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On the move: Cleaners notes plentiful parking

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Foothills Cleaners is feeling lonely in its newest location at Front Range Village.

Jim Nixon, along with his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Brad Ewing, opened their fifth Foothills Cleaners location, and until Front Range Village builds out, Nixon jokes there is plenty of parking around the store, 2948 Council Tree Ave., just south of the Super Target.

The store opened a couple of weeks ago and it has been well received, he said. "I think the traffic pattern will be really good," he said of the Ziegler exposure. "Fort Collins has supported our other store quite well."

The other Foothills Cleaners in Fort Collins is located at 238 E. Harmony Road. Nixon has been in the dry cleaning business for 36 years in Greeley, expanding to Fort Collins 12 years ago.

Foothills Cleaners is open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Information: 206-1236 or www.thecleaners.net.

Enterprising brothers create epoxy company

Growing up, Sean and Jeff Ternasky were surrounded by the entrepreneurship of their parents so it's no wonder the 24- and 20-year-olds, respectively, started their own business.

The Ternasky brothers of Loveland created Armor Coat LLC, a company that does epoxy floor coatings on surfaces such as garage and basement floors.

"We got an idea and went with it," co-owner Jeff Ternasky said of the business they started at the beginning of the year.

The brothers got into the business after tagging along with a friend who was doing the same work. After a couple of jobs, they came up with the idea to start their own business.

Eventually, they want to grow the company but still keep it local.

"Our ideal future outlook is to grow the company to provide jobs for people within our community," he said.

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Smashburger comes to Fort Collins

A group of Denver entrepreneurs is ready to unveil its burger venture in Fort Collins. Smashburger opens Friday at the Pads at Harmony, marking its first expansion outside of the Denver market.

Consumer Capital partners launched Smashburger a year ago and hope to open almost 500 eateries in the next five years.

“What does well in Denver will probably do well in Fort Collins, as well,” Joe Hodas, vice president of communications for CCP, told the Coloradoan in June, of the new restaurant, 2550 E. Harmony Road.

CCP has set up a contest for local bands to submit their own “smash hits,” a few who will be chosen to play at the grand opening. Details can be found at www.mysmashburger.com/ftcollinssmash/.

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