

Airport lands eatery

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Urbana restaurant
operator to give
Mt. Vernon a try

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MT. VERNON — A new restaurant will open at Mt. Vernon-Outland Airport in May.

Airport Manager Chris Collins announced Tuesday that Apple Dumplin' will open in the Kozziara Terminal on May 1.

According to information from Collins, the restaurant will offer "good ol' home-cooked meals just like grandma used to prepare."

The original restaurant has been in operation in Urbana for the past 23 years and is run by the Wingler family. The Mt. Vernon operation, according to Collins, will be operated by Randy Wingler, son of the restaurant's founders, Bob and Rita Wingler.

The restaurant will be open

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Tuesdays through Sundays and will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner. Three main courses will be offered for lunch and dinner; fish will be featured on Fridays, steak on Saturdays.

Main courses will include such specialties as chicken and noodles, beef and noodles, liver and onions, ham and beans, goulash and fried chicken. On Sundays, there will be a lunch buffet offered, according to provided information.

Collins said that after "an extensive procurement and review process," Mt. Vernon Airport Authority and Randy Wingler entered into a lease on Friday.

"The coming of the Apple Dumplin' is not only good news for our airport, it is good news for Mt. Vernon," Collins said. "The Apple Dumplin' will be a destination for community residents as well as aviators from across the Midwest."

Airport Authority Chairman Alan Hale said he is excited about the employment opportunities which the restaurant will bring to the airport.

Wingler said he chose the east side of Mt. Vernon because he "intends to operate a family establishment that caters to repeat customers from Mt. Vernon and its surrounding communities."

"Our Urbana location is miles from the nearest interstate and proves that folks will come if the food is good," Randy Wingler said. "The airport location offers wonderful facilities, lots of great parking and a strong team concept."