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A Quarterly Newsletter of **The Inn at Walnut Creek** of the goings on in **Holmes County, Ohio Amish Country**



East Main Kitchen + Coffee

Feeding Body and Soul One Delicious Meal at a Time

We recently visited East Main Kitchen in Baltic, Ohio and were absolutely blown away by the gourmet food, warm and welcoming atmosphere and friendly, helpful staff. So impressed were we with this hidden gem that we caught up with manager, Joe Troyer, to find out more. East Main Kitchen is located in the downtown area of a village of less than 800 people contained within three counties – Coshocton, Tuscarawas and Holmes in the heart of Ohio Amish Country.

East Main Kitchen is owned by Mark and Maureen “Reeny” Miller and J. Mark and Martha Miller (no relation). The owners, manager and several members of the staff, attend Crosspoint Mennonite Church in Baltic and the genesis of this eatery stemmed from a desire to bring ministry to the public, originally through the idea of a coffee

house. When space became available to offer a full menu including breakfast, lunch and dinner offerings in Spring 2018, the Millers jumped at the opportunity to create a full service restaurant, including a coffee bar. They snagged Chef Darryl Miller, a long-time friend of Mark’s, and a restaurant was born.



The Millers are passionate about missions, adoption and the care of orphans. A portion of the restaurant’s profits are used to support worldwide ministry while

providing excellent food and drinks while providing a place for the community to connect. The owners believe that the best way to support these endeavors is to create a space that is beautiful and welcoming, background contemporary Christian music that is inspiring and food that is absolutely delicious. They seem to have hit on a

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Staff Highlight

Pam’s Holiday Favorites

Manager Pam Facciolo

We hear three things all the time from our guests – how clean and comfortable the rooms are, what a great location we have and how friendly our staff is. While we can’t take credit for the gorgeous 4-season views overlooking the Holmes County hills and valleys, we know that our manager, Pam Facciolo, is largely responsible for the ultra-clean guest spaces and friendly staff that guests experience when they stay with us. We have many, many guests who have been staying with us for years, some even decades – often several times per year – and Pam knows many of the guests, and their families, by name.

We asked Pam to share some of her favorite holiday traditions and recipes. When she isn’t taking care of the Inn staff and guests, Pam is usually planning a trip to visit her daughters and grandchildren. Pam shared that one of her favorite family Christmas traditions is playing Christmas music while putting together gingerbread houses. The gingerbread houses are then judged to determine who built the best house. There is lots of fun and laughter in the process. Pam also has made it a tradition to purchase a Christmas ornament for each of her daughters and grandchildren each year.

Pam shared a couple of her favorite holiday recipes. We know that you will enjoy these as well.

Stuffed Shells

4 cups cooked chicken (or turkey)	1 cup mayonnaise (not Miracle Whip)
1 box stuffing (cooked)	1 cup sour cream
1 box stuffing shells (large)	2 cans cream chicken soup
½ diced onion	1 can water
½ cup diced celery	

Cook shells and let them drain. Cook stuffing as directed. Dice chicken and mix with stuffing,

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Pam's Holiday Favorites, contd.

mayonnaise and sour cream. Stuff shells with mixture. Place in a 9 X 13 baking dish, cover with cream chicken soup with water added. Bake at 350° for 30-45 minutes until bubbling and golden brown. Enjoy!

My Grandmother's Oatmeal Cookies

1 cup Crisco	1 ½ cups flour
1 cup brown sugar	1 tsp salt
1 cup white sugar	1 tsp baking soda
2 eggs	3 cups quick oatmeal
1 tsp vanilla	

Mix, divide and roll into 3 rolls. Wrap in waxed paper and refrigerate overnight. Slice and bake at 350° for 10 minutes or until done.

Open on Sundays

Many of our guests ask us about places that are open on Sundays in Ohio Amish Country. Most restaurants and shops are closed on Sundays in observation of the Sabbath, but Sundays are still a great time to visit the area! One of the best activities in our area is to simply drive around and experience the hills and valleys of Ohio Amish Country. There is little traffic, other than many horse drawn buggies and individuals on foot walking to church services in their Sunday outfits. There are a few hidden gems that are open on Sundays and we have ferreted them out and put together a booklet of local and expanded restaurants, shops and attractions that are open on Sundays. Many of our guests enjoy the leisurely pace, even attending a local church service, and recharge on this special day. If you are interested in receiving a copy of our Open on Sundays booklet, please contact the Inn and we'd be happy to provide one to you. We also have a list of local shops and eateries that are open on Sunday, including delivery menus, that we provide to guests upon check-in.



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winning combination because the restaurant is frequently full and customers come from all over – and keep coming back for more. An extension of the owners' mission mindedness is their care and concern for their staff of 30-40 employees. The owners strive to provide a good working environment for the Amish, Mennonite and English staff members, and many of the missions that are supported by the restaurant come from staff suggestions.



Chef Darryl is a skilled craftsman and the menu and special board boasts many of his exquisite offerings, including Australian Wagyu steak, filet mignon, ribeye, New York Strip steak, slow cooked roast beef, handmade chicken tenders, soups, salads, fresh made flat bread pizza and many other delicious offerings, many made from locally sourced meat and seasonal produce. The scrumptious bakery case contains delicious house-made sweet treats and is the icing on the cake in addition to the coffee bar barista.

The décor is tasteful and inviting farmhouse chic, primarily from the talents of owner Reeny Miller. In addition to the restaurant seating, there is a semi private area with space for 30-40 banquet guests. There is also a limited take out menu available. East Main Kitchen is open Monday-Saturday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and offers both breakfast and lunch/dinner menus.

Streb's General Store - *Looking Forward to Yesterday*



We recently caught up with Shelley Streb, proprietress of Streb's General Store in Schrock's Heritage Village on Rt. 39 outside of Berlin, Ohio. The store opened in August 2018 and is the culmination of the owner's interests, passions and dreams. An avid antiquer, Shelley wanted to create a space that mixed both old and new- retro and unique. She has

beautifully accomplished just that in this shop that is reminiscent of Godsey's General Mercantile Store on the Waltons – with a modern twist.

Built to resemble a two-story barn, the shop has rustic woodwork, creaking wood floors, a front porch that runs the length of the shop and is crammed full of treasures and loads of charm. The building is the oldest structure on the property and was originally constructed in the 1800's as an Amish harness shop. In keeping with the rustic theme, the inventory consists of a broad range of antique, household items including kitchen accessories, pillows, throws and seasonal décor, clothing, toy and food items, including farmhouse décor, handcrafted and locally made Amish toys,

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Streb's General Store, contd.

candles from two local companies (1824 Candle Co. and Edenlife soy candles), beautiful artisan wood cutting boards, hand lettered signs, live edge wood products, women's apparel and accessories, men's fragrance and toiletries, and delicious shelf stable pork sticks and cheeses – including locally produced products from the Shelley's husband's company, Streb Meats. The specialty of the house are the individually made gift baskets. Shelley has an artistic flair, with many interesting and unique vessels to use to put together gift baskets for any occasion in any price range. Many customers enjoy selecting from the chocolates and bulk candy, old fashioned bottled beverages, meat and cheese, snacks, baking mixes and dips, candles, soaps, household items to put together the perfect custom gift.

The shop is constantly evolving with new merchandise coming in weekly, including consigned antiques. Shelley works with three local antique pickers who know precisely what she is looking for and often deliver exceptional pieces. Younger people love to comb the shop for retro pieces that remind them of things they remember from their grandparents' house – rotary telephones, manual typewriters and old cameras. The children's section contains locally handcrafted toys, Melissa and Doug merchandise, puzzles, games, books and many vintage items. There truly is something for everyone and once you have experienced Shelley's 1000 watt smile and friendly greeting upon entering the shop, you will want to come back again and again.

Streb's General Store is located at 4369 St. Rt. 39, Millersburg, Ohio and is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday. The shop is closed on Mondays January - March. Check them out on the web www.strebsgeneralstore.com and on Facebook and Instagram.



Stitch and Stay at The Inn at Walnut Creek

Calling all quilters of every skill and experience level – The Inn at Walnut Creek hosts quilt retreats, typically in the Spring and Summer. Participants enjoy a great time away in the clean, comfortable guest rooms at The Inn at Walnut Creek, use of a retreat space, veteran instructor, pattern and material for group project, some meals, including group banquet at Der Dutchman, custom quilt shop hop of local quilt shops (we have the best in this area!) with special discounts and store coupons, games, prizes and lots of extras. Participants especially love the goodie boxes that each participant receives upon arrival including vintage quilting magazines, books, novels, sewing notions, yummy treats and lots and lots of extras. Most of our participants have attended several retreats and are quick to register for the next one.

We have postponed our current retreat due to COVID, but are planning a summer retreat for 2021. Information about the retreats is available on our website under the Events/Specials tab and also on our Facebook Page. E-mail Cheryl for more information at info@theinnatwalnutcreek.com.



Stitch and Stay

Quilting in Amish Country
at The Inn at Walnut Creek



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Winter Special Info

We don't do sales, discounts, markdowns or other gimmicks at The Inn at Walnut Creek. We offer everyone the same clean, comfortable room for the same reasonable price. We believe that is the fairest way to treat every guest.

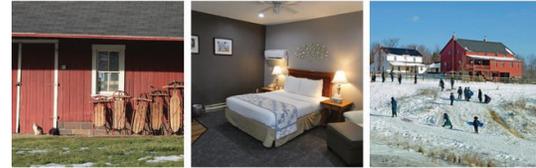
So, when we say that we have a smokin' deal, unbelievable price, wowza offer - you'd better believe that it is true.

Our Winter Special is all of those things and more. From **November 29, 2020 - February 28, 2021**, a **2-night stay** in a standard room is **\$120** and a **3-night stay** is **\$160** (tax not included). You can't beat that price with a stick.

This is a great time to plan your romantic interlude, family get away, girlfriends weekend, scrapbooking retreat, meditative solitude or special vacay. There is much to see and do, even during COVID 19, in the beautiful rolling hills of Holmes

County, Ohio Amish Country, and with these prices, you don't have an excuse not to do them.

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Some restrictions apply

Fine print:

- Sorry, we cannot accommodate pets.
- Price is **TOTAL** for 2 or 3 night stay, but does not include tax
 - You can book online at www.theinnatwalnutcreek.com and pricing will be adjusted when you check in or you can call 330-893-3599 to book your stay.
 - Continental breakfast included with stay.
- Winter Special stays do not qualify for Frequent Guest stay credit.
 - Blackout dates February 11 - 15, 2021.
 - Other conditions or restrictions may apply.

