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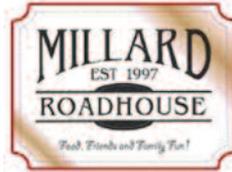
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## Our Mission

- To foster pride and encourage neighborhood involvement within the Old Millard East Neighborhood by providing opportunities for the participation in community work and social events.
- To provide for the safety and security to the people who live in the Old Millard East Neighborhood.
- To combat community deterioration, promote future development and to beautify the Old Millard East area.
- To improve and create a positive image of the Old Millard East Neighborhood, by endorsing the Association's name, by publicizing the activities and goals of the organization and its members.
- To encourage and communicate with home owners, tenants, landlords, businesses, religious organizations and government to cooperate for the common good of all.
- To increase the size of our membership and neighbor involvement.

## Scope

Old Millard East Neighborhood Association is defined by any person residing on 120th Street west to Millard Avenue between L Street and Q Street is eligible for membership.

## Membership

Households: \$10 (includes email updates)

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## About Us

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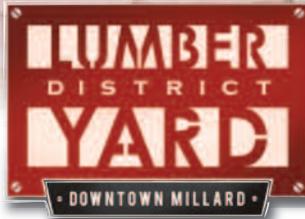
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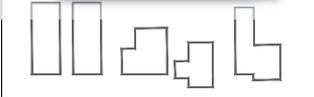


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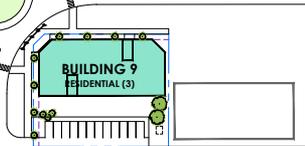
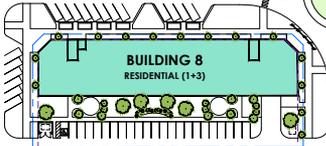
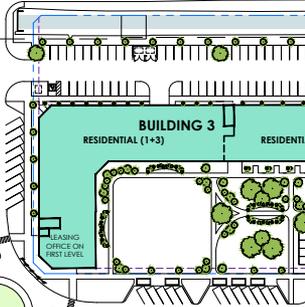
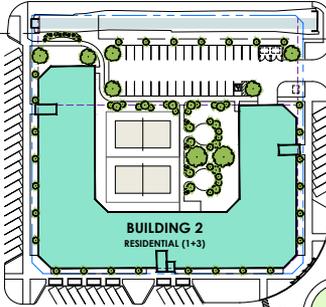
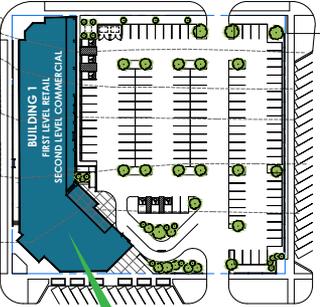


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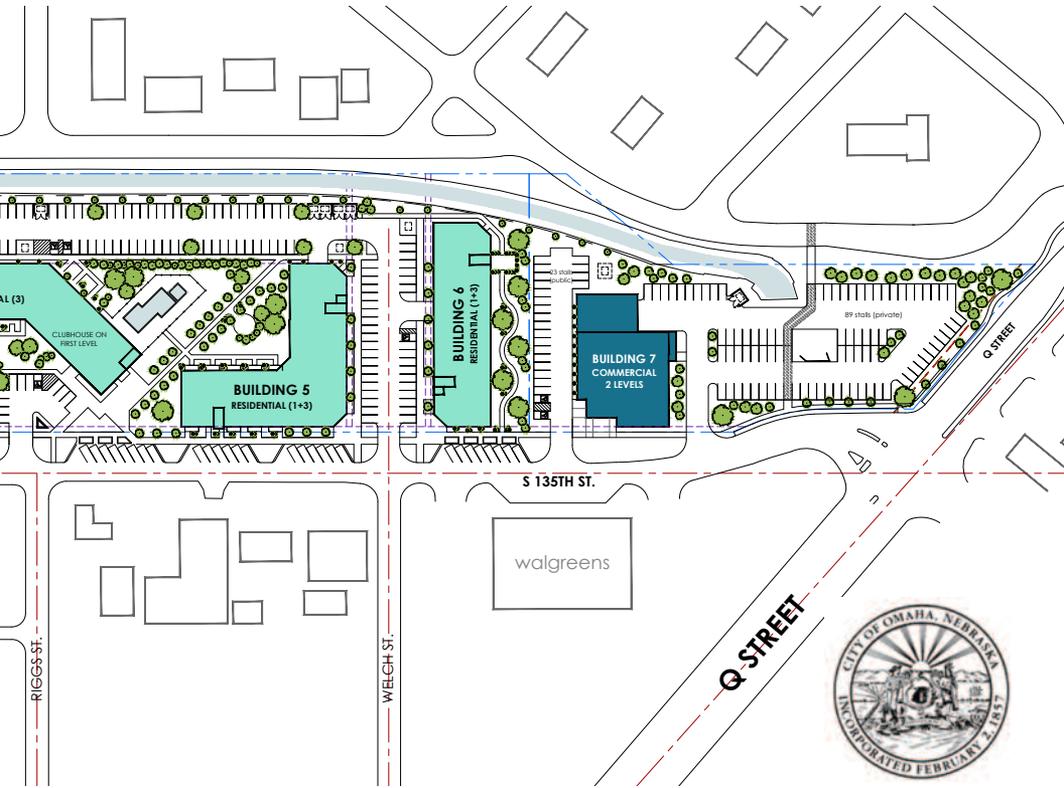
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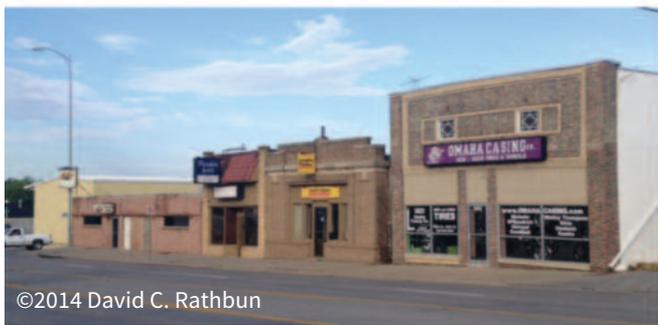
- 22,600 s.f.
- 2 stories
- 135th & Q Street
- Opens September 1, 2016

# MILLARD, NEBRASKA

Millard is a former town and current neighborhood in southwest Omaha, Nebraska; the original downtown area (often referred to as 'Old Millard') is near 132nd St. and L St. After lengthy legal fights, the city of Millard was annexed by the city of Omaha in 1971. There also



Circa 1920's

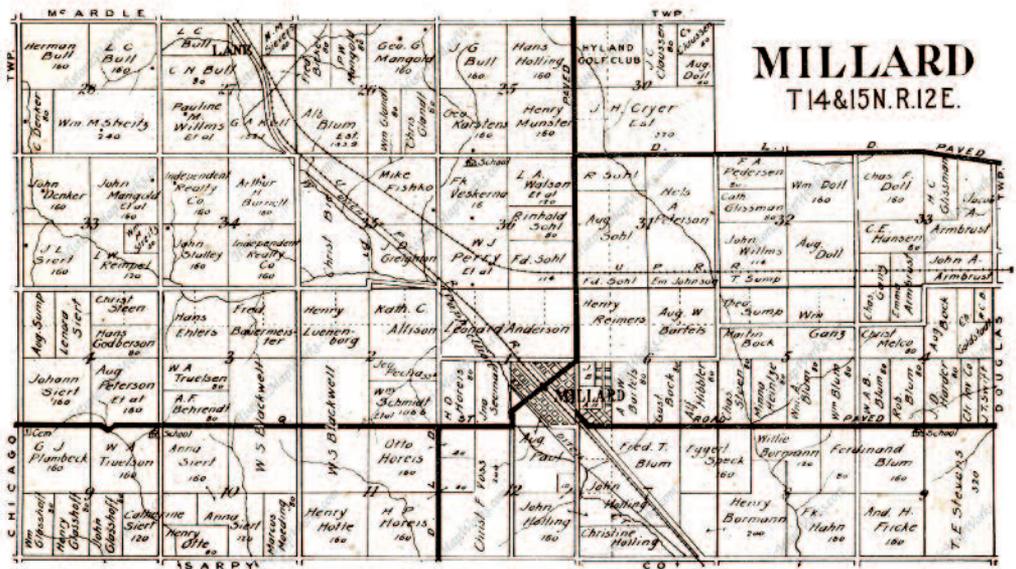


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both the state legislature and the court system to annex Millard into the Omaha Public Schools, but the Millard Public Schools remained an independent unit; although recently they have been included under the Taxing authority of the Learning Community to extend Omaha's tax base.

Millard was laid out in 1870 by Ezra Millard, and named for him. A post office was established in Millard in 1873, and remained in operation until it was discontinued in 1967.

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# Roadhouse Rehab 3.0

Story written by Cheri Clifton

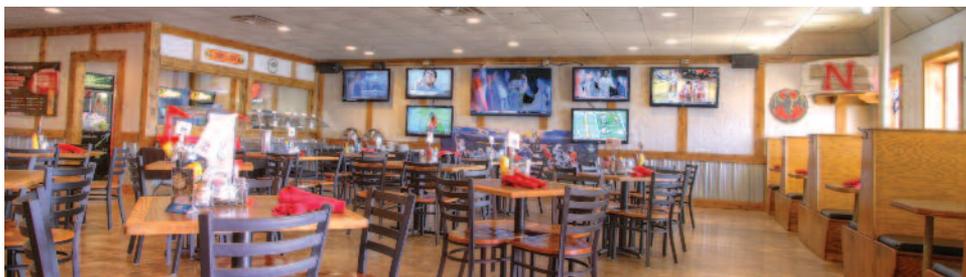
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Located in a building that has been the cornerstone of the Old Millard neighborhood since 1912, The Millard Roadhouse is the go-to destination for a hearty home cooked meal and a friendly family dining experience. The dining room has recently had a deep cleaning and sprucing up, removing much of the items that adorned the walls. The bathrooms have been remodeled and all fixtures replaced.

Doc's Saloon has had a complete remodel. The carpeting has been removed and the floor has been stained and polished. The half wall that divided the bar has been removed, providing a seating area that is comfortably spacious. One large and six flat screen TV's have been mounted on the east wall for a sports bar experience, while maintaining the cozy feel of your friendly neighborhood watering hole. Your favorite video games now have a new home in an enclosed arcade area.

There are seven domestic and craft beers on tap, and a wide selection of bottled beers and ales, all moderately priced. Wine selections range from \$5.50 – 9.50 a glass. Happy hour runs from 3pm – 6pm daily, with \$1.50 off domestic draws and \$1.00 off craft draws, cocktails, shots and glasses of wine.

The bricked west wall, featuring Doc's Saloon in rustic tin lettering offers the perfect backdrop for live events during the week. Tuesday night is karaoke night for the aspiring performer and Thursday night features a variety of live music from 7-10 pm. Cheer on the Huskers on Saturdays, and on Sunday catch the NFL Sunday ticket.





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## After years in cramped southwest precinct, police near \$8M HQ space in Millard

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When two Omaha police officers start to walk toward each other down the halls at the southwest precinct headquarters, one has to back up because there's not enough room for two officers and their gear.

Narrow hallways are among the many problems at the southwest precinct, said Capt. Adam Kyle of the Omaha Police Department's support services division.

Now, the Omaha City Council is set to vote to spend about \$8 million on a new southwest police precinct headquarters in the Millard Lumber redevelopment.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for the City of Omaha," Kyle said. "All the stars are in alignment."

Under a proposed agreement, Lanoha Development would construct a new building in that area, and the city would take ownership by Sept. 1, 2016.

"Millard Lumber is on the verge of great change, and I believe Lumberyard District will be a central driver in this change," developer Jason Lanoha wrote in a letter of intent to the city. "The addition of an Omaha Police Precinct will not only further help ensure an exciting future for this area, but will also send a strong message that Downtown Millard is a priority for our city."

The proposed agreement says Lanoha would build a two-story, 22,600-square-foot building at 135th and Q Streets.

It would be in the southeastern end of a planned mixed-use development on the site of the former Millard Lumber.

The city plans to pay for the project with \$5.2 million from its public facilities bond fund, \$1.6 million from the capital improvement fund and \$1.1 million from the advance acquisition fund.

A new southwest precinct wouldn't change an ongoing discussion about adding a fifth police precinct in western Omaha, Council President Pete Festersen said.

"Regardless, this precinct would be needed for this area," he said at the Tuesday council meeting.

Kyle said the city had long planned to move the department out of the existing 7,600-square-foot building that houses about 110 officers.

Cassie Seagren of the Mayor's Office helped put the Police Department in touch with Lanoha Development.

The new facility would be built to address police and safety needs while fitting with the style of the neighborhood, Kyle said.

"We've been wanting this for a long time," he said.



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This year, Minneapolis-based sports-bar chain Buffalo Wild Wings begins a companywide rollout of a next-generation design, in development since 2011, for its new and remodeled restaurants.

The growing chain, with \$1.27 billion in 2013 revenue, opened its thousandth North American location in January. The new design, called "stadia," was used in 13 new-store openings last year. In 2014,

all but two of 46 planned openings will follow the stadia template (the pair of outliers were too far into the permitting process with local authorities to change course), explains BWW's director of store design Bill Ferris.

Ferris also expects many elements of the new design to appear in 20 to 25 remodels of corporate-owned stores this year, and about 40 franchised locations. Two Twin Cities remodels, one in Oakdale, the other on Snelling Avenue in St. Paul, have incorporated the new template, although special constraints would not allow the full stadia treatment. A new store with a more complete stadia design is scheduled to open in late spring at Edina's Southdale Mall.

Ferris says that no precipitating event or business trend sparked the move to a radical redesign. It simply arose from an ongoing desire to "keep our restaurant appearance fresh," he says.

Once BWW got into the process, however, one thought led to another. The final new design differs from typical sports bars in some potentially groundbreaking ways. Interior furnishings use lighter colors. Windows above the bar area admit natural light. The acoustics, the audiovisual system and placement of TV screens are designed to make conversations at a normal volume possible at the tables in the dining area, even if there is considerable noise and excitement around the bar.



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## Local Businesses Look Ahead

### Don's Coin & Jewelry

Don Plambeck has strong ties to the Millard area, as he was born and raised here. He is the proprietor of Don's Coin & Jewelry, and has been in business for the last 17 years. Don is also a 4th generation farmer, with farmland in both Nebraska and Iowa. The shop, located west off Millard Avenue at 4855 South 137th Street, buys, sells and repairs watches, clocks, jewelry & coins and offers great products for reasonable prices. Don believes that Old Millard is a prime area for retail expansion. Their motto is "We treat customers the way we like to be treated."

### Joh's Catering

Judith Howard is the owner of JOH's Catering. She has been catering since the mid 80's and was drawn to the Old Millard area when she was looking for a "brick and mortar" location for her business. It is evident that Judith loves what she does, and offers a variety of tasty menus for any occasion. She believes that the Old Millard neighborhood is up and coming and that the rejuvenation of the neighborhood will lead to an increase in sales. Visit JOH's Catering website at [www.johscatering.com](http://www.johscatering.com) to learn more about Judith and JOH's catering. Located at 13522 Cottner Street.

### Brick Street Tavern

Partners Rod Niefeldt, John Rohwer, Steve & Kim Strong opened the Brick Street Tavern in 2014. The bar was given a fresh look with a complete inside remodel, while the exterior keeps the flavor of Old Millard. Their draft menu features a balanced mix of eight domestic and craft beers, along with over 40 bottled beers from which to choose. The kitchen is open Sunday – Thursday 11am -9pm, Friday – Saturday 11am – 10pm and has a range of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, burgers and wings. Check their website [www.brickstreettavern.com](http://www.brickstreettavern.com) for a full menu and daily specials. Brick Street Tavern is conveniently located east off Millard Avenue at 4936 S. 135th Avenue.



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# Community

Story written by Cheri Clifton

## Sleeper King Mattresses

Rich Petry has lived in Millard with his family since 2001. He started his business over eight years ago by supplying a superior quality mattress to those who make their living driving over the road. The advent of new development convinced Rich it was time to expand his business to Old Millard to offer that superior quality to residential customers. Sleeper King mattresses are backed with a ten, fifteen or twenty year warranty. Rich has not forgotten our four footed friends either, as he also offers memory foam pet beds. Visit Rich in his remodeled showroom at 5063 S. 135th Street.

## Sociable Inn

Joanne Harrell has resided in Millard since she was eight years old. Seven months ago she purchased the Sociable Inn at 4917 S. 136th Street and made a few changes to the interior. She describes her business as "a new, old dive bar experience with character and an inviting atmosphere". Joanne feels the diversity of businesses, old and new, plus development of the area bringing new tenants and residents will absolutely grow her business. The Sociable Inn offers happy hour Monday – Friday 2pm – 7pm, and nightly specials from 7pm to close. Visit their website at [www.thesociableinn.com](http://www.thesociableinn.com) for a list of upcoming events.

## Sasha Models

Sasha Speiker grew up in the Old Millard neighborhood and is a graduate of Millard South. Her business, Sasha Modes is a premiere model and talent placement agency that works to develop and place models and actors locally to major markets. Sasha located her business in Old Millard because she loves the neighborhood and wanted to be centrally located. The frontage of her business is designed to be classically understated so clients are comfortable and relaxed. She plans the addition of a photography studio in the near future. Sasha believes that the neighborhood renovation will bring new clientele to the area. Sasha Models is located at 13524 Cottner St. for more information visit [www.sashamodelsomaha.com](http://www.sashamodelsomaha.com)



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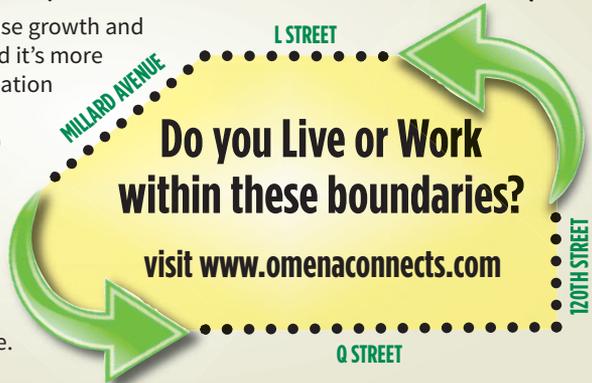


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### *Doing Great Things For The Community!*

As you look around and see the immense growth and change happening in our neighborhood it's more important than ever to keep our association running strong. With your generous donations we can continue to; develop our association website to encourage new residents and business owners, provide community events that encourage fellowship fostering safer surroundings, install signage letting visitors know how proud we are of our community heritage and so much more.



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# Norris Elementary

## 2015 Student Artwork

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Kylee, 4G

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Marshall, 4G



Sam, 4G



Isaac, 4G

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For more information please visit their website, [www.arteryomaha.org](http://www.arteryomaha.org).

# Poetry...

## **You Don't Even Know Me**

By Caitlin M, CMS 8th Grader

Hey, I'm the new kid  
The person nobody really knows  
I know you whisper behind my back  
But really, here's how my life goes:

I love making people smile  
And being really lazy  
Although I'm silent at school  
You complain I drive you crazy

I also love writing  
And Fall Out Boy too  
I even enjoy acting  
It's one of the best things I do

However, you think of me differently...  
You think I'm depressed and dark  
Is it because I wear black?  
Or because I have scars?

To tell you the truth...  
Everything is true, but it's all in the past  
I'm finally okay now  
And to be honest, life is a blast

So you know, I've been wondering lately  
Just how it could be  
That you judge me so much...  
And you don't know a thing about me

(Inspired by Sharon Flake's poem of the same title)

## **You Don't Even Know Me**

By Kyle Cassidy

I sit in the street  
I lay in the grass watching clouds  
I'm exotic  
I'm intelligent  
I wear my heart on my sleeve

So it bothered me the other week  
When you started rumors and they came  
back to me

You know, I've been wondering lately,  
Trying to figure out just how it could be  
That you're around me so often  
And you still don't know a thing about me

We hangout in the trees  
I think of you as my best friend  
You say I'm too weird  
I tell you all my innermost feelings  
And, you give them away

You know, I've been wondering lately ,  
Trying to figure out how it could be  
That you're around me so often  
And you still don't know a thing about me

I live in my hopes and dreams  
I guess that makes me one of a kind  
So now that you read this poem

You now know a thing about me

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## A Little History

Three men, looking for a sport the entire family could enjoy, created this family sport the summer of 1965 in Bainbridge Island, Washington near Seattle. They had a family dog named, you guessed – Pickles. And Pickles would routinely run off with the ball. Thus, the name of the game was created.



The original design of the game was derived from the game of badminton. Over the course of a few weeks, the guys changed the original hand crafted wooden pickleball paddles and surface to best fit the needs of the family. They soon found it necessary to lower the net so everyone could play. The guys also moved the game to the blacktop once they discovered the ball bounced better on that surface.

In the 1970s pickleball became a “real” sport with regulated rules. Pickleball is now a sport played throughout the United States and the world by people of all ages. Enjoy!

## Where can I play in Omaha?

Prairie Lane Park - 11500 Hascall St (South of Center)

Meadow Lane Park - 11707 Farnam St (South of Dodge)

Search pickleball omaha and find their facebook page. This shows times/days and locations





## **MAA Touchdown!! Strike 3, batters out!!!**

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The mission of the Millard Athletic Association (MAA) is to provide the highest quality youth sports programs that serve players of all abilities in the metro area. It is the belief of MAA that athletic competition helps young people grow in confidence, loyalty, teamwork, sportsmanship and skill.

MAA offers multiple competition levels for athletes ages 4 – 18 in the sports of Baseball, Cheerleading, Football and Softball currently.

Through agreements with the City of Omaha MAA currently manages 17 competition fields: Andersen Park (13625 Cottner St.), Westchester Complex (13931 O St.), Sandoz Fields (5959 Oak Hills Dr.), Millard Highlands (6370 S. 140th Ave.) and most recently Dill Complex (7002 Military Ave.) Additionally MAA partners with Millard Public Schools for use of fields at all three MPS high schools and several middle schools. In early 2014, Millard Athletic Association opened MAA Next Level (8840 S. 137th Cir. LaVista), a 40,000 square foot indoor training and practice facility for all of its members. Growth in membership over the past several years lead MAA to move from the office it occupied for several years on S. 136th to its current office at 13308 Millard Avenue.

MAA General Manager Jeff LeDent, shared that it was important to the Association to maintain a visible presence in the Millard area. “While we’ve expanded our footprint with the management of Dill Complex, the inclusion of Jr. Storm tackle football teams and the opening of MAA’s Next Level, we’ve held our home base to be the downtown area of old Millard” said Mr. LeDent.

Mitch Kampbell, the volunteer Chairman of MAA stated “As our office staff has grown to 6-8 year around operations, accounting and support personnel, it was imperative for us to have a location that provided the staff an opportunity to serve our members and leagues in the best way possible. After relocating to the Millard Plaza building two years ago, this spring we were fortunate enough to negotiate a new long term lease with SanOma. SanOma provided us the opportunity to improve both the office and storage space, which make this location the perfect home for MAA. We look forward to being a visible and active presence on Millard Avenue for years to come.”

Millard Athletic Association is non-profit organization serving over 8,000 youth athletes annually and is celebrating their 75th anniversary throughout 2015. Learn more by visiting their website: [www.millardathletics.com](http://www.millardathletics.com) , follow them on Facebook at Millard Athletic Association and on Twitter @MillardAthletics

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## 2015 NEBRASKA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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# Beauty Industry's Hottest Trend Comes to Omaha

There's a new trend in the hair industry that's sweeping the nation – Blow Dry Bars. And now that trend is going to be available near you. Omaha-native and master stylist, Lauren Dengel, opened her first salon, Salon for Women, in San Diego to pursue her passion in the beauty industry with best friend Jackie Bardelli. Salon for Women offers everything from cuts and colors, extensions and waxing...their most popular service? Blowouts. The typical blowout includes a wash, scalp massage, blow dry and style. The San Diego business is thriving and the 'dry bar trend' is growing, so Lauren decided it was time to bring it to Omaha and open their second location at 168th & Center.



Lauren Dengel and Jackie Bardelli of Salon for Women.

## Why choose Omaha to set up shop?

**Dengel:** Our San Diego location has been thriving for three years now so I thought, 'what better time to open a new location right in the heart of the Midwest?' I chose Omaha because not only did I grow up here, but I also have such a passion to be a part of the extreme growth, development and success of this city. I love how you can be in line for coffee while standing next to some of the most successful people in the nation, and never even know it. The integrity of this city is unlike any other and I am so honored to join the community again. Women absolutely love the 'dry bar' trend and I'm excited to open my doors to them!

## Can you explain your salon concept?

**Dengel:** Until recently, salon-worthy hair was limited to your next haircut. Now it is available and affordable for every day! Salon for Women is a specialized women's hair salon with services including haircuts, color, extensions, make up, eyelash extensions, basic waxing services, and of course blowouts and styling!

## When is the best time to get a blowout?

**Dengel:** Getting a blowout doesn't just mean for the night. With proper care and our professional long lasting hair product, your blowout should last three days AT LEAST! Most of our existing guests are going an average of every 5-7 days to get a fresh wash and style. The blow out bar is really about popping in right before you head to work or big meeting, go out on the town, or just simply to sneak away from the real world and get something we all hate doing ourselves done for us. Start off your bachelorette party and/or wedding day here and we will book out the whole bar for you and your party!

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