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Dr. Lance Bartz retires



Stanton~ Dr. Lance Bartz D.D.S. has been providing dental services in Montcalm County for 40 years, but as of March 26 treated his last patient and is starting a new chapter in his life: retirement.

Dr. Bartz graduated from the University of Michigan School Of Dentistry in 1975 and operated a private dental practice in Sheridan from 1975 through 1992. After several years of semi-retirement, he decided to return to dentistry and joined Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Stanton Dental Care Center in 2004. Several years later, the clinic, which primarily served children, expanded and relocated to the Montcalm Area Career Center in Sidney. Bartz remained on board during the transition, and has been serving clients there until his retirement.

Bartz likened his time spent in private practice to working in an ivory tower because he just didn't see people with significant decay and tremendous dental needs.

"I actually thought those types of dental problems were a thing of the past, until I started seeing patients at the Stanton/Sidney dental clinic," he said. "I quickly realized these problems were still very much present in our community and found serving clients with limited or non-existent access to dental care extremely rewarding."

In addition to his many years of providing dental care, Dr. Bartz has been an active and contributing member of the community. He was a member of the Sheridan Lions Club for 20 years and volunteered for the Sheridan Community Fire Department for 12 years. He also served on the Sheridan Community Hospital Board of Directors for 11 years. Dr. Bartz held various positions on the West Michigan District Dental Society and served on the West Michigan Dental Foundation.

A resident of Montcalm County since establishing his dental practice, Dr. Bartz has been married to his wife, Evelyn, for 53 years. Together they have three children, twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

"Dr. Bartz has improved the lives of many in the community and has contributed greatly to a number of organizations and initiatives," said Kim Singh, former Health Officer for MMDHD and current Director of Community and Governmental Affairs with MCDC."

Mid-Michigan District Health Department and Michigan Community Dental Clinics wish Dr. Bartz all the best in retirement and thank him for his many years of providing comprehensive dental care to many individuals and families and helping to improve their oral health and overall well-being.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department serves the residents of Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties.

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