

Business Notes

Another generation takes over the kitchen range at the Spar Tree



Maria and Christian Nicolay in the Spar Tree Café

Everything old is new again. On July 1, Nicolay's Spar Tree Café replaced Gloria's Spar Tree Restaurant, though most of your favorite dishes from Gloria's are still being served. The reason much of the menu is the same is that the new owners are Gloria's daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Christian Nicolay. The Nicolays came for a visit and decided to stay and take over the restaurant, since Gloria was planning to retire. But, the visit really brought them home, since much of Maria's family is here while Christian is from Vancouver, Washington, and still has many friends there.

Before settling here, Christian and Maria had been working together in a landscape and

property management business, though both have been around and in restaurants off and on for many years. Maria first worked in one of Gloria's restaurants when she was nine years-old and Christian has cooked in Mexican restaurants, pizza parlors (making hand thrown pizzas) and as a prep cook in different restaurants.

Nicolay's is now offering Mexican specials, such as steak or chicken fajitas and tortilla soup, in addition to many of the familiar favorites. Christian is also making Gloria's famous pies and wanted to be sure everyone knew he "finally learned to make mom's hash-browns." Christian is deaf, but has no trouble taking orders or making himself understood

when he says he "likes to make food and see people enjoy it." He is also a stickler for quality ingredients.

Plans for the restaurant, beside adding a second story for more living space, include continuing to add new dishes, such as fresh fish entrees using fish

chosen the same day in Astoria, offering a book of Gloria's recipes, more retro 50's decorating, perhaps a deck for outside dining, maybe a leather 'biker' shop in back. In the meantime, look for good quality ingredients cooked into old and new favorites.

Nicolay's Spar Tree Café is located at 62467 Nehalem Hwy N. and is open Sunday and Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are closed on Mondays.

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Hearings on proposed changes in the state's Forest Practices Act

The Oregon Department of Forestry has scheduled public hearings on proposed changes to forest practice rules concerning the approval of harvest operations.

The changes implement re-

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was successful from a police standpoint. Chief Workman said most of the arrests were out-of-town visitors and most involved alcohol. There were 22 police, including six from Vernonia, on duty during Jamboree weekend (not all at once). The police made eight arrests and over 40 traffic stops.

visions in the State Forest Practices Act passed by the 2003 Oregon Legislature and would make permanent temporary rules included in House Bill 3264, which passed in 2003 and took effect Aug. 2, 2005.

The new law changed the Oregon Forest Practices Act to remove authority of the Board of Forestry or the State Forester to require prior approval of forest practices and approval of written plans describing how operations would be carried out. In place of this required approval of forest harvest plans, House Bill 3264 changed the State's role to re-

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