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## Country Cookin' reopens

Popular restaurant takes up residence in old Aunt Mary's Center

**SAM CRAIG**  
Daily Sun staff writer

Regulars, rejoice. Country Cookin' Café is ready for business in its new location.

Country Cookin' has been in the capable hands of Rogelio Coronado for 11 years at its location on Fifth Street across from the Standing Bear Trail Head. On Monday, Coronado cooked his last meals at the old location and opened up shop in the Eighth Street building that was once home to Aunt Mary's Center on Tuesday morning.



**Coronado**

The new space is a lot bigger than the old location, which means it can fit more customers. That's good news, Coronado said, because they've been busy. Their parking lot has been full and hungry patrons have been parking across the street to get their favorites like the farmer's omelet, the hot beef or the western omelet.

"A lot of regulars," Coronado said. "Most of them are my customers from the other place.

Coronado purchased the building at an auction back in August of last year and has been working on the transition ever since.

They've been coming around here. There's some people who have been waiting for the opening."

They've seen a lot of new faces, too, he said. Their old location was tucked around the corner where Fifth and Perkins streets meet, but now, Country Cookin' is in a fairly high traffic location, right near downtown along Court Street.

There's still some work to do, Coronado said. The old coin-operated pool tables will be going out and they'll be doing some work on the extra space in the back and upstairs, but he said he's excited about having space for people to rent out.

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**SAM CRAIG, DAILY SUN STAFF**

The breakfast rush begins at Country Cookin' Cafe in Beatrice on Friday. The restaurant recently reopened in the building that once held Aunt Mary's Center.



Lincoln Elementary kindergarten students dig through corn to find pennies on Friday.

**SAM CRAIG, DAILY SUN STAFF**

## CELEBRATING 100 DAYS

Kindergarten students mark occasion with games and activities

**SAM CRAIG**  
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Friday marked the 100th day of school for Beatrice Public Schools, but for kindergarten

students around the district, that meant it was time to party. With some learning thrown in, of course.

Over at Stoddard, students celebrated with numerous counting activities and at Paddock Lane Elementary, kids and teachers dressed up like 100-year-olds while they had a fun day of counting. At Lincoln

Elementary School, centennial festivities got underway, where kids celebrated with 100 of everything.

In Mary Jo Bures' classroom, students set up 100 red plastic cups into a tower. After building the tower even taller than they were, kindergartners took turn smashing through the cups before rebuilding again.

"We just do anything involving 100," Bures said. "If they got 100 cups, they're going to make a tower, they've got to find 100 pennies, make 100 snacks. Ten Cheerios, 10 M&Ms, 10 popcorn, things like that. Make a crown with 100 dots, read 100 stories."

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## School Board wants public input for facility plan

Long-term plan being considered by BPS Board

**SCOTT KOPERSKI**  
Daily Sun news editor

Beatrice Public Schools is looking for the public's input regarding a master plan for its facilities.

Pat Phelan of DLR Group has been working to put together a blanket plan for the district that covers everything from the school buildings to storage sheds.

He presented an updated version of the plan to the School Board during Thursday's committee of the whole meeting, and said the next step is asking for input from the public.

"Now we're ready to really engage with the community and let them be a part of this process," he said.

The plan includes any updates or maintenance to the school's bus barn and maintenance buildings, though Phelan said the educational side of the plan is a key piece.

"That really is the most important piece in my opinion, and I'm sure the board members would agree," he said. "We need to understand the educational aspects of all the facilities. What I mean by that is how are the facilities being used? Are the spaces that those classes are being taught in either enhancing the educational experience or hindering that experience? That's where your staff and administrative team comes into play for us, to understand those program issues."

"By going through this process, hopefully what we're going to be able to do is give you a comprehensive view of the condition, both physically and programmatically of your buildings."

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## Looking back to 1968: A year that rocked the world

**DAVID MCCUMBER**  
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What was it about 1968 that shook the foundations of American life, defining the end of one generation and the beginning of another?

Was it the Tet Offensive or the My Lai massacre? Was it

the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy, which left millions grieving and disillusioned? Was it the violent Democratic Convention in Chicago? How about the sight of Tommie Smith and John Carlos raising their fists at the Summer Olympics in Mex-

ico City? The student protests that lit Paris aflame? Richard Nixon's win over Hubert Humphrey? The first space flight to orbit the moon, the first U.S. heart transplant or the first Big Mac?

The answer is all of the above, and more.

The canvas these events were painted on was a relatively prosperous, tranquil, patriarchal postwar society. The paint was DayGlo — or blood — and the result was a startling portrait of America never before seen.

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