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Littleton Businesses

The Littleton City Council recently honored Novus Biologicals (8100 SouthPark Way) for being named a 2009 Colorado Companies to Watch. Founded by CEO Karen Padgett, the company has sustained double-digit rates of growth for both employees and revenue every year since it opened in 1996. Novus Biologicals partners with leading scientific researchers and third-party providers to offer the biological research community a portfolio of more than 70,000 products such as antibodies, controls, kits and other proteomics reagents. In April of this year the company opened its first international office in Cambridge, United Kingdom.

ADA-ES Inc. (8100 SouthPark Way) announced it has been awarded a contract to supply an activated-carbon-injection system for a coal-fired generating unit in the Midwest that will burn low-sulfur Powder River Basin coal.

The Pho Boulevard Vietnam Grille opened Nov. 14th in the Shoppes at Columbine Valley shopping center (5950 S. Platte Canyon Blvd). Owners Anh and Sang Truong focus their offerings on the most popular, healthy and delicious Vietnamese food such as lettuce rolls, rice plates, noodle bowls, salads, and spring rolls along with the finest teas in their one-of-a-kind upscale Vietnamese restaurant.

Lewis & Bark Dog and Cat Goods (5623 S. Prince St.) was featured in an October "Your Hub" section of the *Denver Post*. Specializing in all natural foods, treats and remedies, Carrie Lewis also has the best of what dogs and cats are looking for in the way of accessories and toys. Pets and owners also appreciate the off-street parking.

Christy Lodwik will be holding an open house for the Integrative Weight Loss and Wellness Center on Dec. 4 in her recently opened offices at 2516 W. Main St. The center offers a holistic weight loss program individually designed for both men and women who

are looking to lose weight safely and effectively.

Evan and Minja Yoon’s environmentally friendly Green Care Cleaners in the Littleton Square shopping center (40 W. Littleton Blvd.) was spotlighted recently in the *Denver Post* “Your Hub” pages. The Yoons use a high-tech wet cleaning technique that is promoted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as “the environmentally safest way to have clothes professionally cleaned.” Evan switched to the wet cleaning method, which also produces cleaner and fresher smelling clothes, two years ago after 23 years in the dry cleaning business.

Michael Long, chef and owner of Opus Restaurant (2575 W. Main St.), won best-chef honors in the “Taste of Elegance Chef’s Food and Wine Competition” at the Fifth Annual Denver International Wine Festival.

Ribbon Cuttings:

- **Family and friends joined Dr. Mario Chavez, D.C. for the opening of Vita Nova Spinal Care, P.C.**, his new office at 5437 S. Prince St. Dr. Chavez specializes in upper-cervical chiropractic care and family wellness for people of all ages.
- **Gail Kincaid celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of Act II Consignment Boutique** after its recent move to the Woodlawn Shopping Center (1500 W. Littleton Blvd.). The expanded store features like-new brand name clothing and accessories along with home décor items.
- **QQ China Café (389 W. Littleton Blvd.) owners Yuan Yang and Lain Zhen** displayed their wide variety of authentic Chinese dishes at the restaurant’s recent ribbon cutting. The extensive menu offers items by the scoop or as an entrée, and delivery service is available.
- **Brian Pyle celebrated the successful opening of the first Freddy’s Frozen Custard and Steakburgers** in Colorado at the Riverside Downs shopping center (2600 W. Belleview). Besides the fresh cooked burgers and frozen custard, the extensive menu includes onion rings, fries, patty melts, chili dogs, malts, shakes...something for everyone. There is also a convenient drive-through.

Other

The City of Littleton was awarded a Silver Partner Environmental Leadership Award at the 10th Annual Environmental Leadership Awards sponsored by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Pollution Prevention Advisory Board and the Colorado Environmental Partnership. A Bronze Partner in 2008, the City of Littleton is one of only two local governments among the 39 Silver Partners.

Calendar

HDLM: Dec. 2, 2009, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall Arts Center

Insights

Commentary on business, the economy and innovative practices

A long time coming.....the Hampton Inn Hotel at County Line Road just east of Santa Fe Drive is now open. For decades, Littleton did not have the demographics and travel patterns to support a new hotel but growth of business demand in SouthPark and residential demand in Highlands Ranch changed all of that. The new hotel, which sits high on a hill overlooking all of the Front Range, is a 118-room, 6-story structure with striking modern architecture. The staff negotiated an upgraded façade beyond the standard design package. It contains a pool and hot tub, a fitness center, a business center and limited meeting space. The hotel will be a major asset for the community for years to come.

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--- Christian Gibbons, Director (cgibbons@littletongov.org).*

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