

Wash Rack

from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. despite continuing their regular jobs.

“We want to be able to serve the community when it works best. We will definitely alter our hours, if we need be, for things such as hunting season or if we see the need or if people verbalize a need. We were just trying to start simple and see,” Dana explained.

Inside the laundromat are seven front load washing machines which can hold weight between 30, 45, 60, and 85 pounds. Depending on the size of a wash, Dana stated costs will run from as low as \$5 a load and up to \$11. Eight standard dryers and one large dryer have also been installed, with Dana sharing the cost will be \$3.50 for the regular dryers and \$5.50 for the larger dryer.

A change machine, a dispenser for soap, bleach and softeners and rolling laundry carts have also been made available for use.

For those interested in the wash-dry-fold laundry service offered, appointments will need to be scheduled, with pricing starting at \$1.50 per pound. The Pazdernik’s are advertising the use of fresh, high-quality soap for every wash with hypo-allergenic detergent available, the sorting of color and fabrics, and the drying and folding of items to protect and keep items fresh and clean. At the moment, items are asked to be dropped off and picked up on-site, with home pickup and delivery soon to be offered.

The Pazdernik’s hoped to have opened the Wash Rack a bit sooner after having bought the Otte building last September, but they faced certain challenges



MIKE AND DANA PAZDERNIK photo | Richard Mendoza

along the way, including the need to establish the buildings as individual stand-alone properties with separate heating and electrical systems.

“The biggest challenge we’ve gone through is normally when you buy a property, it’s empty and ready to do what you want. We acquired a property that was still full of a lot of items,” Mike shared.

“It was just a lot of clean-up to change it from a hardware store into a laundromat. We were hoping to be more up and running by February 1st,” Dana said. Mike’s mom ended up sick and passing away in October, and his dad had a heart attack three weeks ago.”

Despite the challenges faced in order to open the wash rack, the pair stated they’re excited for

their new endeavor and have been greatly supported by the community and their families.

“It’s scary. It’s something we’re so excited to do yet scared,” Dana stated. “I’m a nurse; I am not a businessperson, so that part has been a little bit of a challenge, but there too, we’ve had some friendship, guidance and help from people that know what they’re doing. We both come from large families, and they’ve been so willing to help.”

“Without family, we wouldn’t be ready to open.” Mike added. “[A] few of our friends and family came in and looked, and they’re like, ‘what are you guys thinking?’ Others [said], ‘yeah, I think this is doable.’ [We] just slowly plucked away at one thing, accomplished

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that, and moved on to the next. It’s been fun, challenging, nerve wracking, expensive, all at the same time.”

A slight hiccup in their change machine has forced the delay of a full-time opening for the Wash Rack, but Dana and Mike say they should be officially open for business on Monday the 16.

In the meantime, the Pazdernik’s next project, being completed next door, will see the old bank building be transformed into a community area open for events, parties, and meetings. Coined “Otte Events”, the adjacent property has already seen events be held inside, with future events scheduled in the coming weeks.

“We actually had one event already. We have another one booked for the 28th of March. Next weekend we’re going to participate in the St. Patrick’s Day crawl,” Dana said.

“We’ve got several different events booked. We’ll slowly be doing improvements in there, as time allows,” Mike added.

For more information on The Wash Rack, visit The Wash Rack Facebook page.

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