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## New Volin Eatery Cooking Up Originality

W. Dee's Takes Over  
Former Paddy Murphy's,  
To Open Next Week

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VOLIN — For the past four months, Michelle Crawford has been working to transform the former Paddy Murphy's building in Volin into something new.

The end result of the renovation is W. Dee's Restaurant, a place that will have a menu that isn't similar to other restaurants in the area, Crawford said.

"We wanted to offer things that no one else offers," she said.

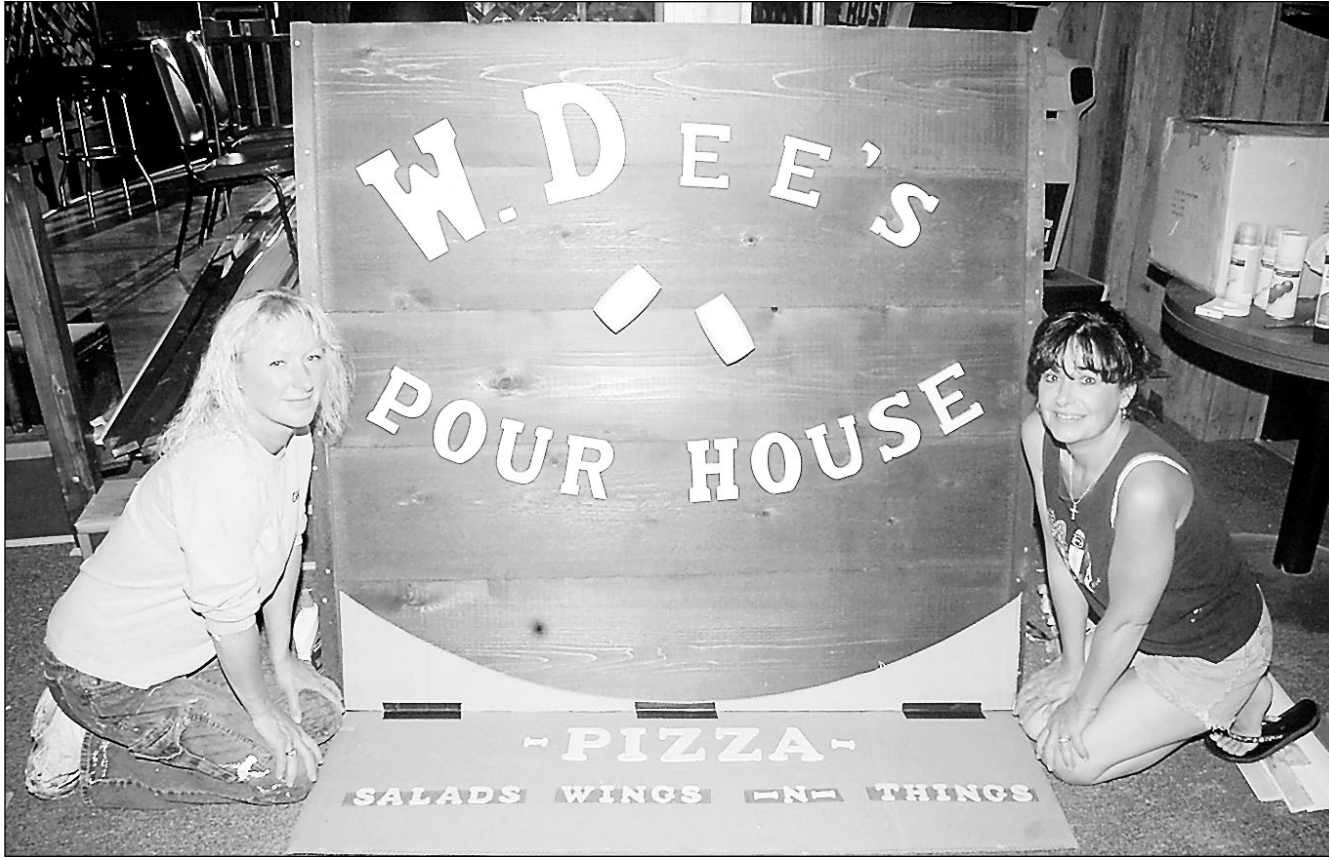
But bragging rights aren't the main reason why Crawford and Denise Blake, Crawford's co-partner, put together an original menu.

"We didn't want to take away from any of the other local business," Crawford said. "We won't open until 2 p.m. because that's when the (Volin Community) Cafe next door closes, and Tuesdays we are hoping to have a Mexican night, because Wakonda has a pizza night, and we didn't want to step on their toes."

The restaurant will also have two faces to it. It will serve as a family-oriented restaurant, but at 10 p.m., it will still serve as a full-fledged bar and will be open until 2 a.m. since Crawford was able to obtain a liquor license from the town.

After Paddy Murphy's closed earlier in the year, Crawford started leasing the building this past April.

Since then, Crawford has worked to



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Michelle Crawford (left) and Denise Blake (right) stand next to the sign for W. Dee's Restaurant. The two plan on opening the restaurant next week and will offer freshly made pizza and an original menu. The restaurant will also have a full bar and will be open until 2 a.m.

make the building a much different place by gutting much of it out.

"We redid the walls, kitchen, bathrooms, carpet — everything," Crawford said. "Everything was 20 years old, and they had deep fat fryers, so everything

got greasy."

Even though W. Dee's will have appetizers and wings, the building won't have a single deep fat fryer.

"We will use a turbo chef, which is forced hot air, but it's not a microwave,"

Crawford said. "Even the wings will be cooked in the turbo chef."

Crawford also replaced the beer taps and will offering four different tap beers.

W. Dee's will also have bottled beer

and a wine list. Crawford said she is planning to offer 15 to 20 different types of wine.

Crawford did keep one aspect of the building.

"I didn't get rid of the barn board, because I like it, and it absorbs sound very well," she said.

The work on W. Dee's is coming to a close, with what Crawford said was the happiest day in the process after she finished painting the restaurant on Tuesday.

The next step is organizing the tables, video lottery machines, seating on the deck and the game room.

The focus of the menu will be on pizza. Crawford brought in a dough maker and Blake will be making the pizzas from scratch.

"We are going to make our own dough and it won't be frozen," Crawford said. "Denise (Blake) used to work at Casey's and knows how to make good pizzas."

W. Dee's will also be taking bookings for pizza parties for kids from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Another staple of the menu will be the salads at W. Dee's.

"We have spinach, spring lettuce — basically all the things to make great salads," Crawford said.

Wings will be offered on the menu along with deli sandwiches.

"I have a ton of lunchmeat — almost too much lunchmeat!" Crawford said with a laugh.

W. Dee's will have a separate smoking section as well.

Crawford and Blake both said they are planning to open the restaurant next week.

## MARTY

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The tribe has not indicated it will return to the former tribal headquarters, she said. The bottom floor flooded, ruining records, computers and equipment. Mold became another concern after the flooding.

"The building is usable, but we wouldn't be able to use the bottom floor in case it should flood again," she said. "If we had to relocate things to another floor, we would never have the needed amount of space."

Amidst its uncertain situation, the tribe has received about a half-dozen rounds of private assistance since the flooding.

Two relief shipments have arrived from Wagner Community Memorial Hospital-Avera and Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Wagner grocer R.F. Buche donated 75 cases of water, and the Wagner Rotary will donate coats this winter.

In addition, the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota donated \$1,000 to kick off a relief fund at Commercial State Bank in Wagner. Donations can also be mailed to the "Yankton Sioux Tribe Disaster Relief Fund" at Box 220, Wagner SD 57380.

The relief effort has also received boosts from Dr. Tom and Jane Gilmore of Yankton. They have coordinated two relief shipments so far and are preparing to send another shipment this week.

After putting out word of their plans, the Gilmores were amazed at the quick response. Some relief items have come from churches, such as the Gilmores' mission committee at First United Methodist Church or from Joanne Christensen, coordinator of volunteers, and other parishioners at Trinity Lutheran Church.

"We even have a motel that has given us their furniture," Mrs. Gilmore said.

With the assistance of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, the Gilmores have been able to make multiple shipments to Marty.

"We went out 10 days ago with a load. We had a truck come to our house and pick things up," Mrs. Gilmore said. "It was mostly clothing and some sheets and towels — the things people we know that people left (in their homes) in the middle of night when they lost everything."

The relief shipments carry more value than just the contents, she said.

"When we arrived (in Marty), people helped us unload. They all knew my husband," she said. "They were grateful for the things they got, but it was also meaningful that other people cared about them. These are our friends and neighbors, and we want to help them."

The Gilmores plan another shipment this week.

"We anticipate filling up a 15-passenger van with things and going out on Friday," she said. "We still would take anything (as donations). And if we have too much for the van, we could make another trip. It isn't that far."

Wagner Community Memorial Hospital-Avera (WCMH-A) and Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (ASHH) have shipped relief supplies to Marty and are planning another shipment later this week or early next week, said Bryan Slaba, the WCMH-A administrator and CEO.

Besides helping the Gilmores ship four pickup loads of goods, the Wagner and Yankton hospitals have held collection drives and made joint deliveries to Marty, Slaba said. WCMH-A also received a

pickup load of items from a Scotland church group and delivered the goods to Marty, he said.

The hospitals' previous shipments included food, clothing, furniture and household goods, Slaba said. This time, much of the load consists of clothing.

WCMH-A should fill a pickup by the end of the week, Slaba said. ASHH will also fill a pickup in the next day or two, he said.

"When Avera Sacred Heart Hospital comes down next week, we will probably make our deliveries at the same time," he said. "We will have two pickup loads of clothing, food items, consumables, and bathroom and kitchen supplies."

A new effort will emerge as the seasons change and flood victims have new needs, Slaba said.

"We are going to use a system that the (Wagner) Rotary Club has established under Monica Wepking's leadership and that I will continue as the new Rotary president," he said.

"It's 'Coats for Kids,' and we will start that probably about the time that the weather turns chillier. It will be a community-wide drive, and we will try to have another collection at winter time."

The flood relief effort has bonded both the donors and recipients, Slaba said.

"When I went with our last shipment, Karen Archambeau was extremely thankful for WCMH and Avera Sacred Heart

hospitals," he said. "It always helps to strengthen our relationship and build awareness of these needs."

The Yankton hospital feels it has fulfilled a mission with the relief shipments, said Jay Gravholt, ASHH director of marketing and public relations.

"The response has been wonderful, with most of it from the hospital and some from the community," he said. "It's a need, and we're very fortunate to have a caring community in Yankton and at Avera Sacred Heart."

The Yankton Sioux needs have also caught the attention of the South Dakota congressional delegation.

Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-S.D.) recently toured the Marty area with YST Chairman Robert "Bobby" Cournoyer, his wife and brother. Yankton Sioux tribal attorney Rebecca Kidder and Vice Chairwoman Archambeau also participated on the tour.

During the tour, the group visited the Marty school campus and the tribal headquarters, and drove out to some damaged bridges to see the impact of the flooding on creek banks.

Herseth Sandlin said she would seek federal aid for the tribe.

"Both the Marty school campus and tribal headquarters suffered significant damage, and I have reached out to the appropriate agencies to ensure the Yankton Sioux Tribe is accessing the proper federal assistance programs," she said.

### Chorus To Perform At Volin Church

VOLIN — The Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus, under the direction of Alan Ward, will perform at Faith United Lutheran Church, 44874 303rd St., Volin

at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Contact the church at 605-267-2277 or [faithunited@w.net](mailto:faithunited@w.net) with questions or to receive driving instructions.

### Applications Available For 2010 Visitation Enforcement Grants

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Social Services is now accepting applications for the 2010 Visitation Enforcement grants. Applications must be postmarked by July 23 to be considered for funding.

The Visitation Enforcement Task Force will review the grant applications at 9 a.m. CDT on Aug. 9 at 700 Governors Drive (Kneip Building Conference Room No. 1), in Pierre. The Task Force encourages all interested persons to attend. Applicants must provide 12 copies of their applications for distribution to Task Force members.

Applications must be mailed

by July 23 to: South Dakota Department of Social Services, Victims' Services Program, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501

Grant funds will be awarded to successful applicants for the purpose of providing scholarships to income-eligible families to help support and facilitate non-custodial parent access to and visitation with their children.

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