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West Sac woman opens restaurant in Clarksburg

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The next time you head into the heart of the Delta Wine Country, check out Husick's Country Store BBQ and Taphouse in Clarksburg.

Located in a large, historic building (built in 1890), formerly a family run hardware store, at the corner of Riverview Road (Hwy 160) and Netherlands Road, the "store" is owned and operated by the charming Katherine van Diest.

A shout from the back counter, where the menu is listed above the kitchen, is Katherine's greeting as she comes forward to seat you at an available table. She sits down with you like an old friend and introduces herself while telling you today's specials. In her casual but efficient style she takes your order off to the kitchen.

Katherine, a native West Sacramentan, comes to the restaurant business with the indomitable spirit of an early Delta pioneer whose entrepreneurial experience, oddly enough, includes more years of charity work for non-profits than



INSIDE HUSICK'S COUNTRY STORE BBQ & TAPHOUSE, a new venture by West Sacramento's Kathy van Diest.

(Photo by Gary Baker)

actual restaurant work. Nonetheless, her high energy and infectious personality easily makes up for anything lacking in restaurant acumen. After 14 months of sound advice from other skilled and successful Sacramento restaurant entrepreneurs and an equal amount of time constructing a kitchen and taphouse bar, Katherine has been able to found more than just another BBQ house down the river.



Katherine van Diest
(Photo by Gary Baker)

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A menu of primarily sandwiches, sides, and salads features BBQ Ribs and Tri-Tip and a sinfully creamy Mac & Cheese. In addition, barbequed pork and house hot links are typically on the menu. Side dishes include potato salad, baked beans, and greens. To go orders are quickly prepared for river road travelers headed to nearby wineries for tastings and picnics. Take-out orders have also become a big hit with the locals with lines going out the door on weekends and special oc-

casions.

Husick's offers wine tastings from various local wineries and features the Delta's largest selection of micro brewed beers in a new taphouse. West Sacramento's own Yolo Brewing and Jack Rabbit beers are among the many available.

Open Thursdays through Sundays, the "store" recently added Sunday live jazz at noon, accompanied with wine tasting options to liven up your afternoon enjoyment. A speaker series on local, delta and re-

gional water issues takes place on Thursday nights. Turnout has been so successful, the church hall next door had to be rented to accommodate the crowd.

Katherine explained what kind of ambience she was aiming for:

"Come home, relax, enjoy."

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