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'Diners, Drive-ins and Dives' pays a visit *Bob's Taco Station be featured on popular TV show*

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One of The Food Network's most popular shows is "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" with Guy Fieri. The show features restaurants with certain characteristics: they must be popular with the locals; have unique decor; and most importantly, they must have excellent specialty dishes.

Eateries from across the country would love to be on that show, so it's no surprise how shocked owner Bob Alanis and his nephew and kitchen manager Paco Herrera were when they got the call that their restaurant, Bob's Taco Station, in Rosenberg was going to be featured on an upcoming episode.

"Honestly, I thought it was a joke at first," said Alanis. "They contacted me through e-mail and I had deleted it."

As it turned out, the e-mail was legit as the producers called him with the news they wanted the restaurant on their popular cable television show.

"When I was with them on the phone, they asked me about our Web site and our entire menu," said Herrera. "They needed to know if everything was made from scratch. I was on the phone with them for 85 minutes."

Herrera is a graduate of the Texas Culinary Academy in Austin and has been a fan of the show since it debuted in 2007.

"Everybody I was in school with had wished that they could be on The Food Network," he said. "It was such a great feeling when I found out about the show coming here."

The camera crews showed up Sunday June 21 and on Thursday when Fieri showed up.

"He was very cool with everybody," Alanis said. "He worked in the kitchen cooking with Paco, talked to the customers and worked with my kids John and Natalia at the counter."

Bob's Taco Station was first started as a sno cone stand. But when the winter came along, an alternative was needed. Alanis's mother, Maria, suggested selling tacos, and the rest is history. Bob's parents, Maria and Joe, have played a big role in the restaurant's success as well.

Since 1991, the family restaurant has remained in its same location at Second and Avenue H in Rosenberg, and the customers have been loyal.

"We don't do the customers any favors," Alanis said. "They do us the favor when they come in."

The episode featuring Bob's Taco Station will be on sometime during the third season of "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives," which begins in a few months.

"They told us to expect great things after the show comes on," said Alanis. "This is going to be great for Rosenberg. All we can do is wait and see what happens."



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