

**Workshops help mail businesses amass Web power**

Participants in a series of workshops on Wednesday and Thursday at the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce learned how to use social media to grow their businesses. The workshops were held at the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce, 10000 E. 14 Mile Road, Suite 100, Macomb, Mich. The workshops were held at the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce, 10000 E. 14 Mile Road, Suite 100, Macomb, Mich. The workshops were held at the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce, 10000 E. 14 Mile Road, Suite 100, Macomb, Mich.

**Names & Faces**

**Law professor honored**

Dr. Robert J. Suter, professor of law at Eastern Michigan University, has been named the 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award by the Michigan State Bar Association. The award is presented annually to a member of the bar who has distinguished himself in his profession and in his community. Dr. Suter is a past president of the Michigan State Bar Association and has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1978.

**Actor earns hospice award**

James J. Suter, actor and hospice volunteer, has been named the 2010 recipient of the Hospice Award by the Macomb County Hospice. The award is presented annually to a person who has demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to the hospice community. James J. Suter has been a volunteer at Macomb County Hospice for over 10 years and has been instrumental in many of the hospice's programs.



Photo: There is a new partner with Continental Financial, which is expanding services offered from its new office building.

**Food for thought**

Continental Financial Services, which is expanding services offered from its new office building, is looking for new partners. The company is currently seeking qualified individuals to join its team. The company is currently seeking qualified individuals to join its team. The company is currently seeking qualified individuals to join its team.

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**IN BRIEF**  
 Business classes  
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**High Flyers**  
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**Officials excited about new projects that include hotel, fast-food outlet**

**By Mitch Hotts**  
 Macomb Daily Staff Writer

Construction of a new McDonald's restaurant on Gratiot Avenue in Clinton Township may serve as the impetus for additional development, according to township and real estate officials. McDonald's is going to spend

about \$2 million for the new eatery north of Metropolitan Parkway on the site of the former Parkway Chrysler Jeep dealership. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Monday morning.

"We're very excited because this facility is the new McDonald's prototype that includes dual drive-through lanes," said Kathy Setter, who along with her husband, Kevin, is the franchisee of the facility.

The 3,800-square-foot restaurant is a little larger than the current facility located down the street. Opening is scheduled for early June.

The location was initially planned for a new Atlas Oil gas station with a smaller McDonald's on the property, but the gas company pulled out about two years ago and the property sat vacant.

"That corner was just looking ugly and blighted," said William Sowerby, the township treasurer. "This new McDonald's can add some life to the Downtown Development Authority area and offer some renewed hope for development."

Joe Sowerby — brother of William Sowerby — is the broker who

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hammered out the details for the project, which he called the "linchpin" of the Gratiot strip. "McDonald's will take up 1.7 acres of the 8-acre site so we expect the opening will send a positive ripple effect on the property," he said. The existing McDonald's will remain open until the new one is up and running and then will be demolished. The owners of the

Farmers Market just west of the restaurant are working to acquire the land. Greg Sassin of the Farmers Market said tentative plans call for an expansion of the market's outdoor operations and parking lot. McDonald's last month demolished its restaurant on Groesbeck Highway near Cass Avenue in Mount Clemens to build a new fast food eatery. The replacement will have a similar con-

struction design as the Clinton Township store. Meanwhile, Clinton Township officials are also looking forward to the opening of a new \$5 million, three-story Hampton Inn on Gratiot near 14 Mile Road that will contain 93 rooms. It is expected to open in early April. "We look at this additional building activity and hope it will generate interest in our Gratiot strip," said Clinton Township Planning Director Carlo Santia.

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