

Announcements

Arris' Pizza recently launched a new menu that adds a variety of new sandwich and pita options to their famous Greek pizzas and cuisine. The month of March, all Columbia Chamber Members will receive a 20% discount if they mention the Chamber.

Oxford HealthCare's recent expansion to Boone and ten surrounding counties in central Missouri has brought a full range of home care services to the area and created new job opportunities. Oxford is in the process of hiring additional nurses, therapists and aides in Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cooper, Howard and Randolph counties. Mid-Missouri residents can contact Oxford regarding services or employment by calling 474-1530 or 1-800-749-6555.

The Mid-Missouri Home and Lifestyle Expo is celebrating its 50th birthday this year. Show dates and hours are: Friday, February 26 from 2 - 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 27 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sunday, February 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Expo will be held at the Hearn Center. Cost is \$5 for adults and children under twelve are free. For additional information contact Annie Pope at 443-8622.

Awards & Recognition

TimeLine Recruiting would like to congratulate Brad Nelson in the marketing department and Rob Weigand in the recruiting department for taking home the "Top Producer" award for the third quarter in a row.

Socket has named Steve Crandall and Josh Johnson co-recipients of its fifth annual Socketeer-of-the-Year award. Each month, co-workers select an employee as its You-Make-the-Difference award winner based on whom best reflects Socket's Core Values and Beliefs. All winners are then eligible for the annual honor.

According to the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) research conducted in the fourth quarter of 2009, U.S. Bank surpassed industry averages and topped the four largest banks in the country in customer satisfaction, customer expectations, perceived quality, perceived value and customer loyalty.

Business Briefs

Staples is teaming with the goal-setting experts at stickK.com to launch the Staples stickK to It! Business Challenge, a unique program to help small businesses prioritize and achieve their objectives for the New Year. Now through April 12, small-business professionals will be able to log on to www.staples.com/goals to sign-up for free to be part of the Staples stickK to It! Business Challenge. Participants choose from five different goal setting focus areas, and then select specific commitments. Users will start earning EasyPoints as they make progress and report on their goals and can then

redeem the EasyPoints for Staples products and services.

John and Marianne Beverstein, owners of the HoneyBaked Ham Franchise in Columbia, are please to announce the 10th Anniversary of operating their store. The franchise was Heavenly Ham for nine and a half years before converting to HoneyBaked Ham Co in 2009.

After 42 years in business, Columbia Photo will be closing their doors. A final date has not been set yet, but should be sometime at the end of April. All operations in the store will still be running 100% until close. Customers can still redeem any 'free print' coupons or gift cards.

Promotions & New Hires

Williams-Keepers LLC Managing Member Russ Starr, CPA announced that John D. Gamble, CPA, joined the firm's ownership group on January 1, 2010. Gamble had been a WK audit associate since 2004. In addition, 21 of the firm's associates earned promotions effective January 1. Emily Bange, CPA/CVA, and Jennifer Stuart, CPA, were promoted to Supervisor. Audit staff members promoted to the Senior II level include Nathan Alexander, Bridget Geisendorfer and Cliff Lewton, CPA. Tax staff members promoted to the Senior II level include Rhonda Bowne, CPA, and Jeremy Morris, CPA. Laura Hagemier was promoted to Senior II. Audit staff members promoted to the Senior I level include Brandon Hendricker, CPA, Brad Langan, Nick Mestres, CPA, and James Samek, CIA. Tax staff members promoted to the Senior I level include Jessica Lehmen, CPA, and Megan Toalson, CPA. Audit staff members promoted to the Staff II level include Samantha Crane, Amanda Holman, CPA, and Darrell Wolken, CPA. Tax staff members promoted to the Staff II level include Lori Bestgen, CPA, Kelley Frink, CPA, Rebecca Knipp, CPA, and Angela Strube.

TimeLine Recruiting is pleased to announce the addition of John Eisele as a marketer and Kevin Wientge and Rachel Mann as recruiters.

Boone County National Bank (BCNB) announces two employee promotions made in the month of January. Brittney McElwaine was promoted to consumer banking representative for the University of Missouri Hospital Bank and Melissa Beman was promoted to consumer banking representative for the South County Bank in Ashland.

Stephens College recently welcomed the following new employees: Allison Ricks as director of development, Luke Sherrill as security officer and Erin Zevely as students services coordinator.

Non-Profit News

Between now and April 30, Phoenix Programs can offer eligible donors AHAP Tax

Credits. Receive up to 55% of your donation in the form of a Missouri state tax credit in addition to the federal charitable contribution tax deduction. The credit is transferable and can be carried forward for 10 years. Contact Rhiannon Pearson at 442-1324.

Family Counseling Center of Missouri, Inc. announced that Boone Electric Cooperative awarded \$8,000 to the agency to assist with purchasing a new phone system. The Rotary Club of Columbia Northwest Foundation donated \$2,000 to McCambridge Center, our women and children's program, to provide new furnishings in the residential area for the clients.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mid-Missouri Inc. has announced new board members: Chris De Rose, Columbia Eye Consultants; and Jeff Hilbrenner, Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer. This year's Executive Committee includes: Mike Morgan, board president; Keith Schawo, internal vice president; Sarah Dubbert, external vice president; Dianne Drainer, secretary; Chris Bach, treasurer; and Everett Lindell, past president.

Columbia High Schools' Senior All Night Party Association is seeking donations for this year's party on graduation night. Please contact Jill Cox at 446-2526 if you would like to help sponsor this safe night of fun for Columbia high school graduates.

Families considering where to send their children for K-8 are invited to any of Good Shepherd Lutheran School's monthly open houses throughout the school year. Pick any month, on the Third Thursday, to come and see the school in action. Come in any time from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 18. A 45 minute presentation and tour is held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This TTTT format is easy to remember - each Third Thursday at Ten and Two!

Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home is holding their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sat., March 6 from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church, 1634 Paris Road. A \$5 donation is recommended for adults, \$3 donation for kids 10 & under and children 3 & under are free. The breakfast will also feature live music. To RSVP, visit www.coyotehill.org.

The Mid-Missouri Chamber of the American Red Cross is offering free adult CPR training on Sat., March 6 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Columbia College's Dorsey Gym, 1001 Rogers St. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by March 2. Visit www.redcross-midmo.org/healthandsafety or call 445-9411 to register.

Got News?

Submit your news for the April issue of the Chamber Business Line by March 10 to Emily Poore at epoore@ColumbiaMOChamber.com. ●