

BUSINESS Spotlight

by Veronica Boulden

Bill's Barber Shop

Bill Lawson has opened his own barber shop in Prospect, but he is not new to the community or to the barbering business. Bill is a long-time resident of Prospect and when asked about his work experience, Bill explains, "Out of high school, many years ago, I got my license and then barbered for 15 years. From there, I did several different things, including owning and operating Prospect Pizza for a time." Before opening his barber shop in town, Bill had a barber shop in downtown Waterbury for nine years. So, by settling in as a barber here, Bill realizes with some nostalgia, "I am ending up where I started off."

With over twenty years experience in barbering, Bill is confident his customers are pleased with his service. He mentions that he manages the more difficult and detailed hair cuts with ease and for this reason, he has a lot of repeat business and referrals. Some clients, in fact, have sought him out through the years and he has seen them literally grow up in his barbering chair.

Bill's Barber Shop is located right next to the Dairy Bar Restaurant on Route 69 in Prospect. His place has a lot of old fashioned charm. From the moment you pass through the door, you will be impressed with the shop's atmosphere, feel relaxed and even feel at home. The floor is finished hardwood, something that sets Bill's shop apart immediately, making it much warmer and inviting than a typical shop. The waiting area has large, comfortable chairs, a fireplace (that Bill plans to use to help warm up the waiting area in

the winter months) potted plants, built-in shelves with plenty of reading materials, and a television that doesn't hang high above your head so you have to crane your neck to see it, but that sits at eye level in the corner; a nice touch. The shop also has a sun porch that Bill will encourage clients to use on the nicest days. The place is altogether clean and cozy. Sitting there, you feel more like you're sitting in a friend's house rather than in a barber shop.

Bill cuts men's and children's hair. He asserts that you are "never too young or too old" to visit his shop. He encourages parents to bring their children. "I also do well with younger children," Bill explains. "I have the



Bill Lawson, owner of Bill's Barber Shop, takes a moment during a busy day to pose for this photo.

patience to handle their moving around."

Bill's hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and his shop is closed on Sunday and Monday. If you are interested in a high quality hair cut at fair price in a convenient location, come to Bill's Barber Shop on Route 69 in the center of Prospect, next to the Prospect Dairy Bar. "Just give me a try and see for yourself," Bill says.

Tommy Merriman American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194

The Tommy Merriman American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m. in the Prospect Library Community Room. Installation of officers will be held at this meeting and programs for the upcoming year will be discussed. Committees will be filled for the coming year as well. President Carol Muzzey would like to

remind members that dues are currently due. Anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary is invited to attend the meeting. Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month; members are notified if the meeting changes for any reason. For more information about the Auxiliary, call Carol at 758-5173.



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