

# Chops Bistro welcomes diners

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The owners of Chops Bistro are eager for patrons to join them.

Located in the space formerly known as Latigo Restaurant, 370 E. Cascade Ave., Chops Bistro is maintaining much of the former menu, but with seasonal changes and innovative twists from head chef and co-owner Grant Dixon.

Tracy Syanovitz, who brings more than 30 years of experience in the restaurant business to her ownership and management duties, says Chops is committed to providing an extremely comfortable, family-like atmosphere, featuring “American contemporary food brought to a new level.”

Syanovitz told *The Nugget* their emphasis is on the quality of food, and also on a casual, welcoming atmosphere.

“I want people to feel like they are coming to my house for dinner,” she said.

Syanovitz and Dixon were part of the original Latigo venture, but took ownership and renamed the restaurant in January. They have made numerous welcome changes, including live music Friday through Sunday nights, and a separate menu in the bar and lounge for patrons who prefer juicy burgers and homemade fries.

Chops will also soon be adding a lunch menu, to be served outside on the patio or in the lounge, opening at 11 a.m., beginning May 15.

Syanovitz told *The Nugget* that the Bistro’s dining area is also available to host



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Grant Dixon and Tracy Syanovitz are welcoming Sisters to enjoy casual fine dining.

business luncheons, and they are expanding their reach into catering for special events.

Tracy told *The Nugget* that the restaurant’s new name is meant to reflect the menu, which features, among other choices, pork chops, lamb chops, and a specialty bone-in ribeye. Dixon, who has extensive training in the culinary arts and has served under several executive chefs, is excited to bring his creative touches to the menu.

Dixon cites Chef Matt Bennett of Sybaris Bistro, in Albany, as one of his principle influences.

“He has one of the most creative menus in Oregon,” Dixon says.

The owners stress that the atmosphere in Chops is casual. They want diners to experience “the quality of fine dining without the stuffiness that goes along with it.” One of their goals was to reduce the prices, while at the same time exceeding the quality

of the old menu. Syanovitz says they work hard to honor requests from guests.

“We’ve had customers who wanted items from the old menu, and we work hard to try to accommodate them,” she said.

Dixon is also incorporating fresh seafood into his menu, which he is able to source and bring to table overnight, and they are hoping to add a sushi takeout option in the future.

The new owners are also committed to the larger Sisters community. They have recently joined the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, and are helping to sponsor this year’s Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

For Sisters diners looking for a great meal, Chops Bistro, with its large, quiet, and comfortable dining room, and now featuring a revitalized, relaxed, and entertaining bar and lounge, is an excellent option for a night on the town.

## Obituary

### Linda Lois (Nicholson) Gentry

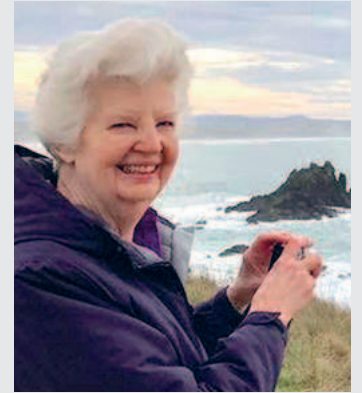
February 2, 1940 – April 20, 2017

Linda Lois Gentry was born February 2, 1940, in Phoenix, Arizona, the eldest of three children. She went home to be with the Lord on April 20, 2017, at age 77.

At age 8, Linda accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and she grew in her love and service for Him throughout her life. On November 2, 1957, she and James Paul Gentry, Jr., were married. Following his service in the U.S. Navy, they decided to prepare for the pastorate. She worked alongside as he took the necessary schooling, and from 1971 to 2001, they served in four churches in California and Oregon. In addition to being pastor’s wife, Linda also was mom to three girls. After retiring in 2001, the Gentrys lived in Sisters, Ore., and then in Hillsboro, Ore. Linda moved back to Hood River in 2015.

A gifted artist, Linda painted beautifully detailed landscape pictures, and made and sent deeply meaningful cards that were gifts in themselves. She delighted in the beauty of God’s creation, her family, and friends, and often was seen with camera in hand recording what she was enjoying. Her life was devoted to serving the God she loved; she was a prayer warrior, and a loving and patient listener, helper, and encourager.

Linda is survived by daughters and husbands: Lorinda and Don Hoffman of Hood River, Lorraine and



husband Brian Heerwagen of Portland, and Grace and husband Ron Duckworth of Cornelius, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are brothers Lyle and wife Cecelia Nicholson, and Paul and wife Mary Lois Nicholson; their children and grandchildren; and numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, James Gentry, on November 19, 2003.

A Celebration of Life was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at Faith Bible Church in Hood River.

A private family graveside service was also held on April 23 at Idlewilde Cemetery.

Linda’s desire was that any special giving be directed to a ministry that was very dear to her and to the family. Please make checks payable to DELTA Ministries and put Gentry Memorial Fund on the memo line. Mail to: DELTA Ministries, 1400 NE 136th Ave, Suite 201, Vancouver, WA 98684.

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