

Restoring lives is CPR's business

As the name says, Clean Pro Restoration is in the restoration cleaning business. It's also in the helping people business.

The two go together. Just ask Kathy Doyle. "Oh, my gosh, you have no idea," Kathy said. "There are so many heroes here in Eldon. You don't realize until something like this happens, how many people are so caring."

The Doyle family was forced to move out of the house they rent in Eldon last week after a fire left the structure unlivable. That's when Clean Pro Restoration (CPR) stepped in to help.

"The fire department was still there putting out the fire when Jill (Shinn of CPR) showed up. As soon as she walked up, the first thing the renter said was I don't have insurance," said Alecia Etter, who is the marketing manager for CPR. "She (Jill) said I don't care. We're going to save what we can."

From family photos to clothes, CPR has worked with the Doyle family to salvage what can be salvaged.

Jill owns and operates CPR with her husband, Cass.

"We know what it's like, because our family has gone through it, too," Jill said. "It was before we were married, but it was my husband's home. It's not a good feeling. We see it every day. And unless you've been through it, you don't know what to expect. It's always nice to have someone who can come in and help you."

Recently, CPR was there to help another family in Eldon after a fire.

"It was a house on Krauss Street, new people who had only been in Eldon a year or two," Jill said. "The family had four children, five cats and two dogs and they had nowhere to go. We put them up in a motel and, with Diane Anselmo from the animal shelter, we rounded up the five cats and took them to the shelter."

Kathy Doyle can attest to what it means to have people step in to help after a family crisis like a fire.

"You don't really realize all the good people out there in the world," Kathy said. "I had no idea total strangers could be so sweet."

Kathy was on her lunch hour — she works at the vision center at the Walmart in Osage Beach — when she got a phone call from her daughter informing her about the fire. Kathy immediately left work to drive to Eldon.

"It was like everything was moving in slow motion," Kathy said. "The cars



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that were in front of me just weren't going fast enough for me."

There were two adults — Kathy's husband, Craig, and daughter Diedra — and two children at home at the time of the fire. All of them made it out of the house — located at 2109 S. Oak — safely.

"The fire department got here so quickly," Kathy said. "And they saved the dog."

Eldon fire chief Randy Vernon went in the house after the fire was extinguished and the smoke had cleared and found the family's dog — Twinkie — lying on the floor in the front room.

"My husband just knew she was gone," Kathy said of Twinkie, a pug. "We'd all be lost without her."

The Doyle family — three adults and five children — are now living temporarily in another house in Eldon owned by their landlord. They had no furniture, but the Shinns donated a full bedroom set, as well as two other beds and a couch and love seat, while a refrigerator, stove and washer and dryer were purchased from a thrift store in Mount Pleasant.

"When we first went in there (the house where the Doyles are living temporarily), there was nothing but bags of clothes," Jill said. "When we left, they had beds to sleep on and a living room to sit in."

Other donations of household items like food, dishes, silverware and clothes have also been coming in.

"Some of the kids didn't even have shoes, because they were left in the house," Kathy said. "I had no idea what I was going to do. But people have donated coats and shoes. It has just been so wonderful. I am so grateful. Jill and her husband have been awesome."

An account called the Doyle Family Fire Fund was set up at Central Bank of the Lake of the Ozarks.

"This way they can actually go purchase what they need," Jill said.

People can make financial donations at Central Bank Lake of the Ozarks or mail a check to CBOLO, attention Anne Graves, P.O. Box 354,

Eldon, MO 65026. Donated items can be taken to the Eldon Fire Department or Clean Pro Restoration, 24 Karen Drive in Eldon.

CPR marketing manager Alecia has used the business' Facebook page to post updates about the Doyles and the family's needs.

"Through what I've been doing on Facebook, I even have someone from Alaska who is going to donate. That's the power of the social media," Alecia said.

The Doyles had lived in the house on South Oak for a dozen years. They hope they may be able to move back in, at some point.

"We're working with his (the landlord's) insurance company, but it's a long process," Jill said. "We have to put a bid in, whether we get the work or not. We went in initially and boarded up the house, so people weren't looting it, without knowing whether we'll get the bid or not, but this is our community. That's why we do what we do."

The Shinns started the business a year ago last November.

"We've been in this line of work for quite awhile, but we decided in 2010 that we didn't want to do the franchise thing," Jill said. "We wanted to be more local, more family oriented. So we decided to go out on our own and do what we do with a heart."

For the Shinns, it's a way of giving back ... and helping people.

"We love this community," Jill said. "And the community has shown it has a big heart when it comes to helping those in need, like the Doyles."

"There are people I didn't even know until this whole thing happened, like Julie Powers and Nita Morris, who have been a big help," Jill said.

"That's what it's all about, helping people."

An anonymous person recently mailed out a copy of a photo from Facebook that showed an off-duty Versailles police officer with a 20-year-old male who had a glass of beer in his hand. The photo was allegedly taken at a "local bar." The person who sent the photo signed it "Concerned Citizen." The writer of the letter said the photo was sent to the chief of police, the mayor, members of the city council and the local newspapers.

When asked about the incident, Lt. Chad Hartman of the Versailles Police Department, said, "Anything like that that is brought to our attention we take it seriously, and if found to be

in violation of our policies we take disciplinary action.

"In the photo, we identified the officer and we addressed the situation," Hartman said.

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The Baptist churches in Versailles will join together to sponsor the free showing of the movie "Courageous" Friday and Saturday at the Royal Theatre.

There will be concessions, with proceeds benefiting the Habitat for Humanity. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a 1 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Free childcare will be provided for the evening shows.

"They need to call ahead for reservations, so we'll have enough workers," said Todd Forman, pastor of First Baptist Church.

To schedule childcare, call 378-5420.

"The movie is from the makers of 'Fireproof' and 'Facing the Giants,'" Forman said, adding, "It's great to see our churches work together."

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Mailman Greg Jarrett recently delivered a letter at the office addressed to Mr. Fred Barnes, *The Weekly Standard*.

Sorry, wrong *Weekly Standard*.

Fred Barnes, who is a regular on Fox News, is executive editor of the "other" *Weekly Standard*, a conservative opinion publication funded by benefactors like billionaire Rubert Murdoch.

Now, if Mr. Murdoch wants to throw a little money this way ...

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I don't wear my glasses when I'm taking photos, because they get in the way. So, when I saw someone wave from the other end of the Versailles High School gym last week, I couldn't tell who it was.

Curious, I walked to the other end of the gym and saw that the person who waved was Mike Nienhius. I said hello and Mike was his usual friendly self. I explained to him I wasn't wearing my glasses, so I apologized for not recognizing him when he waved.

"That's OK," Mike said. "I wasn't waving at you anyway."

A couple of weeks ago, I did something similar. I was leaving the Eldon High School gym and I saw Rob Frazee from Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks. Or, I thought it was Rob.

It turns out it was Rick Caine, who also works at Central Bank.

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