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It's true – Red'z Rib Shack is back

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Owners return with original menu

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Red'z Rib Shack is back.

Randy and Shiona Quick have returned from the Caribbean and have every intention of reclaiming their spot at the top of the metro-east barbecue pyramid.

They'll do so from a different location as they are transforming the former Rally's on Troy Road into a drive-through barbecue restaurant.

For a 10-year period that encompassed most of the '90s, Red'z was known throughout the region for its dinners, served in Maryville at the intersection of Routes 159 and 162.

The Quicks sold out and moved to the Caribbean, but came back as Randy's mother was in need of a caregiver.

"We're ecstatic to be back," Randy said.

A target date of April 15 has been set for the opening and former patrons will be pleased with the menu.

"We're offering the exact same products the original Red'z offered," Randy said.

That means ribs, pork steaks, chicken pieces, shredded chicken and shredded pork. The side items will also return – potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and applesauce. Sourdough bread and kaiser rolls are also served with each meal.

Randy said two new items will be added to the menu – barbaritos, which feature shredded chicken or pork wrapped in a tortilla, and crunch baskets, shredded chicken or pork served over corn chips.

Red'z will operate as a double drive-through and offer catering for special events.

Daily lunch specials will be offered in the \$5 range.

During its heyday, Red'z grew to the point where it opened a second location on the Anastasia steamboat in Alton.

Randy said while he and his wife loved the Caribbean, they are truly glad to be home.

"We are so extremely excited to be back and I can do what I love, which is make my customers happy with a quality product day in and day out," Randy said. "We plan to make ourselves known again very fast."



Red'z Rib Shack will now call 1501 Troy Road in Edwardsville home. Photo by Bill Tucker.

That wasn't a problem for the original Red'z Rib Shack, which Randy proudly notes was the only restaurant in Madison County to earn a score of 100 on each and every one of its Health Department inspections.

And while cleanliness and service are two hallmarks of the restaurant, Randy knows why people came and ate the first time.

"Our meals are real, no grease whatsoever," he said.

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