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Renaissance woman spreads her wings and influence in Bandera's business community

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Bank manager, business owner and single mom are just a few of the titles Alana Smith can claim. As if running a bank and owning a local bar aren't enough to prepare an impressive resumé, the entrepreneur is adding two more businesses to her repertoire.

The Boot & Saddle Saloon & Dancehall will be open this Friday, "barring any hiccups," Smith said.

Formerly located at the Bandera Lodge, the Boot & Saddle moved on and up during the sale of the lodge to Warriors Heart last year.

Construction began months ago in the east end of the Best Western Suites & Saloon on Main Street, and Smith is planning her soft opening for this Friday, March 26. The dance hall will feature live music every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It has a VIP area that seats 12 and includes admission, one drink per person and exclusive VIP service all night. The cost is \$400 Friday and Saturday, \$250 Wednesday and Sunday. Smith said the service is already sold out through the end of April.

A little further down the road neighboring Mansfield Park, Alana's Red Horse Saloon is thriving. Formerly the Red Horse Saloon, Smith purchased the bar in 2020. In addition to renovating the interior, she has added all-you-can-eat crawfish nights and weekend lineups, including LionThrone on March 25, the Tailgaters on March 26, Rich Lockhart Band on March 27 and Rebel Roxie on Sunday, March 28, at 3 p.m. Future plans include comedy and paint-with-a-twist nights.

Alana's Red Horse Saloon is open at 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, noon Thursday through Saturday, and occasional Sunday brunch at 11 a.m. (call ahead for schedule).

Some time closer to May, the Shotgun Sports Bar & Grill will be open. Located in the west end of the Best Western, the sports bar will have three pool tables, eight big-screen televisions inside and out on the patio, with subscriptions to the NFL ticket, MLB, UFC and other sports. It will open for lunch at 11 a.m., and close at 2 a.m. Also planned is a weekend brunch starting at 9 a.m., so it doesn't compete with the hotel's breakfast service, which ends at 9 a.m.

Smith is planning the grand opening for May 14, 15 and 16.

For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/BootAndSaddleSaloon](http://www.facebook.com/BootAndSaddleSaloon).

Smith needs security and other personnel at the dance hall - go to the saloon to apply, or call 210-749-9227.