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Northside Lounge remodeling kitchen, revamping menu

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Northside Lounge, recently purchased and refurbished by Steve Mattern and Vita Walette, is now in the process of redoing its entire kitchen and menu.

The new menu is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

Currently, the Northside Kitchen features Paninis and sandwiches, frozen pizzas, and Prime Rib on Sat-

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urday nights.

The Prime Rib dinner comes with a baked potato, a side of either coleslaw or vegetable pasta salad and garlic toast. The cost is \$23, and Northside starts serving at 6:30 p.m. until gone.

Popular sandwiches include the Philly Sandwich, which comes with roast beef, red and green peppers, onions and provolone cheese served with au jus; the French Dip Sandwich, roast beef with bacon and Swiss cheese, served with au jus; the Chicken Chipotle Sandwich, chipotle chicken with bacon, pepper jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion and chipotle mayo; and the Reuben Sandwich, corned beef with sauerkraut, bacon, 1000 island dressing and Swiss cheese.

All sandwiches are served with choice of plain, BBQ, sour cream and chive or jalapeno cheddar chips.

After the remodel, Walette, who does the majority of the cooking in

the Northside Kitchen, wants to add more seafood options on the menu, such as a Crab Salad Sandwich.

"I do a lot of the cooking," Walette said. "I became really attached to [the kitchen], that's my area. After bartending for so long, I can do them both, but the kitchen is what I prefer now."

Mattern and Walette will also be adding a "Build Your Own Pizza" night, in addition to making their own fresh pizzas instead of frozen ones.

Because the kitchen will be upgraded with a flame-broiled grill, burgers, fries and other fried items will soon be available at Northside. A handful of appetizers will also be added to the menu.

"We want to start off small," Walette said. "The menu will eventually grow once we get used to what we have on the new menu. [We want to] keep it simple but good."

Walette features a daily soup, as well as a daily special. Specials vary. Once the summer months hit, Walette says that she will cease making a daily soup and will switch to a daily cold salad, such as a pasta or potato salad.

A favorite special at Northside is Wednesday Hot Beef for \$9. Served all day long, fresh roast beef is prepared in the morning and comes with a vegetable side.

"I like to make sure everything is fresh. If I don't want to eat it, I don't want anyone else to eat it," Walette said.

Northside Lounge is open Monday, 5 p.m.-1 a.m. and Tuesday-Sunday, 12 p.m.-1 a.m. The kitchen is open until 11 p.m.



(Carissa Mavec/PCT)

Located on Main Avenue, north of the railroad tracks, in Rugby, Northside Lounge is in the process of revamping both its kitchen and menu offerings. Northside Lounge is open 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays, and noon to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday.



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