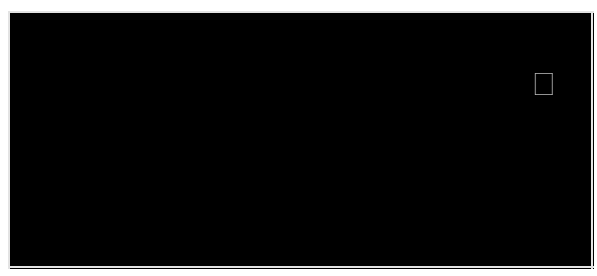


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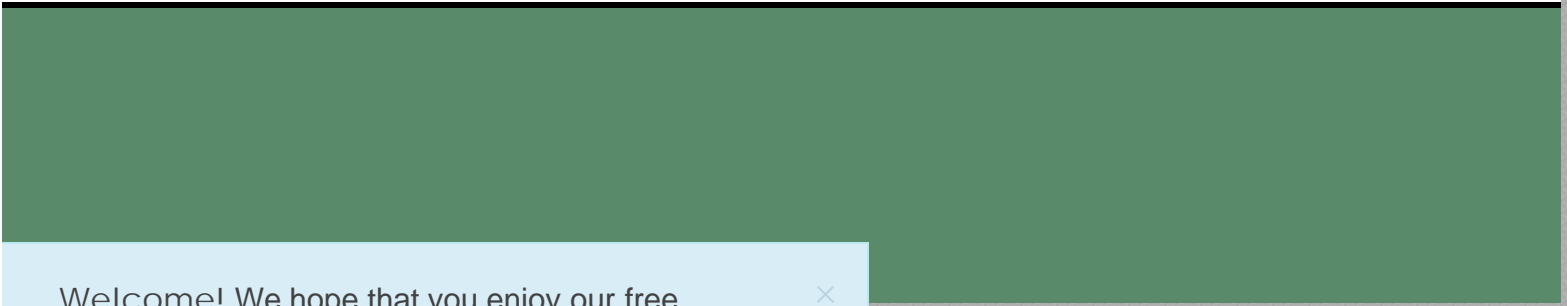


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Dave Anderson opens 'new concept' BBQ restaurant

by Terrell Boettcher News Editor 22 hrs ago 0

He's no longer "Famous Dave," but David W. Anderson will continue to serve slow-cooked barbecue to the public at his new restaurant in downtown Hayward, "Jimmie's Old Southern BBQ Smokehouse."

The entrepreneur's new restaurant will open at 11 a.m. Tuesday April 14 at 15678 U.S. Hwy. 63, the remodeled former Canton Garden building next to Bank Mutual near the junction of Kansas Avenue, about one block north of Main Street.

Asked how he chose this location, Anderson said that "Originally we were looking to do something temporary after the original Famous Dave's burned down (last November). But once I started looking around, there weren't that many large locations available.

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"I'm excited by the encouragement in the community and a lot of fans," Anderson said Thursday. "This 2,500

square foot building was available. I realized there was no way we could recreate the Original Famous Dave's atmosphere or service. That kicked in gear my totally new concept.

"This (Jimmie's Old Southern BBQ) is more like a local, family-friendly barbecue joint." It's similar to barbecue places in Texas he's seen, "where you can pull right up, stand in line, pick out your barbecue meats—and then they slice it up. You choose your sides, and then you pay and you're ready to eat.

"But more importantly than that, I think the whole concept in today's environment is casual. There's no 20 percent tip, which is important when you have a family of four. This is one way of making barbecue more affordable for the average family."

David Von Rueden "is again at my side, helping to create this new concept," Anderson added. "Dave (Von Rueden) and his family originally worked at Toby's in Hinckley, Minn., where he made a lot of caramel rolls. He helped me open up the Original Famous Dave's more than 20 years ago."

Asked what his plans are for the Original Famous Dave's property on Round Lake, Anderson said "We are looking at rebuilding at some point. It's been a long, arduous process dealing with the insurance company. There was so much involved with that building, being able to document the hand-crafted woodwork, and researching and documenting the antiques.

"Right now we're waiting for the road bans to lift and then we'll demolish (the burned structure)," he said. "There's no way to get something going before summer. By the time we're able to rebuild, it will be a year or two down the road."

Anderson said he and his wife Cathy own the former restaurant property.

The new restaurant in Hayward is named after Anderson's dad, James "Jimmie" Anderson, who was raised at Idabel in southern Oklahoma. Both of David's parents were put into Indian boarding schools as children. His mother Iris, who was raised on the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe reservation, met her future husband when they were students at Haskill Indian Institute in Lawrence, Kansas.

After World War II, James Anderson moved to Chicago, but retained his passion for southern food. "He used to drive my mother down south every other weekend, where she learned to cook southern. I grew up in a family where southern food and barbecue was a mainstay," David Anderson said.

"More than that, I learned from my dad how important the right ingredients were," he added. "My dad would drive down south to buy the right cornflour for his cornbread, the right hot sauce—staples you couldn't buy up north."

Inscribed on one wall in Jimmie's Old Southern BBQ Smokehouse is a saying by James Anderson:
"Generous use of my BBQ sauce could bring world peace."

Over the past few years, "I missed cooking, missed making people happy," Anderson said. "Famous Dave's got to be a big corporate publicly traded company—which means I don't own it. The public does. So I really had nothing to leave my family, to show for all the effort I had over the years in becoming one of America's best barbecue pit masters.

"So I'm really excited about this new concept that has its own special feel to it. All the recipes are new," Anderson said. "With this restaurant what I'm excited about is that my family will be able to work here. My son James, a world-class personal development trainer, will work with us to train our employees. Some of my nephews will be working here during the summer.

"In many ways, I feel I'm back to my beginning entrepreneurial start-up, where a lot of family members are involved in getting going."

In a Facebook posting, Anderson wrote that "I want to thank all my fans, customers, former employees, and vendors who were part of my life these last 20 years. I honor you for your dedication, hard work, and passion. Those who are still in the Famous Dave's family, you will always be in my heart and I will always be with you in spirit...I wish you the best. It was a remarkable journey that created many jobs, billions in sales, and we were one of the most award winning BBQ restaurants with almost 800 Best of Class Awards. I am grateful to live in this country where dreams do come true if you never quit during times of adversity or unbelievable challenges. The month of April begins a new chapter for Kathy and me but I am excited as I will be getting back into the BBQ groove again ...only NOT as Famous Dave that part of me is now over... but as Dave Anderson, America's Rib King! I was born to barbecue."

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