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Grant's newest business, Central Perk, opened its doors at the end of October and is welcoming visitors daily to the new coffee shop on Grant's main street.

Owners Jason and Adair Reese, who also own Reese Mechanical, Reese Appliance and Repair and AR Salon, now have almost all of their enterprises under one roof, the former Grant Family Restaurant.

The lower floor houses an appliance showroom, coffee counter and hair salon. The upstairs portion is used as a gathering place for groups and organizations. A nook just for children is located under the stairs.

With the closure of Pank-onin's Heaven Scent Bakery, the Reeses saw a need for a coffee shop in Grant, and were interested in a way to get more foot traffic through the door of their appliance store.

They purchased the building by auction, and have been remodeling since the end of June.

With the bare wood floor, red brick wall, antiques, corrugated metal siding and artifacts found in the building worked into the motif, they have created what Adair calls an "industrial chic" style for the interior. "It has been fun," she said. "We recognized a need and tried to fill it."

The offerings include a large selection of steaming concoctions such as lattes, chai tea, cappuccinos and espressos in a variety of flavors, with pumpkin spice being a popular request this time of year. Iced coffees, teas and smoothies are also available.

Also on the menu are scones, muffins and bagels, and during the lunch hour, a soup of the day is offered along with a roll or bagel.

Serving as Central Perk's barista is Casandra Cockerill. Growing into the business are the Reese children—Ava, eight, and Alec, six.

A display kitchen, constructed by Adams Lumber, is highly visible in the front window, offering an attractive view for window shoppers. It features cabinets, back splash, flooring and counter top available at the local lumber yard.

Central Perk is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m., and Saturdays from 8

a.m. until 2 p.m.