

New owners fuse old with new

The Brew Coffee and Tap House undergoes complete restoration

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INDEPENDENCE — Stepping into the new Brew Coffee and Tap House on the corners of C and Main streets in Independence, it bears no semblance to the old café it once was.

Business owners Mitch and Cathy Teal have worked hard to restore the old building, from a fresh coat of paint on the outside, to a full gut and remodel on the inside. The streamlined style fuses the old with the modern, with historic exposed brick combined with touches of hardware. At most tables, outlets provide energy for those wishing to charge cellphones or laptops.

“It’s a complete restoration,” Mitch said. “The whole idea of the build was a fusion of historical and more trendy items, with a lot of repurposed furniture and hardware and things to look at.”

Tabletops were reclaimed from an old Red Robin restaurant. Benches are church pews made in Dallas in the late 1800s. The doors lining the penny-topped bar are from the Monmouth-Independence-Dallas area, Mitch said. Hardwood chairs were reclaimed from the Willamette Law Library.

“The lighting fixtures above the bar and on the wall were custom made,” Mitch said. “We designed them and had them made.”

Other light fixtures were



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found in local antique shops.

Mitch and Cathy have long histories in Dallas. Cathy’s family has a street named after them – Holman Avenue. Teal Creek and the mill that was there are named after Mitch’s family.

The couple lives in rural West Salem, and have often driven through Independence on their way to visit their son, an Oregon State University graduate. They both attended school at

Western Oregon University, and own tanning salons in Salem, Bronze Planet.

They’d been thinking of diversifying their business for a while, and when the opportunity to rent the building on C and Main came up, the Teals were ready.

“This building was begging to be a coffee and tap house,” Mitch said. “The potential was just huge. The location, the historic building, everything.”

Mitch and Cathy hope to

Check it out

What: The Brew Coffee and Tap House.

Where: 211 Main St., Independence.

When: Monday through Thursday: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information: 503-837-0279.

Of note: The location also is a Pokemon Go hotspot, right across the street from a Pokemon Gym, something the Teals didn’t expect or plan, but have had fun watching people from 14 to 45 walk around trying to catch ‘em all.

capitalize on the summer events in Riverview Park.

“This is a small community,” he said. “Those events are important to all of Main Street.”

From the outdoor patio, visitors can sit and watch the River’s Edge Concert Series

each Friday night, Mitch said. And families are welcome at all hours the Brew is open.

The restaurant serves a full espresso and coffee bar, as well as 10 taps and specialty food such as beer-battered green beans and personal pizzas.

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RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
July 5.....	77	53	.00
July 6.....	83	55	.00
July 7.....	72	55	.05
July 8.....	76	59	.07
July 9.....	74	56	.15
July 10.....	70	56	.18
July 11.....	77	58	.00

Rainfall during July — 0.45 in.
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