

THREE CHEERS FOR BUSINESSES



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The Mixx, owned by Jo Marie Scaglia, is one of three area businesses praised recently in national industry publications.

Two locally owned food operations — and a golf course — are basking in the glow of some national magazine write-ups:

■ For the second consecutive year, Fast Casual magazine named The Mixx restaurant as one of its “Top 100 Movers & Shakers,” the only Kansas City-based concept to make the latest list. The Mixx was No. 97 on last year’s list and is now No. 52 (ahead of much larger chains such as Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches at No. 58).

From Fast Casual: “Owner Jo Marie Scaglia opened The Mixx in 2005 after observing the need for a healthy fast-casual alternative in a city where barbecue rules. The Mixx allows its patrons to customize their own fresh salads and sandwiches from an extensive list of more than 50 ingredients. The Mixx further differentiates itself by using real dishes, glass cups and metal flatware in an attempt to minimize its carbon footprint.”

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The Mixx has locations south of the Country Club Plaza and in the Kansas City Power & Light District.

■ Nation’s Restaurant News featured the Northland’s Di-Capo’s Italian Gardens ToGo in a recent issue: “The marriage of drive-thru-only service with pasta and pizza, two foods not normally associated with dashboard cuisine ... is another example of innovation by operators striving to serve hungry motorists better. The concept, which opened last September in a converted 550-square-foot drive-thru coffee outlet, was

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