

HISTORY OF THE SWINGIN' DOORS SALOON FROM THE OWNER!

A little bit of history-

It's been known that The Swingin' Doors Saloon is or is one of the oldest working bars in the state of Nebraska! It has had few names in its time! Now known as the Swingin' Doors Saloon, Formerly Ye Ole Tyme Saloon and before that it was named Peck's Place.

The Owner can track the bar back as far as 1886 when the Bruswick Bar and back bar of the Swingin' Doors were brought upriver from St. Louis, MO on a barge. The booming town of Rouleau, currently named Rulo, had a bank, blacksmith, several shops, FIVE bars and a courthouse. It was even once considered for the County Seat! Back then, the bar was just the front area with a balcony in the back and 3 pot belly stoves for heat. Owner says, "I still have the wood trim from the balcony lining the top wall by the front door and the original Swingin' Doors that mark the entrance to the bathrooms!" The big dining area was a garage for storing and fixing vehicles. The small dining area was the Sheriff's office in the late 1880's-1900. In 1900 the Sheriff (Alfanso) JAKewake 60, was shot and killed out front by an unruly patron at Peck's Place. Owner says, "Some locals say they have seen his shadow cruise through the building, I have not."

There are currently TWO bar & Grills in Rulo, NE. Wild Bills and the Swingin' Doors Saloon. The Old Camp Rulo has been closed for several years, but people still remember it for the fish and live music! The Owner of the Swingin' Doors Saloon was able to get the chandeliers from the dining area and the cast iron banister from The Old Camp Rulo that surrounded the band stand and use it as a railing/divider between the dining rooms in the Swingin' Doors Saloon during renovation in 2015-2016.

Rulo is still known as a fish town and have people from Omaha, NE to Kansas City, MO who come to this little town just to eat catfish and carp! The Omaha World Harold wrote an article about The Swingin' Doors Saloon and photos were put in the Wall Street Journal. Heck there was even a country video make walking down the sidewalk in front of the Swingin' Doors Saloon. The Owner says "My only thoughts are if these walls could talk what wonderful old stories we would know!"

HOW NEW LOCAL OWNER BROUGHT THE ICONIC BAR & GRILL BACK TO LIFE!

When the current Owner is asked how she brought this great place back to life, they said, "The Swingin' Doors Saloon formerly Ye Ole Tyne Saloon had been closed for over 3 years. One Friday night after serving their famous pork ribs they locked the door and never came back. When I bought it the fryers, they still had grease in them! Ketchup and mustards were still on the table's, food still in the walk in. Paperwork from the last several years filled the cupboards. It had over a foot of water in the back room and half of the bar was flooded. I completely gutted the kitchen and bar. Removed all ceilings (there were 2 lowered ceilings in the bar) I took the bar back to the original ceiling. Pulled all the floor tile and poured concrete to get the handy cap grades to be state compliant. Added walls put new flooring in dining room ceiling in dining room. I had all new wiring thru out the entire building added all new lights, railings, chandeliers. Paneling etc. I have before and after pictures on facebook."

This building has so much history! After all the renovations, it is time for its new Owner!