



Roland Griesser with one of his company's featured products, turducken.

*Photo by Jonathan Russell*

Roland and Harry Griesser are the proprietors of newly opened Griesser Spoon and Railway Deli and Café. A busy place, the 4,300 sq ft. building sits on the prime Canmore corner of Bow Valley Trail (1A) and Railway Avenue. Inside, Roland walks over to a large metal fridge built into a ceramic wall. The door opens with a thud and he pulls out what looks like a massive turkey.

But it's not a turkey – its called a Turducken, which is part turkey, part duck and part chicken with stuffing. It contains the best parts of each bird put back together – boneless.

Originally from Austria, the Griesser brothers, Harry and Roland have been in the Bow Valley for the past 13 years.

The Turducken was invented in Louisiana says Harry. It's not new, but it's unique" he says. "We're the only ones who do Turducken in Western Canada. It seems like (we're the only ones) in Canada. People will call us from Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, from anywhere."

The Griesser brothers first offered the Turducken three years ago and in the first year sold three. Last Christmas the Griessers sold over 200 weighing between six and 10 kilos each and well priced at roughly \$16/kilo.

But the Turducken is only one of many products the Griesser brothers are offering. The Railway Deli is now open and provides customers with a wide range of culinary delights all fresh, prepared, cooked and served daily.