

John and Patti Kasper had quite the journey before deciding southern Minnesota was the place they want to be, and the coffee business is what they wanted to do.

Kaspers, both born and raised in Fairmont, married, raised two sons and lived the majority of their lives in Bloomington, MN. Previously, John worked for a large advertising agency before opening his own branding and advertising firm with a long time associate. Patti, a registered nurse and certified lactation consultant, worked in the North Memorial Health Care Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



Graffiti Corner, the newly constructed frozen treat and coffee lounge located at the intersection of Albion Avenue and State Street, opened for business May 10th. Business has been booming ever since. "We're thrilled about the opportunity to open a new business in Fairmont," says Kasper. "The initial reception has been fantastic. People are not only enjoying the coffee drinks and frozen yogurt, but they seem to be thrilled about having a comfortable and welcoming place to hang out."

The City of Fairmont is excited to be a part of this project by approving tax increment financing and a revolving loan fund program which assisted in the demolition of the blighted property that was replaced with the newly constructed retail building, featuring Graffiti Corner.



Enjoy a coffee house style drink, smoothie, tea, frozen treat or freshly baked pastry while socializing, studying or relaxing at this hip new hangout.

Congratulations to the Kasper's on their new business venture and investment in the community!

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100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont

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