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Rudy's Steakhouse receives historic preservation award



Michael Moon, Secretary of the Clarkston Historic District Commission and Robert Esshaki Rudy's Steakhouse co-owner.



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Robert Esshaki and Chris Thomas of Rudy's Prime Steakhouse in Clarkston were presented with a Building Award by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network Awards at a ceremony held on May 16, at Lake Superior State University.

The award is given annually to an outstanding building preservation project completed within the past three years. The project may be restoration or rehabilitation, must include exterior rehabilitation work and may also involve interior work.

Built in 1915 as a one-story parapeted native stone building on the West Side of South Main Street, it was originally the Voorheis Ford Service Auto Supply Company.

Rudy Schwartz operated a grocery and meat market at several locations beginning in 1933 at the southwest corner of South Main and Washington Streets. He eventually purchased the building at 9 South Main Street in 1954, maintaining the name Rudy's Market.

Esshaki purchased the building in 1989 along with the business and continued to operate it as a grocery and meat market until September 2021.

The building reopened In October 2024 as a steakhouse.

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