

PROGRESS 2007

Jerry's Automotive servicing Oskaloosa for more than 30 years



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Jerry's Automotive Pro Collision is located at 717 S. Sixth St., Oskaloosa.

Thirty-four years ago, Jerry Slobe had a vision of service. Today Jerry's Automotive Pro Collision Center is going strong and service is still the primary motivator.

The Oskaloosa-based business, owned by Slobe, is a company that makes people happy even when the circumstances may not seem possible. The business was built from scratch and is the oldest single-owner auto service business in town. The company is located at 717 S. Sixth St. in Oskaloosa.

Jerry's Automotive Pro Collision is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on the services available, contact Jerry or his staff at (641) 672-2681. For towing services 24-hours a day, call (641) 673-5601.

Jerry's Automotive purchased a 2007 Chevrolet 3500 wrecker to add to its fleet. The new model not only provides safety for the operator with more safety features, lights and equipment, but protection for the customer's vehicle. The new unit slides under the tires rather than hooking under the front end or rear end.

Slobe and his repair and service crew of nine have been in the auto repair business for more than a third of a century. He has seen customers at their lowest

after an accident. He has also seen the happiness when they pick up their vehicle and it is as shiny as the day it came from the dealer.

"When we are finished, nobody notices our work," said Slobe. "It is hard for me to drive through Oskaloosa and not see a vehicle that has been in our shop at one time or another. It is a good feeling to know we have done good work."

Repeat business and customer referrals have given Jerry's Automotive Pro Collision extra business.

"We work very hard to be the best in the area," said Jerry. "We do not sublet any work outside our building. We have trained and certified staff to take a vehicle from bumper-to-bumper and make it new again."

Training and education is an important aspect to any business. The staff at Jerry's Automotive Pro Collision has received training from I-Car. The Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair is a not-for-profit international training organization that is one of the industry's leading training certification organizations.

"The vehicles of today are more complex than before, said Slobe. "We have to be able to understand the vehicle and how it

is meant to perform. That knowledge comes from training and education."

Jerry's Automotive Pro Collision performs a full range of auto repair including body shop repairs, which is a majority of the company's business. The mechanical business is an unadvertised portion of their work.

"Our unadvertised mechanical shop can save consumers a lot of money on labor costs," said Jerry. "We can easily be working on 14 to 20 vehicles at any one time between our two departments."

Few repair companies are able to perform all their services in house. Because of the training his employees go through, Jerry's Automotive Pro Collision is able to keep the work "in house." Jerry's can do direct repair work for most of the major insurance companies.

When vehicles break down on the road or are involved in an accident, the company offers towing. The company is certified by the AAA Motor Club and other motor clubs to provide towing services based on the club's policy. Towing is available 24 hours a day. If a customer needs a tow, they can call Jerry's or request them through law enforcement that may be on the scene of the accident.

CB Liquor carries all you need for special occasions, celebrations

Carrie and Bill Bainbridge, of rural New Sharon, own and operate CB Liquor at 1202 A Ave. East in Oskaloosa. It is a locally owned family business. They opened their business in December 2002. They also own and operate Wiggs Convenience Store just east of CB Liquor.

CB Liquor is a great place to find champagne for a holiday or wedding or any special occasion. Thave over 400 varieties of wines and champagnes. If you are looking for a bottle of wine for a present or special dinner or just for yourself, stop in and you are sure to find something to fit your taste.

CB Liquor stocks a variety of items such as wine, champagne, beer, hard liquor, mixers, beer and wine glasses, bottled water, cigarettes, chips, pop, ice, Power Ball and lottery tickets, and even the old redemption ticket machine. In addition, they also carry firewood, cigars and pipe tobacco, as well as a large selection of the 50 ml "mini" airplane liquors.

CB Liquor also carries special-order items such as Sigrem's VO Gold, Wiser's Deluxe, and San Francisco Cookies and Cream. It takes about six weeks for a special-order item to arrive, so they keep those in stock as

much as possible. They will try to get any special order that is requested if they can.

CB Liquor has just started to carry Tassel Ridge wines, produced near Leighton, and have other Iowa wines from Summerset Winery, Jasper Winery and Sugar Grove Winery. From September through April, they hold wine tastings at least once a month. Check your local paper and KBOE for the dates and times.

CB Liquor has some amenities for its customers such as a canopy for parking under, a very large parking lot to accommodate large trailers, auto racing trailers, buses and large trucks. They can pull in on one road and out on the other.

CB Liquor has weekly beer specials and monthly specials on liquor. They also give a 10 percent discount on Mondays to senior citizens, excluding tobacco products. A 10 percent discount for whole-case purchases is available also. However, the two offers are mutually exclusive.

Besides selling alcohol to individuals, CB Liquors service bars in Oskaloosa and surrounding towns.

As one of the new and upcoming improvements, CB Liquor hopes to start a Web site later this year.

CB Liquor's business

hours are 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; and 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. The store is closed on Sundays to let the employees be home with their families.

However, if holidays such as New Years Eve or the Fourth of July fall on a Sunday, they will be open.

CB Liquor is a member of the National Federation of Independent Businesses and is an Oskaloosa Chamber member.

Bill and Carrie also own and operate Wiggs Country Store which has been in the family since 1959. "Wigg" Bainbridge worked there and bought the store then. "Wigg" built up the business and Bill joined him when he was old enough to work. Wiggs Country Store was one of the first convenience stores that was owned locally and is still going strong today.

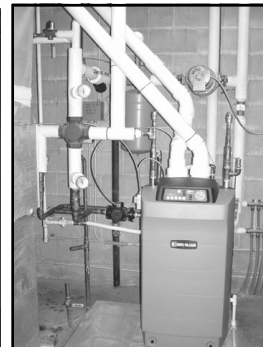
Wigg added on to the business all through his life. One of the additions is the Laundromat, which has 15 new washers and will be replacing the rest soon. Future improvements also include replacing the dryers.

Wigg can still be seen at the store and can tell you some good stories from the past. He likes to visit with the customers and wander through the store.

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