

SIMPLY CONNECTED

Local BBQ joint, coffee shop work together

While her restaurant Smo-Qued BBQ was still under construction and without power, Kristen Goolsby spent a lot of time next door at Kaffeine Coffee Shop & Roastery.



Debbie and Steve Goss opened Kaffeine Coffee Shop & Roastery in September 2019.

Debbie and Steven Goss, the owners of Kaffeine, let Goolsby use their restroom while hers was being built.

“Steve and Debbie are great,” said Goolsby, who opened SmoQued in Burdette Central off East Curtis Street in July. “They let me do my work on my laptop, and I would help them with taking coffee and pastries to tables when they were busy.”

A Florida native, Goolsby began working at Upstate restaurants for the flexible hours while she attended school full-time to be an educator. After climbing her way up the management ladder in various establishments, Goolsby began looking for a better opportunity and happened upon SmoQued, where she is an operating partner.

“SmoQued is not your typical Southern barbecue joint,” Goolsby said. “We barbecue our food with beer, so it’s more like Texas style.”

The type of barbecue that SmoQued makes is not the only element that separates it from other barbecue restaurants. SmoQued utilizes electric smokers, which greatly cut down on the amount of wood the restaurant burns, resulting in a more eco-friendly operation.

Goolsby said the restaurant is not going for any specific design but is “laid back.”



“We’re going for that hole-in-the-wall bbq place,” Goolsby said. “Producing good quality food while maintaining eco-friendly products is our main focus.”

To achieve good quality barbecue, Goolsby did some research by watching “a lot” of YouTube videos, looking for a rub flavor for brisket that would meet her standards. Goolsby wanted to provide customers with a flavorful rub like no other in the Upstate. *(continued on page 2)*

Kristen Goolsby is an operating partner of SmoQued BBQ.

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"I really wanted something different," Goolsby said, referring to the traditional rub spices of cumin, cinammon, pepper and salt. "I happened to come across a video on YouTube ... and the guy was using espresso, and I thought, 'Well let me try that.'"

Goolsby's first try was "horrible," she said, but after another try or two, she landed on SmoQued's espresso-flavored rub.

"So far, it's been received well," she said.

That's where Kaffeine Coffee Shop & Roastery comes into the picture. Steve Goss suggested to Goolsby that she use the espresso from Kaffeine for her brisket rub.

A really good cup of coffee

The idea for Kaffeine Coffee Shop & Roastery started years ago when Debbie bought Steve a roaster for Christmas.

"We were looking for a really good cup of coffee and found a place that roasted coffee but was a little bit far from our house," Debbie said.



After Debbie bought Steve the roaster, the two started roasting their own beans.

"We'd have family and friends over, and they kept saying, 'You guys gotta' sell this,'" Debbie said. "That eventually turned into Kaffeine," which opened on East Curtis Street in September 2019.

Like a true friend and neighbor, Goolsby returned the favor to Kaffeine by providing the coffee shop with her homemade honey for the shop's honey lattes.

"We have a couple of people, regulars, who come in here almost everyday for a honey latte," Steve said.

Goolsby, Steve and Debbie all agree that partnerships like the one between Kaffeine and Smo-Qued are good for the local economy. Goolsby said making "long-lasting relationships with neighbors" helps everyone.

"It's just beneficial in the long run to promote local businesses because doing so ... helps the local economy," Goolsby said.

Debbie said a downtown like Simpsonville's needs a "certain sense of camaraderie" for small businesses to survive.

"It's an old-time downtown feel here," Debbie said. "It's like a Simpsonville family."

THE NEED FOR SPEED



Inv. Scott Magaw, Ofc. James Ballard, Inv. Jason Weibel, Ofc. James Smith, Cpl. Brandon Davis and Ofc. Jordan Carson attended the BMW Performance Driving School in Greer in July



The BMW Performance Center graciously hosted an exciting and educational class at the BMW Performance Driving School for several Simpsonville police officers in July. The class was tailored toward law enforcement and allowed officers to hone their skills and learn new ones. The Simpsonville Police Department wants to thank instructors Clint and Rafael for their instruction and enthusiasm to work with our officers and the BMW Performance Driving School for providing the opportunity. Stay tuned for more in the upcoming City of Simpsonville Newsletter!



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PUBLIC WORKS



CHEYENNE DRIVE TO BE REPAVED

The Public Works Department will soon repave Cheyenne Drive, which is located on the east side of the City between West Georgia and Capewood roads. In preparation for repaving, Cheyenne Drive will be closed to thru traffic for repairs. Motorists are asked to follow detour signs and directions of workers. The City thanks residents and the public for their patience.



New public parking is available at the corner of North Maple and West Curtis streets.

NEW PUBLIC PARKING IN DOWNTOWN

The City of Simpsonville has leased property at the corner of North Maple and West Curtis streets to accommodate the need for more public parking in the downtown area. We invite you to take advantage of the added parking spaces to enjoy your favorite restaurants, boutiques and more in Downtown Simpsonville!



LEAF PICKUP BEGINS IN OCTOBER

The Public Works Department will begin collecting loose leaves from residential properties in October. Leaf trucks will make one round in the City per month; pickup will not be scheduled. Leaves cannot obstruct traffic and must be placed at least 5 feet from objects such as cars, fences, mailboxes and shrubs. Leaves cannot be mixed with other yard waste, such as grass or hedge clippings.



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PARKS & REC



SCENES FROM MOVIES IN THE PARK





Simpsonville FIRE DEPARTMENT



107-foot ladder truck joins Simpsonville fire fleet

When the City of Simpsonville received a brand new ladder truck in June, firefighters had to get up to speed on its technology.

Simpsonville Fire Chief Wesley Williams said the new truck is “one of a kind” among the 12 other engines and trucks due to its 107-foot long ladder and onboard technology.

“The new ladder truck is an addition to the Simpsonville Fire Department that will further assist our firefighters and first responders in keeping residents and visitors safe,” Chief Williams said.

In addition to the new 107-foot ladder truck, firefighting apparatus for the SFD include seven engines, a second ladder truck, one aerial platform truck, one hazardous materials truck, one heavy rescue truck and one brush truck.



Simpsonville POLICE DEPARTMENT



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2020



The Simpsonville Police Department hosted National Night Out on Aug. 4th in an effort to promote police-community partnerships. Thank you to all who came out!

