

A RESTAURANT 'AT HOME'

New grill and café opens in Manzanita

BY MALLORY GRUBEN

Though they prefer to keep their restaurant's atmosphere casual, husband-and-wife team Jake and Michelle Burden want the food at Offshore Grill and Coffee House to taste as fine as a five-star establishment.

The couple is delighted that their new location in Manzanita quintuples the size of their commercial kitchen.

"Now with the space, we have more opportunity to do the things we wanted to do but were too limited for before," Jake said.

"Our baker is in heaven," Michelle added.

After five years of operating out of a small shop in Rockaway Beach, the couple moved their combination restaurant and café 12 miles up the road — into the same location Jake began his coastal culinary career. The relocation more than doubles the restaurant's indoor dining capacity and dramatically increases the



The baked brie puff pastry comes with seasonal fruits, a warm house baguette and a raspberry port reduction.

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Owners Jake Burden, left, and Michelle Burden recently moved Offshore Grill and Coffee House to a larger location in Manzanita.

size of the kitchen.

"We had just outgrown that spot," Jake said. "We'd been searching for something a little bigger before this came up ... We saw this place go on the market and we started looking at it. And the more we looked at it, the more interested in the idea we became."

The couple recently hosted a grand opening for the new space. The restaurant has served a steady stream of customers almost every day since, Michelle said.

With modest, wooden décor and a bamboo room divider separating the kitchen from the main dining area, the restaurant maintains the casual air the couple created at the Rockaway location, which they lovingly joke was often mistaken for a "food shack."

Vacationers can comfortably walk in dressed in their beach-going outfits — no black tie necessary.

"But then people come in and try our food and they say, 'Woah. You could put a white cloth on the table,'" Michelle said.

The coffeehouse opens first to serve patrons with Cannon Beach-sourced Sleepy Monk Coffee and a variety of pastries prepared on-site by the restaurant's dedicated baker. Caffeinated beverages flow all day. The morning sweets are available until the day's stock is depleted.

The grill fires up around 11 a.m., with Jake acting as head chef for dishes ranging from steamer clams and Brussels sprouts, to burgers, sandwiches and prime rib.

If You Go

Offshore Grill and Coffee House

154 Laneda Ave., Manzanita

Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. for grill, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for coffee shop

971-324-0201



Offshore Grill and Coffee House serves its Brussels sprouts appetizer with sautéed shallots, bacon and a balsamic reduction with Parmesan cheese.

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