

'Laid-back' Lakeside Eatery a Granbury Favorite

Stumpy's tacos win recognition, diners make their way back for the atmosphere

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Stumpy's Lakeside Grill, a family-owned restaurant known for fish tacos and 'Lake Food with a Twist' as its tagline states, has been a staple in Granbury since 2009. Kathy and Rick Taff, along with their son, Tanner, and daughter-in-law Jackelynn, purchased an old marina when they moved to Granbury from El Paso in 2008 and decided to name it Stumpy's (from the many stumps spread across Lake Granbury).

Stumpy's quickly became a popular destination over the years and is now home to North Texas Kayaks, Stumpy's Closet, Stumpy's Sweet Shack and Lake Granbury Marina. North Texas Kayaks is an exclusive Hobie Kayak dealership in North Texas. Stumpy's Closet is a small boutique offering lake needs and other gift items. Stumpy's Sweet Shack opened about three years ago and features dessert favorites like candy, cupcakes and cookies. The Lake Granbury Marina rents out pontoon boats either by the hour or the whole day.

Stumpy's also offers gas and a place where people can pay to park their boat, like an RV site. "It's a laid-back family lake destination," Jackelynn said, "Honestly, I would describe it as 'Granbury's Disney World,' because it's a one-stop shop for a little bit of everything."

Stumpy's serves burgers, chicken sandwiches, salads, French fries and hush puppies. They are well known for their fish tacos, and their weekly Taco Tuesday special. Because of their popular tacos, Stumpy's became one of the winners of the 2020 Granbury Foodie Trail.

"We were very grateful and honored," Jackelynn said. "The continued support from the community is always astonishing considering the hoops we've gone through, droughts and COVID. It still amazes us to know that Hood County is still loyal to their local businesses. That's something you don't get to see in a lot of places, so we're fortunate."

