

Burlington Station Grand Opening

By Kitty Mayo



Kay Swanson with granddaughter Adah Swanson, 11, at Burlington Station's grand opening. (Photo by Kitty Mayo)

After a year's delay, Callie Swanson was all smiles this past Saturday at the grand opening of Burlington Station in Two Harbors.

Swanson has teamed up with a family loaded with entrepreneurs to head the experience known as Burlington Station that combines on-site made fudge, caramel, and flavored popcorn with the love of trains, history, and some light shopping thrown in for fun.

"The biggest challenge was that it was really hard to run on other people's timelines, but it's been fun finally seeing everything come together," said Callie.

Callie's grandmother, Kay Swanson, was on hand for the event, and was delighted to point out the mural-storefront named in her honor: "Katherine's Boutique". Artist Brian Olson's murals set the stage of an old-timey

train depot on the interior and exterior of the building.

"It's been two years of hard work, but we are so proud, it's amazing," said Kay.

A seating area is available for visitors to bring in food to enjoy at the site, and there is a viewing area to watch pop-corn making in progress. On the day of the opening a model train circled the large, open mall space, and in the near future plans are in place to open a separate adjoining space for the model train display which will charge an entrance fee.

A front porch with a canopy roof is in the works to be completed this summer and events are being planned in collaboration with the campground. Callie says that the local farmers market will be held in their parking lot again this year and anticipates inviting food trucks.

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