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Littleton Businesses

The following businesses were cited in the “Top of the Town” July issue of 5280 magazine:

- **Taquería Los Tres Reyes (1500 W. Littleton Blvd.): Editors’ Choice, Top Tacos.** Owners Wilma Hau and Remigio Hau Chi specialize in authentic Mexican food, specifically Yucatán. Editors called their tacos “righteous.”

- **Opus Restaurant (2575 W. Main St.): Editors’ Choice, Top Chocolate Dessert.** Michael Long’s chocolate chip cookie spring rolls brought Opus another mention in 5280, where the restaurant is consistently spotlighted for its outstanding dining.

- **Sweet Beginnings Boutique and Wellness Center for Pregnant and Nursing Moms (5767 S. Rapp St.): Editors’ Choice, Top Baby Boutique.** Michelle Parks’ shop not only features all things baby along with products for moms during and after pregnancy, but also provides classes on pregnancy, childbirth, lactation, postpartum issues and parenting.

**Body + Brain Holistic Yoga** will be opening the first part of August at 2590 W. Main St. Lenny Zuehlke will be providing group and private classes for all ages in a variety of class formats that include stretching, breathing and meditation. Two-day health and wellness workshops will also be offered. Morning and evening classes are available.

**Penzeys Spice** held a grand opening celebration for its newest location at 2500 W. Main St. this month. Jeff Bykowski’s shop is one of more than 40 sprinkled across the country that offer herbs, spices, soup bases, gift sets, and more. Penzeys offerings are also available online.

**Watch for the Grand Opening of Colours Home Décor** in the near future. Owner and decorator Mary Van Becelaere is moving her well-known Castle Rock shop to 2550 W. Main St. (former home of Hi-Rocky Gifts). Custom art, fabulous furnishings, unique home accessories and one-of-a-kind gifts will fill the store along with featured artisan originals.

**Kreative Spaces is the name of Carrie Holland’s new business.** Offering the services of a professional organizer, interior designer and home stager, Carrie can be reached at (720.256.6552).
The Festive Plum (2336 W. Main St.) is another new addition to the Historic Downtown area. After seven years of online sales, Tony and Dawn Whitham decided to add their first storefront, which is filled with an array of gifts and collectables including such lines as Willow Tree and Jim Shore.

Celebrating 30 years of business—and in the same location—Carol Barker of the Beachcomber Hair Salon (32 E. Arapahoe Rd.), offers all the latest styles as well as traditional favorites.

Primrose School of Littleton (7992 Southpark Way) has been selected as a Certified Onsite Training School for Primrose franchise owners. Becky and Cook Cookson’s school is one of only two selected from the 200 nationwide and was chosen based on multiple criteria, including their school’s outstanding scores on Primrose Schools Standard of Excellence Accreditation.

ACC has launched a two-year online degree program in telecommunications technology, including VoiP. The program is said to be the only telecom program at a community college in the state.

Other

Applications for the 2009 Historic Preservation Awards sponsored by Historic Littleton, Inc. and the Historical Preservation Board are now being accepted. Please visit the city’s website at www.littletongov.org for more information and to download an application form, or call Historic Preservation Planner, Andrea Mimnaugh, at 303-795-3719 for more information.

Calendar

HDLM: Aug. 5, 2009, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., Town Hall Arts Center

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

Economists generally agree we are in one of the deepest recessions in 100 years. City retail sales tax revenues, which represent a broad cross section of retailers, are down about 6% through June, while total revenues are down by 2% in the General Fund. Industries like auto sales and construction have been especially hard hit. The bright note is that most economists are predicting the recession will bottom out in the third quarter of this year and slowly start to rebuild. The stock market has edged back up from its precipitous drop and unemployment numbers are coming close to stabilizing. Luckily, Littleton has not experienced the severe mortgage foreclosure rates of some areas like California, Arizona, Florida and Nevada. Hopefully, we will see some light by the end of the year and get this behind us.

The mission of the Business/Industry Affairs department is to grow our economy by helping Littleton
entrepreneurs be competitive. Call B/IA at 303.795.3749 if we can help.

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