New Mexican Cuisine in Morton

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Brothers Victor Gilberto and Jaime Fuentes had a dream of opening their own restaurant someday. They now own three restaurants in central Illinois.

As many may know by now there is a new Mexican restaurant in town, Hacienda Fuentes. “It is one of three located in Morton, Pekin, and Decatur”, said Fuentes.

With having two Mexican restaurants in a small town like Morton you might think there is some competition between the two. However this is not true “They have their customers and I have my customers,” referring to La Fiesta said Fuentes.

The atmosphere of Hacienda Fuentes is vibrant. They have very colorful decorations which brighten up the room and great staff who work very hard. When eating there, the people seem to be in a very happy mood “They feel pretty happy and excited to eat here due to the colors of the place”, said Fuentes

With two stores open before Morton one might wonder why they decided to open another. Victor Fuentes said, “Because people from Morton came to Pekin and would say to open a restaurant in Morton.” The customers enjoyed the great food and atmosphere they had in Pekin.

When asked how he felt about Morton so far he had nothing but good things to say. He talked about how much he enjoyed the town and really like the people who live here.

When it comes to the menu they have a variety of authentic Mexican food. His most popular dish is the fried pork contain, all of the burritos and tacos have a mix of beef, Mexican sausage and their special cheese sauce. They have a variety of daily specials that constantly change.

Their menu also includes a variety of homemade Mexican foods, vegetarian plates, fresh salads, and a full kids menu with kid-friendly options. They are very proud of their authentic food and great service.

If you are looking for work, they are currently not hiring but will always accept applications and planning on hiring more people in the near future.

They are open from 11 AM to 9 PM Sunday through Thursday and 11 AM to 10 PM Friday and Saturday.