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Open House a Success!



Thank you to all our patients and friends who helped us celebrate our Open House and to the Midland Chamber of Commerce for a great ribbon cutting ceremony. It was a fun day visiting with everyone and meeting new friends!

Snore Appliances

I am finding out personally, a snore appliance can change your life . . . I have been very tired lately and low on energy. I know I am a huge snorer with possible apnea. I made a new snore appliance and have worn it every other night and "shazam!" Every other day I feel good and every other day I am tired. Snore appliances are great for mild to moderate obstructive sleep apnea . . . a life changer.

Thank You!

Thank you for choosing us for a *Midland Daily News* [Readers' Choice Winner for 2010!](#)

The staff and I are truly honored by your support!

Continuing Education

I would like to thank all of you whom I had the pleasure of meeting for being so friendly and welcoming. It has been great starting to get to know all of you, and I consider myself very privileged to be in a position to help you continue to maintain and improve your dental health. I look forward to meeting those of you I haven't had the chance yet to meet in person!

I am also excited to announce that I am beginning extensive continued education in orthodontics for the general dental practitioner. Over the next few months, I will be attending courses conducted by Dr. Richard A. Litt, president of F.O.R.C.E. International and previous clinical director of orthodontics at University of Detroit Mercy and University of California at San Francisco. The course will cover everything from craniofacial and dento-alveolar growth and development to the latest innovations in orthodontic treatment and appliances. I'm looking forward to using this information to better serve you and your families here at Bailey Family Dental and Braces.

Insurance Benefits

Just a quick reminder to call now to schedule if you have insurance benefits or Flexible Spending funds to use up in 2010. We are also coming up on next year's tax and benefit planning time, so please feel free to call us if you have questions about what dental work would be recommended for 2011.

Xylitol

What if you could eat something sweet all day long and not have to worry about cavities? Read our latest [Word of Mouth](#) column that appears in the *Midland Daily News*.

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Exciting News!

As some of you may have heard (or noticed), we are remodeling our building to include a new waiting room, reception area, and two new clinical rooms. The new entrance and reception area will be completed soon, and the two new clinical and sterilization areas will be completed during our office closure in July.

The other exciting news is that my brother, Ben, has recently graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School and will be joining me in the practice in mid-June. His bio is below . . .

We will be planning an open house for our patients and the community on September 10th to give tours of the new office and give you a chance to meet Ben and the new staff members. We will keep you updated!

We feel very blessed to be able to grow and to thank you, our patients, for making it possible. Also, thank you

for your patience and understanding as we are undergoing the new construction phase!



'Meet" Dr. Benjamin L. Bailey



Ben was born in Midland, the son of the late Dr. Eldon Bailey, D.D.S., and Katie Bailey (now Katie Groulx).

Ben attended Siebert Elementary, Jefferson Middle, and Dow High schools. He also went to church at Living Word International and the Free Methodist Church on Eastman Avenue.

Prior to high school he worked part-time at his dad's dental office performing various cleaning duties, treatment room set-up, instrument sterilization, and fabrication of whitening trays. During high school, he was a member of the JV and Varsity soccer teams and manager for the girls' soccer team. He played trumpet in the marching band and was a member of the National Honor Society. During his senior

year, he was a co-op at the Mid-Michigan Microbiology Lab and created cultures from human bacterial specimens. He graduated from Dow High in 2002 with a 4.09 GPA.

He took guitar lessons during middle school and high school, played in the Dow High "Renfair" and taught guitar lessons while attending college.

Ben attended Grand Valley State University from 2002-2006 where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences graduating with a 3.70 GPA. He was on the Dean's List each semester and tutored students in Biology and Mathematics at the GVSU Tutoring Center. During his summers, he worked repairing and replacing sidewalks for the City of Midland. He also worked as an Admissions Counselor for Grand Valley, conducting campus tours, assisting with freshman orientation.

Upon graduating GVSU, Ben was accepted to the University of Michigan Dental School. He is a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society. Ben recently graduated from U of M with a 3.60 GPA and was ranked 19th in his class.

Ben loves snow skiing, snowboarding, wakeboarding, biking, and basically anything outdoors . . . not to mention he is a huge football and baseball fan. His wife, Ashly, is also a dentist, and they enjoy exploring northern Michigan, spending time with friends and family, and training their Sheltie dog, Belle, to do new tricks.

MDN Reader's Choice Awards

My staff and I get a huge moral boost from winning the *Midland Daily News*' Reader's Choice Award. It is truly an honor to help such nice people with their oral health and an honor to be recognized for it with your vote.

Bicuspid Sealants

Our fee for a sealant is \$46 on permanent molars. Many insurance companies cover molars at 100% but don't cover bicuspids at all.

We are instituting a program where we will do sealants on all 8 bicuspids for \$225 (this comes to approximately

\$28 per tooth, for a savings of \$143). If one of the bicuspid gets decay on the occlusal (biting) surface where sealant is applied, we will do a filling at no charge if within 5 years of placement of sealant. If the sealant should pop off or fail, we will reseal at no charge (within 1 year of original placement of the sealant).

This is for youth from age 9 to 13, so let us know if we can help.

Gum Disease

We may finally have a chemical treatment for gum disease that is worth the effort and gives unbelievable gum health. We are presently conducting some test cases to verify the manufacturer's claims. We will be really, really excited to help people with this if it "pans out."

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