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'Famous' restaurant chain breaks ground in east Belleville

Construction crews from Impact Strategies in Fairview Heights have broken ground on a restaurant in Belleville.

They are building a Lee's Famous Chicken at 1652 Carlyle Ave.

It will be the second locale for the restaurant chain -- the other is in Granite City. The new restaurant is expected to open by March.

Lee Cummings founded the business in 1966. He is the nephew of another man known for chicken -- Col. Harland Sanders.

EJG Enterprises Inc. will own the new Belleville eatery and also owns all of the 14 other Lee's Famous Chicken restaurants in the greater metropolitan area.

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