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THROW BACK SOME PIZZA AND BEER



Luau pizza with zingy Polynesian sauce, tomatoes, ham, bacon and onions.

Family-owned pizza parlor Deschutes Junction is a flashback to the '80s and '90s

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Round Table Pizza in Bend and Redmond disappeared, and within a matter of days, signs were put up for Deschutes Junction. While the eatery concept hasn't changed drastically, it is no longer a corporate pizza place. It is now a family-owned pizza parlor and grill. Corey Howland and his parents, David and Lori, have owned or been involved in the Round Table franchise here for 22 years, but they recently took back the two locations. Corey explained, "We are family owned. We want this to be a place to hang out, to be the kind of place where a single guy can come and get pizza and beer.

It is also a place where you can hang out with your friends, where families can come and hang out and let the kids roam. It's a design that's been lost in the last 20 years. We have an arcade for kids that is in full sight of their parents'

table. We serve the kind of food that I'd like to eat. And I bring that to the arcade, too. I fought hard to get Mortal Kombat and other games I grew up playing as a kid in the early '90s."

While the food is a nod to its previ-

ous Round Table incarnation, the Howlands have made it their own. They have changed recipes and upgraded ingredients, including Tillamook cheese on the burgers and quality beef. The Redmond location serves a selection of

local Redmond beers. Corey Howland calls the beers an "ode to Redmond," including Wild Ride and Three Creeks. Corey, previously the kegmeister for the Brewfest, is well versed in beer and has

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