

HOTTS SPOTS

Revived Wild Woody's brings new nightlife to Shelby Twp.

Colorful, fun dance club opens doors to waiting public

Eight years after Wild Woody's Chill & Grill in Roseville was transformed into a Doolley's Irish Tavern, the name — and spirit — of the original has resurfaced.



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Partners Jeff Fiore and Tina Burton have transformed the former Kodiak Bar on Mound Road, a couple of blocks north of M-59 in Shelby Township, into a fun, colorful dance club and party place bearing the Wild Woody's name.

"We have some beautiful but crazy artwork and murals," Burton said. "There's a playroom, a lounge area, dining section and a nice outdoor patio deck. I think people are going to like it."

The team checked out several bars in Rochester and Shelby and Macomb townships as they sought to create something novel.

Wild Woody's features a tropical theme throughout, dance floor, giant-size pool table, online darts, lounge area with three couches, a VIP area with a fireplace, 24 microbrews, a 1,200-square-foot outdoor and more.

Wild Woody's is undergoing a soft opening as the staff becomes accustomed to the property for the next couple of weeks, but on Tuesday, people were at the entrance, waiting for the doors to open.

"I love it," said Larry Dewey of Rochester Hills, the first customer inside. "I've been waiting for this place to open. We drive by here quite often on the way into Utica, and we've



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Kelleigh Bannen will join Natalie Stovall and Ruthie Collins Friday night at Coyote Joe's in Shelby Township.

been wondering when they were going to start."

There's more to come, including a mechanical outdoor surfboard and a Woody's Bike, a party bike capable of seating 20 people.

The bike will make pit stops at downtown Utica taverns as well as the new Jimmy John stadium, which opens Memorial Day.

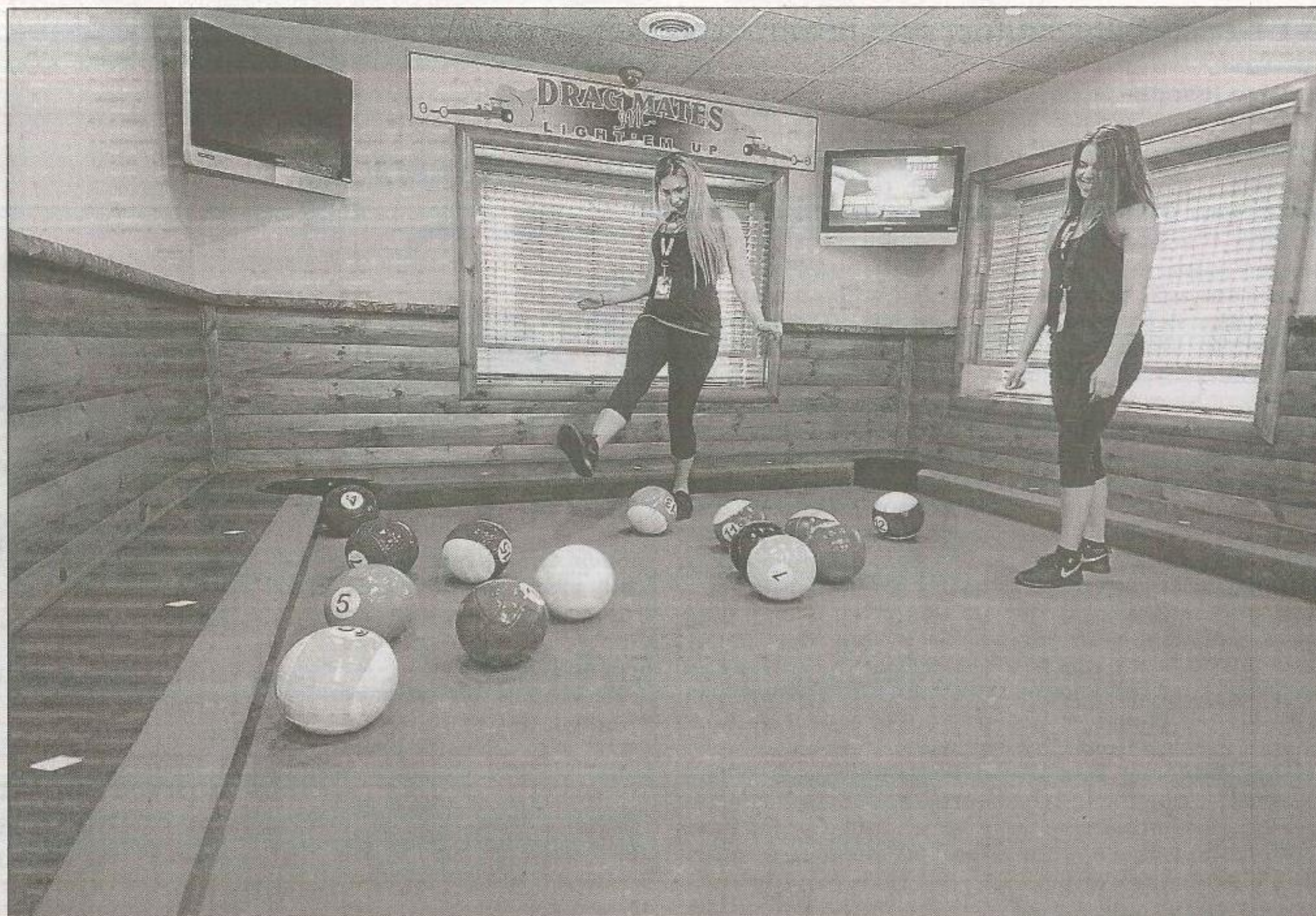
Wild Woody's menu includes burgers, salads, pizza, wings, bacon-wrapped shrimp skewers, mahi-mahi, pretzel sticks, blackened cauliflower, pepperjack cheese balls, steak tips, fajitas and more.

The original Wild Woody's, across from Macomb Mall, became one of the area's best known nightclubs in the 1990s and 2000s.

The name was based on actor Woody Harrelson, who at the time of opening was acting on TV's "Cheers."

Wild Woody's is at 45660 Mound Road, Shelby Township. For more information, visit wildwoodysbar.com.

▪ Three Girls Rock Into a Bar, a show featuring



RAY SKOWRONEK — THE MACOMB DAILY

Crystal Torrento and Alena Peterson demonstrate the life-sized pool game before customers come into the new Wild Woody's in Shelby Township.

three up-and-coming female country stars, comes to Coyote Joe's in Shelby Township on Friday night. Natalie Stovall and the Drive, Ruthie Collins and Kelleigh Bannen will take the stage about 10 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Coyote Joe's is at 49440 Ryan, Shelby Township. Call 586-254-4666 or visit coyotejoes.com

▪ Rocker Kip Winger appears Friday at Diesel Concert Lounge in Chesterfield Township for an evening of acoustic covers of his band's hits. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Diesel Concert Lounge is at 33151 23 Mile Road, Chesterfield Township. For more information, visit dieselconcerts.com.



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Tina Burton and Monica Vojnovski make last-minute preparations just before Wild Woody's officially opens.