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## **BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT – Essence on Main**

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Essence on Main, which opened earlier this year in downtown Clarkston, offers a variety of a natural and organic foods — including homemade apple and pumpkin pies from the Heavenly Temptations pie company.

Joan Donnay, the owner of Essence on Main, welcomed Deannie Elliott into her business to both bake and sell the pies. Both women are local entrepreneurs.

The store offers lotions, candles, knickknacks and seasonal decorative items, as well organic juices, yogurts and more.

Elliott was encouraged by her family to sell her much-favored pies, and learned about Donnay’s new business through neighbors. “It’s a wonderful atmosphere here, and a wonderful place,” Elliott said. “The best part is seeing the happy faces when they eat my pies.” Pies cost between \$15 and \$22 and have no preservatives.

The store is at 4 S. Main Street and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and closed on Sundays. Contact the store at (248) 942-4949.