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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Dear Vicki,

Welcome to the Railway Express Café!

## Historic Train Depot to Café



Earlier this month Edgerton's historic train depot became home to the Railway Express Café. A wonderful re-use for this beautiful building, the Café will attract coffee, history and train enthusiasts alike.

Built in 1906 to serve quickly growing Edgerton and its tobacco industry, the depot is a very nice example of early 1900's train depot architecture. Purchased by the City of Edgerton in 1995, minor restorations began in 1998, when it was also added to the National Register of Historic Places. Major restoration work was completed in 2004, including refurbishing original windows, doors, woodwork and floors along with interior paint in keeping with the period. The restoration was funded by a grant from the Local Transportation Enhancement Program and local fundraising.

Previous to the Café the restored depot was used to house the Edgerton Museum, an office for the Edgerton Chamber of Commerce, and a retail space. When approached regarding the possibilities of opening a coffee shop/café in the depot, the Edgerton Chamber, who leases the building from the City, quickly recognized an opportunity to attract people to downtown Edgerton and better highlight this



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historic spot. The Edgerton Museum is currently reorganizing their displays into the original depot baggage room, which they will share with the Edgerton Chamber to allow more space for the new café.

Working with both the Chamber and the City on plans, the café owner was restricted by historic building requirements on what could or could not be changed. Taking nearly a year to complete, renovations for the Railway Express Café have maintained the look and feel of the historic depot. Offering hot and cold coffee and other beverages, as well as food items, orders are placed at the original depot ticket window. From there, a variety of seating is available. The original passenger room has been tastefully decorated with antiques and prints where customers can sit at period tables and chairs, or choose to go back in time by sitting on one of the original depot passenger benches. Large couches have been placed in the original scale room of the depot where cargo was once weighed. The original scale is still in place and was restored with the building. On warm weather days a large inviting deck offers seating outdoors overlooking a portion of downtown Edgerton.



Ongoing efforts to renew and rejuvenate Edgerton's historic downtown welcome the Railway Express Café as a way to keep a piece of the past an important part of the future.

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Looking for excellent commercial/retail/office space? This is a NEW building available in the heart of downtown Edgerton, on half block from the intersection of US Hwy 51 and State Hwy 59. Retail spaces available ranging from 750 s.f. to 12,000 s.f., with seven parking spaces available per 1,000 s.f. of retail space. Enjoy the benefits of a community that is centrally located just minutes from several large metropolitan areas.





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