

transformed into coffee shop



Jarred and Jenni Brink have drawn up a design of what they plan Red, White and Brew a drive-thru coffee shop, to look like when it opens March 15 at the old fire station at 106 S. Main St. in Six Mile.

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Old Six Mile fire station to be

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SIX MILE — Coffee lovers around the Six Mile community may soon be able to enjoy their favorite beverage from an unusual drive-thru location — an old fire station.

Town council approved a lease at its meeting last week with Jarred and Jenni Brink, who plan to convert the old station at 106 S. Main St. in Six Mile into a coffee shop they will call Red, White and Brew. "The lease agreement

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was for around \$800 a month, and the agreement is good for three years,"

Mayor Roy Stoddard told The Journal. "After the first three years, the contract will be renegotiated every year."

Stoddard said the new business will provide another service to the community.

"It's a little revenue, and it gives us more exposure and economic development," he said. "You've got to keep moving, so we'll see what happens. I hope it's successful."

Built in 1976, the station

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operated as the town's fire station until 2012, when a new one was opened at 629 Mount Olivet Road.

Stoddard said although the building is no longer an active fire station, it hasn't stayed empty.

"It's been used for farmers markets, special events, parties, dinners. ... It's been used for all kinds of things," Stoddard said.

"All events — except the farmers market and the Issaqueena Festival — will cease over there," town clerk Rita Martin said.

New to Six Mile, the Brinks were introduced to council members, who recommended the space for their business. They plan a March 15 opening.

The Brinks said their research found an average of 4,000 cars pass by on Main Street daily, and it takes residents about 20 minutes to travel to get coffee that's not from a gas station.

"Coffee is a hot commodity — no pun intended," Jarred said. "Six Mile is a small town, but it's a very big commuter town, and a coffee shop is missing from there."

Besides coffee, the new business will carry patriotic-themed smoothies and kolaches, which are a "very different version of a hot pocket," Jenni said.

"There's a kolache fac-

tory out of Powdersville that we're going to get fresh kolaches from each morning," she said. "It's a perfect on-the-go, eat-in-your-car snack. We haven't finalized it yet, but there might be some donuts in the future for people who are wondering, 'What in the world is a kolache?'"

Jenni said the station "simply aligned with everything" they want to do.

"As we are coming up with the menu and ideas for the shop, we have really fun things in mind, like partnerships with nonprofits for veterans," she said.

"That's the goal with Red, White and Brew and with the whole theme of being patriotic, but more than anything, it's for the people who support us," Jarred added.

The Brinks said their shop will not have any indoor seating. It will have a walk-up window, a patio for outdoor seating and an inside drive-thru cars can access via the fire station's bays.

"We thought the idea of driving through the inside of a fire station was something new and very different," Jenni said. "Their old dispatch room will be our pickup window. It's going to be the most unique thing I've seen in a while."