

April 28, 2002 — April 28, 2012 La Plata TEN YEARS STRONGER

Martin's Service Station; 309 Charles Street



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Martin's is a family owned and operated business that has served the Town of La Plata and surrounding areas since 1922. We are third generation, and to see the business that your father and grandfather worked so hard to build destroyed by a tornado is devastating.

Our building was totally destroyed and had to be rebuilt from the ground up. We were fourteen months rebuilding, and during that time we were fortunate enough that our loyal customers stood by us, and we worked out of our home shop.

Today

We had considered rebuilding before the storm, but it was not feasible for us. Our old building did not meet some of the new codes and was not handicapped accessible in some areas. Once we got over the initial shock and got through the insurance process, it was exciting to plan and construct a new, more modern, and larger building. We were able to double our size and add a gift shop in the front.

The support we received from the community was greatly appreciated, and it was that support, our determination to rebuild and the goodness of God that gave us the strength to get through those 14 months of rebuilding. I would like to think that we are stronger because of this experience.



TORNADO of 2002

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