BIG D'S BBQ WINS GOLD FOR THE BEST BARBECUE IN BRANSON

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The winners of the 2018 Best of Branson's Visitors choice awards were announced at an awards breakfast held at Branson's Center Stage Grill and Bar on Wednesday October 31, 2018.

The gold award winner for the best barbecue in Branson was presented to Big D's BBQ. "We were super excited to find out we were nominated for this award earlier this summer," says Dana Peterson, Pitmaster and Co-owner of Big D's BBQ. "Winning the Gold award for the best barbeque in Branson is a huge honor. Thank you to everyone who voted for us!"

Big D's BBQ takes pride in smoking their meats from start to finish, low and slow, using their own proprietary blend of dry rub seasonings to bring out the rich, tender flavor of the meat. Their motto is "If you're saucin' your hidin'!" which is why their meat is never sauced, however, sauce is provided on the side for those who prefer it. It is their process and the pride they take in their work that has made them famous for their Texas-style brisket and Memphis style baby back ribs. Along with their award-winning brisket and ribs, they also offer pulled pork, smoked chickens, smoked burgers and sausages as well as a variety of signature sides and old fashioned milkshakes.

"Our motto is: Work hard and be nice to people. It's a sign we proudly display inside the restaurant" says Peterson. "We strive to make everyone feel welcomed. It's important to us that our guests have a 5-star experience while they eat great barbecue."

Big D's BBQ is accepting pre-orders for custom smoked turkeys and spiral hams. They have catering services available for small groups to 750 people. Their food truck is also available for on-site events.

ABOUT BIG D'S BBQ

Dana Peterson, aka "Big D" has been smoking meats for the past 25 years as a hobby and has won several awards for his style of barbecue in the late 90's. Over the years he has catered family gatherings and large backyard parties where he and his wife would host a few hundred friends and hire a band. His friends regularly encouraged him to open a restaurant.

Big D's BBQ is a locally owned family business that began as a food truck in May 2017. They set up in Branson's first food truck park to offer their smoked meats to thousands of Branson's tourists. Over the winter, Big D's BBQ relocated to a gravel lot on Highway 248 to offer a daily lunch to local businesses. They quickly developed a loyal following of locals, entertainers, business owners as well as those traveling through and began catering to area businesses, retail stores and many area resorts. In May 2018, they were presented with the opportunity to open Big D's BBQ inside the Starlite Theatre, where they continue to bring great tasting barbecue to Branson.