

PROGRESS 2007

Small business is good business at Glaco

Glaco Valve Automation and Process Controls (Glaco Midwest, Inc.) prides themselves on being an asset to the Oskaloosa community. "Small business is good business," says Mary Glasscock, President and CEO of Glaco. "We support all the communities in which we are involved and their businesses". It is very important, and, in fact, integral to have collaborative business communities that individuals, families and groups of friends can join in regardless of where they live."

Running a small business is hard work, and Glaco has around 20 employees. "Our competitive pricing, variety of project solutions, alternative offerings, project management and online account management make it easier for our clients to run their businesses smoothly," says Glasscock.

Glaco is experiencing

strong growth as the demand for additional products and services provide excellent opportunities for their clients. "We at Glaco have increased our product offerings and locations to meet expanding client needs. We are pleased and proud to be a part of a major ethanol expansion for Cargill, and more new client business that is coming down the pike. This is the most fantastic part of business, the growth. I love every minute of it," says Glasscock. "Our employees are up to the many tasks at hand, and our customer service is key."

For all of their locations, the facilities are located adjacent or very close to major highways and railroads from Nebraska to Ohio, and then in Memphis to facilitate logistics. More often than ever, Glaco exports their products to a

variety of locations around the globe. Many businesses in other Iowa communities and out of state are expressing strong interest in Glaco's offerings, accessibility and the competitive cost they are able to bring to the table. Glaco provides high quality precision products and services to the corn, seed, chemical, ethanol/biofuels, food/beverage, pulp/paper and a variety of other industries throughout the Midwest and Midsouth. They have recently added a new line of control valves, Dyna-Flo, and are also very pleased to announce that David Leger has come on board as Sales Manager.

This family-owned and woman-owned business recently received Diverse Supplier of the Year from a major client, an award of which the entire company is very proud. Company President/CEO Mary



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Glaco Valve Automation and Process Controls has been in Oskaloosa since 1973.

Glasscock accepted the honor for 2006 Diverse Supplier of the Year, in front of an audience of approximately 100 attendees. Glaco was founded in 1973 by Joe and Judy Glasscock and has been operating under the

direction of Mary Glasscock since 2004. The award recognizes Glaco for distinguished achievement and performance as a supplier.

The company is active with industry organizations, consistently utilizing train-

ing and technology strengths that further benefit their client's requirements for superior products and services. "We look forward to a very strong year this year, and in the years to come," says Glasscock.

Gary Rupprecht Repair celebrates 16 years of service

Gary Rupprecht has learned to repair and build motor vehicles ever since he was 14, when he bought his first motorcycle. He's learned from some of the best mechanics around, and is a Honda technician.

The business repairs and services motorcycles, ATVs, dirt bikes and small engines, and also sells retail parts for these vehicles. Gary also added in 2006 new Chinese-made four-wheelers from mini to adult sizes and mini dirt bikes under the brandname SUN-L.

Gary Rupprecht Repair is in its 16th year of business in Fremont. Rupprecht says business is always growing. He built his building, and later built a large addition to the original building. He now plans on adding another work stall to the three he has, so he can do specialty work on Trikes and Harleys. Rupprecht said he probably will add on to his parts room as well.

Before opening his own business at 326 Pine St., Fremont, Rupprecht worked in other area repair shops. After high school graduation in 1968, he worked for Jerry Smith Cycle Ranch,

then for Ron's Yamaha-Triumph in Pella; that business later added Honda to its business. After 16 years there, he spent several months at R-J Performance in Ottumwa, but realized he wanted to start his own business in Fremont.

Rupprecht built the original 52-by-56-square-foot building and opened for business in 1990.

"I had almost my whole family working for me then — my dad, son, daughter and her husband, and brother-in-law, for almost a year."

Once the business was off the ground, Rupprecht began working with just his son, Ron. But he also built a 40-by-52-square-foot addition to the original building to have more room for repairs.

"My son, Ron, is really a big part of my business now, because he learns more all the time from by past experience," Gary said.

"We really keep busy during the summer months," he said. "I have been doing more Harley work now than in the past few years. I always keep busy changing Harley tires for people too."

"So far this winter we have been really busy com-

pared to last winter, so I'd say it will be really busy this summer."

Rupprecht said his best advertisement has been word-of-mouth.

"They seem to keep coming back to me, even from the areas where I used to work. ... I seem to find time to always talk to everyone real easy, and have lots of good friend in this type of business."

He credits mechanics Ron Kramer and Ernie Wissler with teaching him more about the trade and making him able to tackle just about any repair.

"I've always done all of my own repair and maintenance on my cars, trucks and bikes, since I was in high school," he said.

Married 36 years, Rupprecht has lived in Fremont for 35 years. He has three children and eight grandchildren.

Busy with his family and his thriving repair business, Rupprecht said, "I feel I have done a lot, and have a lot more to learn yet."

For the high-quality repair and maintenance work everyone's talking about, stop in at Gary Rupprecht Repair, 326 N. Pine St., Fremont, or call (641) 933-4737.

Breadeaux Pisa making fresh pizza every day

We at Breadeaux Pisa take pride in making the freshest pizza possible. Starting with our dough, we make it fresh daily. Thanks to the fact that we make fresh dough, we could accommodate our customers during the recent ice storm. Also, our vegetables are cut fresh daily.

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Breadeaux offers hand-tossed, deep dish, crispy-thin and sizzle-pan crusts, as well as a variety of sides from pasta and salads to bread, cheese, hot wings and cinnamon sticks. Breadeaux's toasted ravioli and dessert pizzas are also popular items. Breadeaux's menu items are all made using the freshest ingredients.

New menu items include brownie bites, jalapeno bottle caps and mozzarella cheese sticks.

For years, Breadeaux Pisa has been providing Oskaloosa residents with what they think is the best

ing and technology strengths that further benefit their client's requirements for superior products and services. "We look forward to a very strong year this year, and in the years to come," says Glasscock.

The store, located at 215 A Ave. E., in Oskaloosa, is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday. They offer dine-in and carry-out, as well as serving slices through the lunch hour.

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