended the 2010 at the new dance location, NKU Student Union Ballroom.

Dance with dad

Anderson Township Park District recently hosted the 10th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance at Northern Kentucky University's Student Union Ballroom.

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A group of girls have a blast dancing to Beyoncé's "Single Ladies" song.



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Grace Wadley hugs her dad, David Wadley, during the song, "Butterfly Kisses."



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Daddy Daughter Dance regulars, Randy and Brienne Bachman, (Anderson Township) slow dance together.



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Steve and Kay Nagy, Ken and Elizabeth Kushner, and Ed and Kaitlyn Kushner, attended the 10th annual event.



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Sara Jordan leads her dad, Brian Jordan, (Anderson Township) in a dance.



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Curtis Chandler (Anderson Township) and his girls, Mirandas, Lilli, and Aurora, take a break from dancing.



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Michael Dreyer (Anderson Township) poses with daughter, Elison, at the 10th annual Daddy Daughter Dance.

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