

the spotlight

A weekly roundup for shopping and doing business locally!

River City Pharmacy puts people first

Fresh out of pharmacy school and working at a major national drugstore chain, Chase Arrington couldn't help but feel dissatisfied. Serving corporate policy and corporate greed seemed to be the

order of the day – rather than truly serving the customer's needs. So, although he had never planned to open his own drugstore, that's exactly what he did, founding River City Pharmacy in 2016.

Ten years later, River City Pharmacy is still doing what it does best: putting people first, and now from a new, more convenient location. River City Pharmacy made the move from its original location on Spring Avenue to 1931 Central Parkway SW, Suite Y, in mid-July. The Arringtons – Chase as well as wife Donna, who is also a pharmacist – along with pharmacist Ashley Smith and pharmacy techs Cathy Nicholas and Tisha Nelson are excited to welcome the community to their new location. The staff brings a combined more than 40 years of experience to the table.

Beltline, Arrington said they hope to be a convenient choice for anyone, from young families to the elderly. "We really want to be there for the families in our community."

Of course, even if you can't get to River City Pharmacy, they can come to you, offering free delivery in a 10-mile radius.

"We can bring it to you at home or work," Arrington explained. "That's a big thing for me – being able to help people get their medicine when they aren't able to get by the store."

Arrington and his team are also excited to offer some unique features, like a Little Library in front of the store. "We have one that's shaped like a pill bottle with a little house on top," Arrington said. "Books are medicine. People can come by and get a book, stop in and tell us about it, or bring their own books by for others to read."

Another unique feature comes to the pharmacy from Arrington's 9-year-old son Cooper, who is exploring his own entrepreneurial side. Cooper-Craft3D is a 3D printing business offering prize machines, mini figurines and seasonal items, like his current stock of Halloween-themed soap dispenser holders, featuring baddies

like Freddy Krueger, Chuckie, Michael Myers and Jason Vorhees. "Ever since I learned about 3D printed objects, I thought of ideas," said Cooper, a fourth grader at East Lawrence Elementary School. He's excited to sell his creations and maybe make a little money to cover his baseball expenses. Arrington said they hope the 3D items will be something fun for children and adults alike.

Of course, at the end of the day, the focus is on meeting the customer's medication needs, whether that's adding free flavoring to a child's liquid prescription, coordinating with an insurance company, or finding a more affordable supplier and passing those savings along to the customer.

"Having convenient, affordable access to medication is important for the community," Arrington said. "We're excited. We're here to serve the community the best we can."

River City Pharmacy accepts all major insurances and helps cash customers get the best deal possible. The store is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information visit rivercitypharmacy.com or call 256-445-5400.



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