

Sandstone Grill To Open Next Week

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Tenise Jarecke and Tammy Forsberg chose Burwell's historic old hotel as the location to fulfill their lifelong desire, to own and operate a restaurant, and will offer their culinary expertise to the area on Monday, November 21st.

Tammy and Tenise, sisters born and raised in St. Paul, Nebraska, and cousins of Janet Hanna, G-L-W extension educator, discovered the location during a trip back to Nebraska for a family funeral. Tammy and husband Rob, lived in Seattle Washington, and Tenise and husband Ryan, lived in Kansas City.

"We had been looking at restaurants listed for sale, and Janet emailed us the listing for the former Copper Lantern in Burwell," said Tenise. "The following weekend, Tammy flew in from Seattle and we came to Burwell and researched the building. We talked to Lynn Kratky and Vonna, and decided that the location had potential, and made the decision to buy it. We both wanted to move back to Nebraska to be closer to our family in St. Paul."

Restoration of the historic hotel cafe began in earnest, the tin ceilings were refurbished, the old linoleum was removed and the hardwood floors restored, coffered ceilings were added, the walls textured, chairs upholstered and new lighting was added. Greg Hanna assisted the two couples in the restoration. The girls have replaced a majority of the kitchen equipment and have remodeled the bathroom facilities. Original artwork by Gene Schmaljohn (Tenise and Tammy's father) will be featured on the interior walls.



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Tenise Jarecke and Tammy Forsberg will open their new restaurant, The Sandstone Grill, on Monday, November 21. The sisters relocated to Burwell to fulfill their desire to begin their restaurant and catering business.

The menu, which will consist of unique selections created from fresh ingredients, is planned to provide a new and exciting dining experience for the area. "We think we are fulfilling a niche by providing a nice, upscale place to go out for dinner," said Tenise. "We also plan to do smaller catering events, up to 150, and hope to have a fresh take-out menu for picnics at the lake."

The Sandstone Grill will officially open for business on Monday, November 21st with limited Thanksgiving hours. The

Grand Opening week will be from November 28 through December 1st with an open house every day from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Nightly specials will begin on Friday, December 2nd. Tenise and Tammy have scheduled their business hours as Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.- 10 p.m. The business will be closed on Sundays and will not serve a breakfast menu; however fresh rolls and breads and the best coffee in Seattle will be served daily.