

Grand Avenue Pub open, live performances planned

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The sound of live music now drifts through the streets of downtown Beloit each Friday night.

Its source? Most likely the recently opened Grand Avenue Pub, 132 W. Grand Ave.

“I saw over the past few years that downtown is being revitalized and thought we needed another venue for music,” said co-owner Jeff Dopp.

Dopp is a lifelong Beloit resident and operates the business with his wife, Kim, who is the lead singer for Vinyl Daze, a Stateline Area band.

“Kim is a big driver of the music side of the business and I want this place to be where friends and musicians can come,” Dopp said.

The couple took possession of the location, which used to house Club Impulse, in August. They immediately began extensive renovations.

All of the building’s floors were stripped, the ceiling refinished and a full kitchen was built to support the pub’s menu.

“It’s a nice facility that is spacious,” Dopp said. “We have a very warm atmosphere and our food is different than other places around here.”

Jarrold Davis, a recent transplant from Naples, Florida, is the mastermind behind the pub’s menu of ‘upscale’ bar food.

Born in India and trained at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Chicago, Davis draws influence from the regions he has visited and lived in.

“I really enjoy making fusion food, which takes the best parts of different places and puts them together,” he said.

From flatbreads to stuffed shrimp, wild mushroom pasta and house-made potato chips, Davis says the pub menu features something for all to enjoy.

“People also really love the crab cakes and the steak strips appetizer, which is an original recipe of mine,” he said.



At the Grand Avenue Pub...

Chef Jarrod Davis prepares a piece of lobster for a four course dinner at the Grand Avenue Pub, 132 W. Grand Ave., Beloit, on New Year's Eve. The pub opened recently and features a menu of upscale bar food selections.

Behind the full bar, manager Sarah Gostisha serves up a variety of drinks, including craft beers, martinis and Sriracha Bloody Marys with bacon.

For those seeking to warm up on a cold winter night, there also are specialty drinks like Irish Coffee available.

“I would love to see the Grand Avenue Pub become a staple in Beloit, known for our good food, drinks and being an excellent entertainment venue,” Gostisha said.

For more information on the Grand Avenue Pub and opportunities to reserve party space, ‘Like’ their page on Facebook. The business will have a website up and running soon.