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Live entertainment returns to Downtown Lake City at The Cafe on North Marion Avenue

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The sounds of Gospel Bluegrass music drifted across Marion Avenue Tuesday night, softly signaling a revival of live entertainment at The Cafe.

Formerly the Marion Street Cafe and briefly the Lion's Den, The Cafe appeals to a new clientele that excludes anyone under 18.

The Gospel Bluegrass, performed by, is a world apart from the rock bands that once attracted teenagers to the Marion Street Cafe.

Friday nights feature an open acoustic jam, starting at 8 p.m.

Some of the decor was revived from the Marion Street Cafe and they revived the chess club Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m.

Before The Cafe opened two weeks ago, there were rumors that Tammy Robbins was returning. She still owns the building, but Tammy and Larry Ostrander operate The Cafe.

The Cafe is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to midnight.

A basic breakfast is offered in the mornings, with eggs, ham bacon and cheese, plus quiche, bagels, French toast and oatmeal.

Salads, soup and sandwiches are on the menu after breakfast. "We have local produce," said Tammy, "from the Lake DeSoto



Tammy and Larry Ostrander recently opened The Cafe at 279 North Marion Avenue. It is open six days a week. (LakeCityJournal.com photo)

Farmers Market and KCs produce." "I get fresh bread every day from Ruppert's Bakery and the meat is Boar's Head," Larry said.

The serve a variety of drinks, from regular coffee, Espresso, Latte and tea to milk shakes, soda and milk.

A beer and wine license is expected in about two weeks.

"We will include domestic micro-brewery and imported beers, as well as regular beer," Larry added.

Art on the walls is by local artists and it is for sale. An the musicians are all local.

The Cafe, at 279 North Marion Avenue, is a place where adults can go to relax, without having kids running around, Larry said.



MartenGale Bluegrass perform at The Cafe Tuesday evening. (LakeCityJournal.com photo).

And it is putting some life into downtown Lake City in the evenings. Visit The Cafe online at <http://www.thecafe.us/>

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