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South Center Street welcomes new café

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Hathaway Young Café, located at 56 South Center St., Millerton, features freshly-baked artisan breads. It opened its doors for the first time on Friday, Aug. 12. From left, staff members Erin Bushey and Annabelle Kovacs said they were excited for their first day on the job. Bushey recommends everyone try the brownies. "They're like a giant chocolate chip that melts in your mouth," he said. *Photo by Jemini Kilmer*

MILLERTON — After much anticipation, Pete Hathaway and Bruce Young opened their newest undertaking — Hathaway Young Café — and they could not be any happier to see it take off.

The shop opened its doors on Friday, Aug. 12, and was met with a good-sized crowd of customers during the lunch hour rush.

Hathaway Young Café will sell freshly made artisan breads and speciality foods prepared on site, giving Millerton its first artisan bakery in years, said Hathaway.

"We hope that people will come and taste our delicious breads and products," he added.

As head of operations, Hathaway seemed excited to see their new creation finally come to life. But the most exciting part, he said, was to expose Young's mastery of food.

"He is a very talented chef and makes delicious food," Hathaway said.

The pair had a bread store in Salisbury, Conn., for a few years. That store is now closed. Hathaway also owns the Ragamont House, featuring Young's cooking. The Ragamont hosts and caters special events.

Although Hathaway Young Café will not provide table service, the spacious establishment has seating indoors for customers. Its sleek interior is both welcoming and relaxing — the duo's goal when designing the café.

The main goal of producing a "neat, clean look" is so clients can focus on the taste of the food as opposed to being distracted with much intricacy, Hathaway said. And it seems as though he accomplished that goal, agreed one customer.

"The food is simply fabulous," said Joan Osofsky, owner of Hammertown Barn in the town of Pine Plains. "I think the place is fantastic, and it's a great addition to Millerton.

"I've had Bruce's food before, so I knew that it was going to be wonderful. And the design is aesthetically pleasing and relaxing," she added.

The café's menu offers on-the-go food for breakfast and lunch — some cold, such as salads, and some hot. Although there is a set menu, Young and Hathaway said to look out for different daily specials such as "soup of the day."

Of course, seasonal foods will be available.

Additionally, they will release a green-label food line, which will be health-oriented, Young said.

"Bruce is very good at using local and seasonal ingredients," Hathaway said. "So we will always be adding new products and changing things. We're calling it 'chef's choice,' — it will keep things fresh for customers," Hathaway added.

Aside from offering some tables, the main floor also has a mini-mart area where one can find refrigerators and shelving with pre-packaged foods, cheeses and pre-made sauces and foods from the Hathaway Young food line.

Hathaway Young is located at 56 South Center St. in Millerton. The café/bakery is open seven days a week: Monday through Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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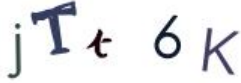
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