

It's Worth Dawdling at the Dawdy Haus



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“Take Time to Smell the Coffee” has proven to be a successful motto for the Dawdy Haus Coffee Shop, tucked within the Whispering Pines Furniture store located just north of Springs, Pennsylvania. The shop opened in 2014 after owners Larry and Kay Byler noticed that customers visiting Whispering Pines often asked where they could get something to eat. The Bylers had wondered what to do with an empty apartment attached to the store building. They both enjoy great coffee and good food, so a coffee shop/café seemed like the perfect solution.

Now they needed a name. Kay’s father was Amish, the coffee shop is located near many Amish and Mennonite farms, and the Bylers wanted a homey, old-timey atmosphere for the shop. So they settled upon the name Dawdy Haus, which means “Grandpa’s House” in the Pennsylvania Dutch (German) language used by many Amish and Mennonites. The term refers to a small building that was usually attached to a larger, main house of an Amish farm. This arrangement allows grandparents to live simply in their own space, near their children and grandchildren.

“My grandpa was a huge inspiration,” Kay says. “He enjoyed life to the fullest. My grandma prepared good food for the body and along with that, there were conversations good for the soul. We wanted to honor them through the coffee shop.”

Although the Dawdy Haus is actually located within Whispering Pines, it’s easy to find. Customers need only follow their noses to find the source of delectable aromas wafting through a timber-framed entrance. Within, the shop resembles a cozy cottage, with wooden beams overhead, a fireplace topped by a massive copper chimney, and walnut cabinets. Family heirlooms on display include the marriage certificate of Kay’s grandparents. Other items marked with price tags are available for purchase.

Open 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday, the Dawdy Haus serves breakfast and lunch year round. On Mondays, the Dawdy Haus offers supper until 8 p.m. Lunch choices include sandwiches, wraps, salads, and soups. Rebecca’s Tomato Basil Soup is a favorite. Biscotti and cinnamon rolls are made on the premises, and local bakers provide desserts, pastries and breads. During the growing season, the Bylers use fresh fruits and vegetables from a local produce auction.

Choosing a beverage from the Dawdy Haus menu can be a challenge. The store specialty is the Dawdy Mocha, a delectable blend of coffee and steamed milk flavored with white chocolate and swirls of caramel. If that doesn’t tickle your taste buds, other options include Espressos, Over Ice (think iced coffee) and Frozen Blended coffee-based drinks, plus smoothies, organic teas, “Shake it Up Teas” (made with finely milled tea leaves), and Italian sodas.

Special events tied to seasonal happenings nearby, like the Springs Folk Festival, boost spirits and bring in customers. Last year, the Bylers decided to help the locals chase away their winter doldrums by hosting a Dutch Blitz tournament,



Dawdy Haus
COFFEE



Left to right: Karissa Sommers, Karen Maust, manager, and Melinda Sommers, assistant manager, are happy to serve breakfast, lunch, ice cream, or one of many blended coffee-based drinks.

a family-oriented, fast-paced card game. It was such a hit that they held another this past January and February.

“Our customers are a good mix of locals and travelers,” Kay says. “We have good community support. We have wonderful staff ready to serve you some of the best coffee you may have ever tasted, along with some awesome eats or just a great scoop of hand-churned ice cream.”

Whispering Pines is located 6 miles off I-68, Exit 19 (Grantsville, MD) at 634 Springs Road, Springs, PA 15562. For more information call 814-662-2240, visit www.dawdyhaus.com and follow us on Facebook for updates.



Owners, Larry and Kay Byler, invite you to browse the eclectic home furnishings at Whispering Pines and to enjoy a bite to eat and a great cup of coffee at the Dawdy Haus.

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