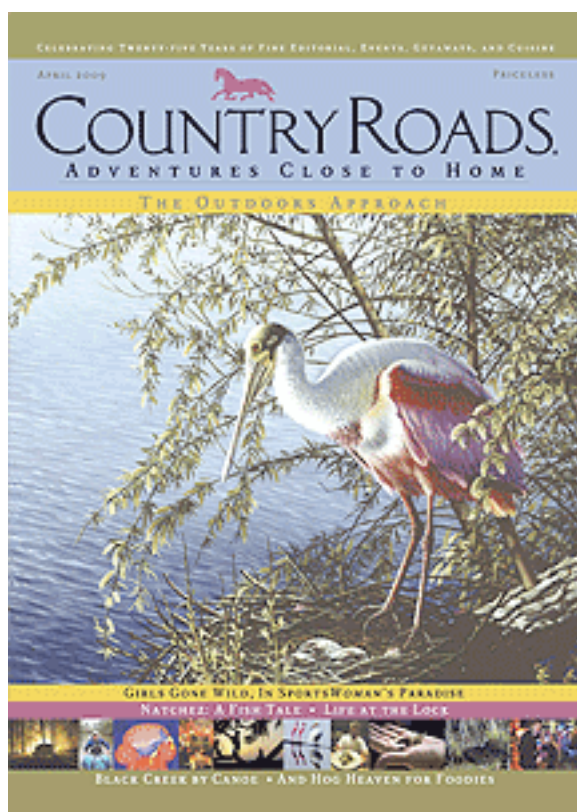


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This oddly shaped bright orange billboard-looking take-out/drive-through stand, prides itself on a California fish taco with a spicy Cajun twist.

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Molly Richard and her sister, Katy Richard, decided to stop talking about how badly they wanted to open a restaurant and just do it.

"We've been talking about this for twenty years. We love to feed people. We make our food with love," Katy says.

They settled upon creating smoked fish tacos and salads—plus a brisket burrito that will knock the socks off of many who give it a try. With a giant smoker steadily puffing away on the small back porch at the back of the drive-through building, the sisters' new lives serving up tacos, salads and burritos through a small window in what looks a lot like a roadside billboard is a change from their previous lives.

Both Richard sisters have approached re-inventing their lives with a level of enthusiasm that's hard to miss.

"We're funky, whacky, crazy sisters. There's a lot of insanity generated in this orange building, but there's a lot of great food that goes along with it. And that is what people come for. We don't charge extra for the crazy," Molly says with a laugh.

"The smoked fish is our signature," Molly says. "You've never tasted anything like it. We're not pretending to be Mexican, but that's what it is—it's a taco."

Katy says the California-inspired fish taco made by two Cajun sisters pays proper homage to its creators' roots.

"We spice up the sauce. I use some good spice. You've got to put a little heat in there," Katy says.

Katy returned to Acadiana after twenty-four years in New Hampshire to manage the restaurant with her sister.

Molly, who left her post as long-time publisher of Lafayette's successful Quik Quarter publication in 2008, was in the process of re-inventing her life.

"I knew I couldn't do this alone," Molly says. "I told her if she came home, I would get a restaurant. Then one day I called her and said, 'It's time to come home. I signed the papers today. We've got a restaurant.'"

Molly says working in the publishing business, combined with other business experiences and growing up in Lafayette, gave her a special understanding of the region.

"I know what people in this area like. I've made millions of dollars for other people. It's time to start benefiting my family instead of corporate America," said Molly.

And those who have tried the tacos she and her sister are creating are happy she's made the change.

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