

The leopard print aprons and zebra striped decor say from the first step inside that A Perfect Spot Salon is not a traditional beauty parlor.

Nicole Mercer and Alyssa Holt pride themselves in offering something different.

With multiple salons in Gothenburg, the duo recognized from the start they would need to provide new services to compete in a tough industry.

The Joseph's College of Beauty graduates opened A Perfect Spot Salon on July 10 and they say they have been busy ever since.

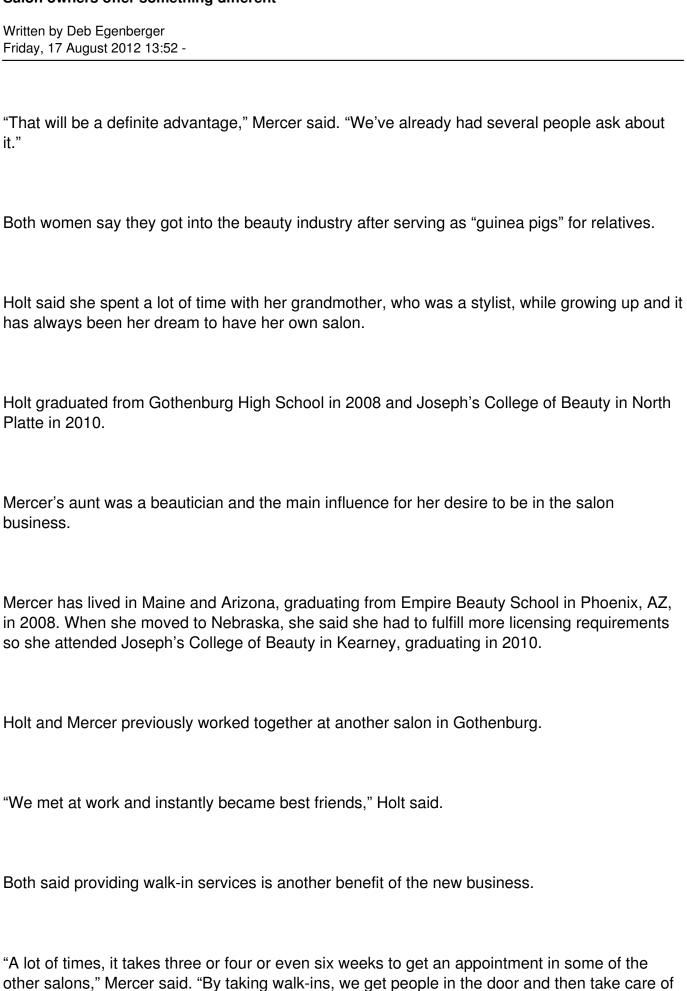
The new salon at the corner of Ninth and F streets offers classic services such as haircuts, colors, highlights and perms.

Mercer is also licensed to do body waxing, "even the scary parts," she said.

The business will soon be adding spray tanning, a process which applies chemicals to the skin to produce an effect similar in appearance to a suntan.

Mercer said when the equipment arrives, A Perfect Spot Salon will be the first in Gothenburg to offer spray tanning.

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