



## Littleton Economic Notes

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### Littleton Businesses

**In Littleton since 1995, Crown Trophy owners John Movius and daughter Mychael Jones recently decided to buy their own building** and moved from the the Woodlawn Shopping Center just down the road to 1099 W. Littleton Blvd. In addition to the wide range of award-related items they are known for—from pens to medallions, to rings, shirts, clocks, cups, bracelets, name badges, frames, and plaques to name but a few—they have recently added signs and banners. A Grand Opening event is planned for the new site in December. 303.730.1711; [www.crowntrophy.com](http://www.crowntrophy.com)

**The joint Holiday Open House and Grand Reopening of The Pink Alley Cat in its new location at 5784 S. Rapp St.** is scheduled to take place on Friday and Saturday November 7th and 8th. Owner Amy Doherty is filling her larger space with a treasure trove of items from bygone days for collectors, gift hunters and anyone looking for that special item or unexpected reminder of a time past. 303.697.4474; [www.pinkatticcat.com](http://www.pinkatticcat.com)

**Six middle school students at Mackintosh Academy (7018 S. Prince St.) recently won a \$96,000 grant from State Farm Insurance** for the purchase and installation of solar panels at their school. The then sixth graders chose to work on obtaining the grant as part of last year's capstone exhibition project and were dedicated in capturing any and all information possible from any source available to help them reach their goal. With their win, the private International Baccalaureate Pre-8 school for gifted students became the first middle school to receive this grant. 303.794.6222; [www.mackintoshacademy.com](http://www.mackintoshacademy.com)

**Littleton's Humane Society of South Platte Valley (2129 W. Chenango) has added a dog-training program** to its catalog of services in hopes of helping more pets find forever homes. Newly hired behavior specialist Ahmia Bennett provides many enrichment programs using positive reinforcement that better prepare a pet to go into a new environment. Along with teaching them to sit, stay and not jump on people, she addresses any special needs an individual dog may have. Ahmia and the dogs agree that her hardest task is training owners to understand and learn how to communicate with their dogs. Once one knows how to do those two things, Ahmia believes everything else will fall into place. For more information about the range of other classes available or questions, please contact the Humane Society. 303.703.2938; info@hsspv.org

**Holly Collins, owner of Adventures in Dance (1500 W Littleton Blvd #207), recently presided as one of the judges for the U.S.A. Dance Amateur Couple's Ballroom Competition** at which couples from all over the state recently gathered. Two students of Adventures in Dance, Robyn Collins and William Hooker, competed took first in all their International style dances and most of their American style dances. The totality included Latin Samba, Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive, Ballroom dances, Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz and the American Smooth Waltz. 720.276.0562; www.adventuresindance.com

**Shane George is the owner of Workhorse 45 (2479 W. Main St.), a full service marketing company** that provides branding and design services for businesses large or small, whether they just need help with a website or they want an entire marketing package. Recently the company expanded in size by acquiring the building next door and has added a retail store with food and beverages. 720.445.7045; shane@workhorse45.com

**Formerly on Main St., Buttercup Junction has packed up its inventory and moved to a larger space at 2861 W. Alamo Ave.** that echoes the rustic style of its home décor items. From throw pillows, to candy, to toys, to self-contained cake kits that can be cooked in a microwave in 2 minutes, to hand towels and a range of "gotta have" items....this store has something for just about everyone. 720.283.6353; <http://facebook.com/Buttercupjunction>

## Other

**The Arapahoe Community College Foundation is hosting its Fifth Annual Grapes to Grads Wine Tasting and Silent Auction fundraiser** on Nov. 13 at Mike Ward Infinity (1800 Lucent Court) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Along with food from Littleton-area restaurants, a variety of wine selections and beer will be

available courtesy of Lido Wine Merchants (2529 W. Main St.) and Breckenridge Brewery, which is projected to open this coming spring at 6775 S. Santa Fe Drive.

**The City of Littleton and Littleton Coalition on Aging Well (LCAW) recently celebrated the grand opening of the Aging Well Resource Center** in the Bemis Public Library with a ribbon cutting, refreshments and prizes for attendees. Mayor Phil Cernanec officiated at the ceremony, which was attended by other city officials, community leaders and a host of citizens. LCAW partners, including Arapahoe County, Littleton Transportation Network, Meals on Wheels, and South Metro Housing Options, were among the many organizations that provided resource booths. The new center provides information on a host of topics such as food/nutrition, health/medical insurance, transportation, care giving, volunteering, etc. Hours of operation are currently Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and Tuesday/Thursday: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. For additional information please contact Debbie Shapiro ([dshapiro@littletongov.org](mailto:dshapiro@littletongov.org)), Kay Wilmesher ([kwilmesher@littletongov.org](mailto:kwilmesher@littletongov.org)) or call [303.795.3980](tel:303.795.3980).

## Calendar

*HDLM: 8:00 a.m.: Wednesday, Nov. 5, Town Hall Arts Center*

*SEMINAR: 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, **Using Vision, Strategy & Goals to Overcome Business Issues**, City of Littleton Community Room . Guest Speaker: Sean Manning, author of the award-winning book "Six Steps to SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS"*

Lunch is provided. You [must register here](#) by 11/17/2014 to attend

## Insights



Research firm Harmon.ie has just released an industry report predicting that 2015 will be the “year of mobile enterprise productivity”. Seeming to confirm their prognostication are several new collaborative software tools designed to work on mobile devices. Untethering business owners and employees from the office, these tools support interaction with business teams from smart phones and tablets in any location with internet access. Along with upgrading the business functionality of mobile devices, mobile collaborative software can actually shift the focus of work from documents to people.

Quip, [www.quip.com](http://www.quip.com), one of the most popular products, features a chat function which lets multiple people use their smart devices to work on the same document without resorting to email communication. Included in the basic, free version of Quip are mobile spreadsheets and shared task lists. An upgraded business version of Quip is available for \$12 per user per month.

Another option for shared collaboration on mobile devices is offered by the file-sharing service Box, <https://www.box.com/personal/mobile-access/>. Box’s mobile app not only lets users share documents but also photos and videos. The basic version is free. The next step up, which costs \$15 a month, allows three people access to the software.

Sprint and Google have just announced a partnership which gives businesses mobile access to Google Apps for Work. According to Sprint’s website, [https://www.sprint.com/business/solutions/google\\_apps/?ECID=vanity:googleapps#.VFK2HzTF98E](https://www.sprint.com/business/solutions/google_apps/?ECID=vanity:googleapps#.VFK2HzTF98E), it’s not necessary to have a Sprint account to purchase the service.

With 2015 just around the corner, is it time for your business to consider joining “the year of mobile enterprise productivity”? If you’d like to learn more about using mobile collaborative tools, contact Recca Larson at [rlarson@littletongov.org](mailto:rlarson@littletongov.org).

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