

October 8, 2011

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Amy Hellen - 817.683.8906
info@lucillesok.com



Highway 77 & Main Street
Mulhall, OK 73063

LUCILLE'S IS OPEN

Local landmark reopens and adds 33 new jobs.

MULHALL, OK -- Lucille's has officially reopened the doors. After extensive remodeling, Lucille's is once again serving up its famous chicken fried steak and homemade pies. Shuttered by a fire more than two years ago, Lucille's was not expected to reopen. Mulhall natives and brothers Chris and Don Harman stepped forward, purchased the restaurant and spearheaded the extensive renovations. Today, Lucille's is back in business and has brought 33 new jobs to the Mulhall community.

Lucille's had a strong following and often hosted crowds of 1,000+ bikers, car enthusiasts and loyalists. True to its past, Lucille's hosts classic car shows every Saturday night and poker runs for bikers once a month. Additionally, there is a biker buffet every Saturday and Sunday morning. Thus far, Lucille's has had a warm return welcome with crowds of 1,000 already visiting the restaurant for the initial soft opening.

The extensive renovations included adding seating for 170+ people inside and another 170 outside. Additional space was added to accommodate motorcycle and tailgating crowds with plenty of seating, large screen TVs and room for live music.

"We hated to see the restaurant go unused with no plans for reopening," said owner Don Harman. "The town of Mulhall really needed it - its vitality and its commerce. Mulhall's population is around 304 people. You can see the impact that Lucille's has on this town. The support and interest has been overwhelming," said Harman.

Over two years ago, a devastating fire to the kitchen and interior forced the previous owners to shut the doors. Prior to that, an F-4 tornado leveled the town of Mulhall. Lucille's is no stranger to adversity. The recent reopening and remodeling is a testament to the can-do resilient spirit of Oklahomans and especially Lucille Mulhall whom the restaurant was named for. Lucille Mulhall, was America's "first cowgirl" as dubbed by friend Will Rogers. Defying the stereotypes of her day, Lucille was girl power before there was such a thing. She learned to rope and ride with the best of them and became a star attraction in her father's traveling wild west show.

The rebuilding and remodeling was done by Mulhall natives Chris and Don Harman. The Harman brothers grew up in Mulhall as did their parents. Renovating Lucille's has been a bit of a homecoming and a blessing for the town which has suffered many setbacks in recent years.

Longtime fans of Lucille's will be happy to see the original pre-fire menu still in use - with the same pre-fire prices.

Lucille's is open Thursday - Sunday every week. Hours are: Thursday 4-9 pm, Friday 11am - 9 pm, Saturday 9am -9 pm, and Sunday 9 am - 7 pm. There is a biker buffet on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

More information about upcoming events can be found on Lucille's website, www.lucillesok.com. Recent pictures and hi-res images can be found in the press section. New information is also posted on Lucille's facebook page.
