



Gene Kandel and Joe Falcone (Herald Photo)

Burgerland has new look, new taste

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A co-operative venture based on 15 years' friendship, almost a dozen years restaurant experience and confidence in their products have resulted in the partnership at Burgerland on West Main St.

The name and location are the same as before but when Gene Kandel and Joe Falcone decided to join forces, new products, a new system of preparation, new tastes and an entire new concept evolved.

Gene and Joe first met 15 years ago when Joe was one of Gene's first insurance clients. Over the years Gene was impressed with Joe's initiative and ability. Eleven years ago Joe was working in a shop and started working part-time in a drive-in restaurant. His part-time work increased to a 48 hour week and he soon quit the shop to spend full time concentrating on the job he really enjoyed. By the time he and Gene decided to join together he was managing 12 quick food drive-ins. Gene states he would have never gone into the business if it weren't for knowing Joe

describes the quality of their products and the new items added such as the Italian sausage sandwiches, chili and full fountain service. Carry-out orders are also taken at 875-5997.

Joe says the chili and coney sauce are 'just like mama used to make' - then adds with a grin, "of course I think mama was a good cook".

The grill has been changed along with the new methods of preparation and orders are now taken from two sides of the counter.

There are about 12 people working from 11 am to 10 pm, Sunday thru Thursday. Friday and Saturday they are open until 11 pm.

The grand opening is scheduled for September 12th, 13th and 14th but the new operation has been in business since June. Comments have been quite favorable thus far with patrons stating Louisville needs this kind of place and will support it. Joe Falcone and Gene Kandel invite you to come out and judge for yourself.