

Specialty store fires up grill

■ Barbecue shop carries items made in Oklahoma targeted to all outdoor chefs.

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Barbecue aficionados and avid grillers — welcome to paradise.

Everything you need is in one store, Everything Barbeque — Outfitting Backyard Chefs, 13833 N May Ave.

"We saw a need in Oklahoma City to provide a one stop shop for the backyard chef," owner Scott Grigsby said.

Grigsby, a native Oklahoman, noticed it was hard to find barbecue necessities during fall and winter. That's when he decided to fill the niche with the specialty store, which opened the day after Thanksgiving.

"In Oklahoma people like to grill here year round," he said. "We carry just about everything to do with barbecue."

The store carries a wide variety of high-quality charcoal, gas and electric grills and high-end accessories geared toward the gourmet chef.

The store also sells a variety of made-in-Oklahoma barbecue sauces and spices.

The grills range in price from \$70 to \$7,000. The most expensive grill is the Viking Ultra Premium.

The 53-inch grill has many gourmet features including, side burners, a removable smoker box and rotisserie. Its Tru-Sear infrared burners cook at high heat searing and caramelizing the meat to lock in juices.

"This is the Maserati of grills," Grigsby said.

Many of the grills have lifetime warranties and are exclusive to Everything Barbeque, he said.

"We try to get different price points for people, but we're sticking hard on quality," he said. "You're not going to find these at the big-box stores."



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Owner Scott Grigsby shows off two models of the Big Green Egg porcelain grill Wednesday in his store Everything Barbeque.

Many of the grills are made in Oklahoma, including the RD Special Marshall Smoker. The 20-inch smoker, with turning plate and counterweight, is the original Oklahoma Joe's smoker, now sold under the Horizon brand.

The store also carries grills made by Cookshack, a company based in Ponca City and Tulsa-based Hasty-Bake.

The Hasty-Bake Suburban grills, bakes and smokes meat and sells for \$750.

The Amerique electric smoker, made by Cookshack, is one of the most popular items, salesman James

McNabb said.

"The Big Green Egg also has quite a following," McNabb said.

The porcelain grill has its roots in ancient China and was adopted by the Japanese where it was discovered by American soldiers during World War II, Grigsby said.

The store also sells chimineas and firepits, outdoor heaters.

"When we stoke our chiminea out front people come in like flies to honey," Grigsby said about the fragrant pinon wood that burns inside.

Scott Grigsby's wife, Christy Grigsby, said many households are expand-

ing their living area outdoors by including outdoor kitchens for grilling and entertaining.

"It really expands the square footage of a house by taking it outdoors," Christy Grigsby said. "It can be grand scale or small patio islands like we sell."

The store custom builds islands for existing or new grills and equipment and will exhibit the islands at the Oklahoma City Home and Garden Show through Sunday.

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