

Small Business Spotlight

| Pallucas Meat Market

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Pallucca's Meat Market and Deli in downtown Frontenac, Kansas has been serving the community for over 100 years. Started in the early 1900s as a small-town grocery store, Pallucca's is well-known in the Southeast Kansas area and beyond for their Italian meats and more.

Entrepreneur Ethan Edwards purchased the business from the Pallucca family in 2014. Along with the meat market and deli, Pallucca's also offers catering and rental of an adjacent event space which was remodeled in 2017.

When asked what sets Pallucca's apart from the competition, Edwards noted their longevity in the community and their signature product.

"Our store has been here for over 100 years, and we also have some select items that we make in house," he said. "Our most popular item is our homemade Italian garlic sausage."

Edwards said that the local community has been very supportive of his journey as an entrepreneur.

"We have a lot of people in the community that truly appreciate that we are here and continue to support us day in and day out, always offering to help us if they ever can," he said.

Due to COVID-19, Edwards feels that more people are enjoying cooking at home. He has taken that as an opportunity to expand some of his product lines as well as offer bundles to consumers for at-home preparation.

"We hope our customers will enjoy the experience of being in our store and the enjoyment that comes from preparing or consuming our products," he said.

Edwards takes pride in continuing a tradition in the area, as well as giving back to the community whenever possible.

Pallucas is located at 207 E McKay Street in Frontenac. They are Monday through Saturday 9:00-6:00 p.m., with lunch specials served Monday through Friday 11:30-1:00 p.m.