Hometown Pizza tastes like cooking at home

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BRISTOL — Hometown Pizza is a family owned and operated pizza shop that has seven locations including one on Burlington Avenue in Bristol. With dough made fresh on the premises daily, and only using fresh, whole plum tomatoes in their sauce, it’s like “cooking for yourself at home,” said Tony Kadrioski, the owner and operator of the Prospect location.

The original location in Prospect just celebrated its 26th anniversary. The Hometown Pizza of Bristol has been open since 2011, ensuring that customers are getting the quality that they deserve for nine years strong.

The chain of Hometown Pizza restaurants is owned and managed by Jeff Pack and his son, Lumbar (Lucky) Pack, operates the Bristol location. Each location is managed by a member of the family, who are originally from North Macedonia.

They also offer catering and say they’re always busiest around the holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have recently started utilizing online ordering through SliceLife.com and say they have noticed that online ordering is becoming a big hit.

Two of the most popular pizzas are buffalo chicken and Florentine. However, the menu has also expanded to include things different customers have asked for over the years, such as Cajun chicken pizza. “We have a big menu,” said Pack in a previous interview. “We also make salads, appetizers, wraps, grinders, wings, pasta and seafood dishes. There is a wide variety. If the customers ask for something, we make it.”

Pack added that when a new customer stops in, his staff will sometimes make them a few extra things on the house to give them a positive experience and encourage them to come back.

As the nature of the restaurant business has changed over the years, with many customers ordering through mobile phone apps, Hometown Pizza has now connected with “Slice,” a food ordering app which caters to independent pizzerias. The Hometown Pizza of Bristol will be running specials for Super Bowl Sunday.