



Terry and Nancy Hummel greet customers and accept wishes for success Friday as they open Cruise In Country Diner on its first day of business. The restaurant features a classic car theme. The gasoline pumps decorating the restroom entries are a prime attraction.

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# Cruise by and visit newly opened Cruise In Diner

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The building at the crossroads of River and Farmington roads has always been a landmark for drivers heading south out of Hillsboro.

Farms dominate the area and the former tavern has served as a local gathering place over the decades.

Owners Nancy and Terry Hummel want their restaurant, the Cruise In Country Diner, which opened Friday, to fill that role once again. They live close by on Bald Peak, so they recognize many of their customers as neighbors and friends.

Nancy says their goal was to turn the former Twin Oaks Bar & Grill into a bright, fun, family-friendly place. The building, she says, dates back to the 1920s and at least once served as a store. Over the years, though, it has mainly been a tavern.

The Hummels began transforming the building immediately after purchasing it on Nov. 15, 2008. One of their first acts, she says, was to paint the outside "so the neighbors would know about the change." Then they began hauling out old equipment and furnishings.

The interior is now repainted and open to natural light. In addition, the Hummels have decorated the restaurant's walls with classic car memorabilia and nostalgia items from the 1950s and '60s to keep diners entertained while they wait for their orders.

Songs by period artists such as Chubby Checker,

Petula Clark and the Beach Boys play in the background. Behind the bar, a black Kit Kat clock keeps time.

A second clock, a converted hubcap built to run counterclockwise, decorates another wall, just above an original Willys Jeep tailgate. Old gas pump motifs decorate the entrances to the restrooms.

The Hummels themselves belong to Rose City Classic Chevy Club and own three classic vehicles: a '57 Chevy, '62 Corvair truck and a '44 truck, Nancy says.

Cruise In's menu is limited. Burgers are the thing, 12 types in all. Nancy was overheard telling a customer, "It's the only thing we know how to cook."

These are not "fast food" burgers, though. Nancy describes her husband's dedication to natural foods and sustainability as so pervasive that "we nicknamed him 'Mr. Organic.'"

This is reflected in a menu that features beef

from Oregon's own Dayton Meat Co. and grass-fed buffalo meat from Canada. "Even the ketchup is organic," Nancy says.

Prices for burgers, which come with either home cut fries or a small salad, range from \$4.75 to \$8.50.

The Hummels also offer beer from national brands and micro-breweries and wine by the glass or bottle.

Cruise In Country Diner is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner.



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