

Business

Improving smiles since 1977

Dentist celebrates over 40 years in business

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PALMER – William J. Vigneux celebrates 46 years of improving smiles this year, with many third generation patients to celebrate with him.

Located at 2025 Main St., Three Rivers, Vigneux offers the community customized dentistry services at a convenient location.

“We provide good care. I think people like the fact that we give them options,” said Vigneux.

He added he “caters to the customer’s needs,” and “makes sure we’re on the same page.”

Unlike many large practices, the small business atmosphere of Vigneux’s office allows him to provide the best, individualized care as there is no “running in and out” of several patient rooms at a time.

“You have to see people [and] do your best,” said Vigneux.

A unique quality of the care Vigneux provides is his ability to talk with patients and prioritize their needs opposed to “making a quick buck.”

“We really take care of our patients and dental family,” said Vigneux.

Vigneux’s philosophy is to “do the best you can for every patient.” “If you take care of people, it feels good,” said Vigneux.

Speaking to practicing with an emphasis on a patient’s needs, Vigneux said he has provided emergency services in the past, and has even made house calls.

Vigneux said when he first opened his practice in the late 1970s/1980s, he received a call from a patient he had never served before.

While the patient’s “emergency” wasn’t the traditional bleeding, pain or swelling symptoms, Vigneux deemed the case an emergency as the patient was the mother of a bride who was getting married that day.

The woman’s denture broke off, and Vigneux drove out to fix it the day of.

“That’s an emergency - I’m thinking of my grandmother...I feel a connection to my patients,” said Vigneux.



Dr. William Vigneux stands beside his business slogan “Improving Smiles Since 1977.”



William Vigneux DMD is shown smiling behind the reception desk in the office.



A large flower pot is shown outside of the dentist office, a courtesy of Dr. William Vigneux.

cialized services.

“It was one week, immersed in clinical things,” said Vigneux.

He added he is “very happy with [his] experience in the military,” and he “enjoys doing what [he’s] doing.”

“It’s fun, and is always something new. It’s not boring like any other business,” said Vigneux.

A piece of advice Vigneux offers to those seeking medical care is to “choose a practitioner that you’re comfortable with,” and know “you’re buying what they’re selling.”

While Vigneux accepts “just about any” insurance, the practice does not accept MassHealth.

To schedule an appointment and support local businesses, supporting local people, call Vigneux’s office at 413-283-6182.



Evan Gallagher demonstrates the machinery of the Advanced Manufacturing department.



Laura Rogers (left) helps Genasis Rodriguez in Pathfinder’s kitchen.



Culinary students learn to make pasta from Pathfinder’s Nutrition Director Anthony Bishop.



Youth attending the program answered questions about the fundamentals of wiring.

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Wednesday, and then police training for things like fingerprinting and patrol procedures on Thursday, followed by tours on Friday.

“We’ll give them a tour of the police station, they can meet people that are in there, get to see the facility, how they work, check everything out there, and then we go to all the fire stations, see the firefighters at their stations, and how that stuff works,” Wahlers said.

“We go to the ambulance garage, check that out, so they get a tour of everything,” Wahlers said. “We’ll include everybody, and then they can interact with the firefighters there and talk to them at their stations, and then we’ll van them up, come back, and that’s the week.”

After landing their helicopter on the lawn in front of the school, the crew told the class about what they do, and what protocols they have to follow, such as the minimum number of staff required to tend to an emergency.

The Summer Youth Enrichment Program serves as a great sampling of the various vocational programs that Pathfinder has to offer, with in-depth courses that, at best, can put a child on the path to a career they’ll be passionate about – and at worst, provide some fun activities to try out over the summer.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD23P0873EA
Estate of:
Edward W. Manicki
Date of Death:
03/18/2023
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD22P1169EA
Estate of:
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Smart Ways To Invest In Bonds

Most investors are aware of the different types of stocks: big-company, small-company, technology, international and so on. And it may be a good idea to own a mix of these stocks as part of your overall investment portfolio. But the importance of diversification applies to bonds, too — so, how should you go about achieving it?

To begin with, individual bonds fall into three main types: municipal, corporate and government. Within these categories, you’ll find differences in the bonds being issued. For example, government bonds include conventional, fixed-rate Treasury bonds as well as inflation-protected ones, along with bonds issued by government agencies, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (or Fannie Mae). Corporate bonds are differentiated from each other by several factors, but one important one is the interest rate they pay, which is largely determined by the credit quality of the issuer. (The higher the rating grade — AAA, AA and so on — the lower the interest rate; higher-rated bonds pose less risk to investors and therefore pay less interest.)

Municipal bonds, too, are far from uniform. These bonds are issued by state and local governments to build or improve infrastructure, such as airports, highways, hospitals and schools. Generally, municipal bonds are exempt from federal tax and often state and local taxes, too. However, because of this tax benefit, municipal bonds typically pay lower interest rates than many corporate bonds.

How can you use various types of bonds to build a diversified bond portfolio? One method is to invest in mutual funds that invest primarily in bonds. By owning a mix of corporate, government and municipal bond funds, you can gain exposure to much of the bond world. Be aware, though, that bond funds, like bonds themselves, vary widely in some respects. To illustrate: Some investors may choose a low-risk, low return approach by investing in a bond fund that only owns Treasury securities, while other investors might strive for higher returns — and accept greater risk — by investing in a higher-yield, but riskier bond fund.

But you can also diversify your bond holdings by owning a group of individual bonds with different maturities: short-, intermediate- and long-term. This type of diversification can help protect you against the effects of interest-rate movements, which are a driving force behind the value of your bonds — that is, the amount you could sell them for if you chose to sell them before they matured. When market interest rates rise, the price of your existing, lower-paying bonds will fall, and when rates drop, your bonds will be worth more.

But by building a “ladder” of bonds with varying maturities, you can take advantage of different interest-rate environments. When market rates are rising, you can reinvest your maturing, shorter-term bonds at the new, higher rates. And when market rates are low, you’ll still have your longer-term bonds working for you. (Generally, though not always, longer-term bonds pay higher rates than shorter-term ones.)

A bond ladder should be consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances. But if it’s appropriate for your needs, it could be a valuable tool in diversifying your bond holdings. And while diversification — in either stocks or bonds — can’t always guarantee success or avoid losses, it remains a core principle of successful investing.

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