

Catering business expands into Fairfield carry out restaurant

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Terrie Ferguson, left, and Candace Ferguson-Miller stand in front of Feedbag Country Cooking Carry Out located along Main Street in Fairfield. Darryl Wheeler/Gettysburg Times

The Ferguson family feedbag is getting larger. Terrie Ferguson and her late husband Jeff started Put on the Feedbag Catering in Orrtanna 34 years ago. Good home cooking was a vital part of their success but family was even more important. “We worked in the family business forever. My mom would hire a babysitter who would go with us to events,” daughter Candace Ferguson-Miller said.

Ferguson-Miller, her husband Kyle Miller, brother Dylan Ferguson and sister-in-law Morgan Ferguson have been helping Terrie operate the business since Jeff’s death seven years ago. Next week, they will expand their operation with the opening of Feedbag Country Cooking Carry Out on Main Street in Fairfield.



The menu features hoagies, wraps, salads and paninis made in the Ferguson family tradition. Homemade lemonade and strawberry lemonade will also be for sale, she said. Occasional specials will include fried chicken tossed in homemade batter. Bottles of BBQ sauce made using their father’s recipe will be for sale.

“We will be using our own pit beef, our own smoked ham and our own smoked turkey on all the sandwiches,” Ferguson-Miller said.

Opening a carryout location at 132 West Main Street has been Ferguson-Miller’s dream for many years. The Fairfield Area High School grad has watched it house a gas station, flower shop and tax office.

“I have loved this little building forever. I have said for years that I wanted it to be a carryout restaurant,” she said.

The building's tenants changed many times but the owner stayed the same until last year when the property was put on the market and Ferguson-Miller's dream came true. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed renovation plans, making their opening especially exciting.

Ferguson-Miller said the Fairfield community has been extremely supportive of their venture and many local business owners have been asking for menus.

"Everyone knows everybody, everybody supports everybody," she said of the town. Ferguson-Miller's children, 5-year-old Lainey and 2-year-old Carlee, will be fixtures in the restaurant. One weekend a month, Feedbag Country Cooking Carry Out will close for family time.

"My kids are young, we are young. We don't want to jeopardize the kids," she said. Feedbag Country Cooking Carry Out will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Fridays and Sundays and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays beginning April 24. Orders can be placed in-person or by calling 717-457-0015. A website with online ordering will be launched soon.