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*“A Best Little BBQ (and Turkey) Sight in Texas” Serves up Generations of Family  
“Restaurateur” Experience Recalling Traditions and History With  
Legal Tender Brisket and Brew of La Grange*



*Atmosphere and hometown hospitality with Legal Tender*

*A celebration of Texas (including Thanksgiving)—cooking it the right way the first time! And that’s what this “Best Little Rural Restaurant in Texas” is all about—Legal Tender Brisket and Brew of La Grange with owners Robert and Ryan O’Reilly overseeing every sweet savoring moment in doing the job the right way and bringing the customers back. Needless to say, bar-b-que and the technique of cooking it right is a debatable and sometimes fighting subject—but this is the place you “gotta sample” and it’s open every day of the week just north of La Grange (3932 US Highway 77 North). With the motto, “Come Hungry”, this family of cooks and wait staff will truly show you rural hospitality at its finest.*

*It started with Grandmother Adella Ruckert of La Grange working with the Bon Ton for 42 years. This is when the Bon Ton was owned by the Weikel family, was on the square, and literally began serving up at 5 am each morning. There was a hotel next door where many seniors lived at the time and because of the great food at great pricing, often ate there 3 times a day. Jim Weikel confirms, “Restaurants such as our Bon Ton, opened in 1929, catered to locals and agricultural area folks in the beginning. When the highway expanded running from Austin to Houston in the 1950’s, the term “restaurant became vogue” and the Bon Ton Restaurant with Adella Ruckert as a long-serving employee grew to enormous popularity.” “Grandmother*

*Adella remembered workers, bankers, groups making deals around the table where she worked day and night,” states Robert O’Reilly, one of the owners of Legal Tender. “We want that hometown tradition to continue.”*

*This leads us to the present day—great cooking wrapped up in a small family-owned business embraced with hospitality. Robert and Ryan’s mom, (Rose) was born and raised in La Grange as well and ever since 1986 became a part of Legal Tender while based in Warrenton. Fast forward to 1991, Robert O’Reilly purchases the business and he and brother Ryan with Mary Young (helping out for the last 10 years) have been running the business ever since...a true small business family success story. Even when there were football games, Robert and Ryan both recall, family always came first, and everyone traveled to the games. Robert and Ryan both keep the 7 day a week job of serving (Sunday 11-5, Monday-Thursday 11-7, Friday-Saturday 11-9) as a guide remembering that folks (visitors or locals alike) may be on the road and hungry any day of the week—the spirit of a small successful hometown business.*

*That celebration of family continues with the business setting a special Thanksgiving tradition for those that just want to enjoy camaraderie without the cooking. Take out and dine in will take place with all you can eat from 11 am – 5 pm on Thanksgiving Day. This will include the likes of turkey, pork with jezebel sauce, round of roast beef, cornbread dressing, sour cream mashed potatoes, candied yams, green bean casserole, salad, twinkie pumpkin pie and too many more items to mention. Whether take in or dine in, reservations are appreciated by calling 979-242-2458 by November 25. “Come Hungry”.*

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