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HENDELS CAFÉ CELEBRATES 25TH YEARS



Pictured above is Nathan, Christina, Kyle and Kaylie Bennett

On Sunday, November 24th Hendel's Café celebrated its 25th anniversary. Over 300 people attended the sold-out event. Mayor Lowery presented a proclamation to the Bennett family thanking them for their continuous commitment and support to the Old Town area and to the Florissant community.

In 1873, Hendel's Market was established as a grocery and general store. It was purchased by the Hendel family in 1915, and for the next 78 years, the store continued as a specialty grocery and butcher shop, offering quality products and superior service until Henry and Marge Hendel retired in August 1993.

In November 1994, Ed Bennett bought the historic building and transformed it into a restaurant. Hendel's Café creates a warm atmosphere and with a retro décor that frequently changes to reflect the seasons. Ed Bennett passed away in August 2009, and while he is dearly missed, his dreams live on through his family Julie, Josh, Nathan and Christina.

Throughout the years, Hendel's reputation of having wonderful hospitality continues to bring people from all over to experience the variety of specialty dishes. They continue to improve the property and every aspect of the business. They strive to uphold high standards and make their community a better place for those who live or visit there.

For over 20 years, Nathan has been the chef and Christina has managed the front of the house and coordinated special events and together they have created the premier restaurant. In 2016 Hendel's Café was voted best Family Owned restaurant in St. Louis by SBA. And they were honored as one of the 30 leaders in their 30s by North County Incorporated. In January of 2018, they received the Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Business Leaders of the Year Award and in March of 2018 was featured in the STL Magazine.

For more information on Hendel's Café visit their website at www.hendelsrestuarant.com.