

LLAMA NEWS

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while enjoying some great beverages and food.



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DOWNTOWN LLAMA
The Monthly Grind

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As the year comes to a close, (myself Debi) and the rest of the Llama staff would like to thank all of our llamazing customers and community for the continued support of the Llama. We are looking forward to seeing you in 2024, hearing about your newest adventures and hoping to meet some new folks along the way. The Llama is excited for some inspiring and fun changes in the new year. Please stop in, check out our website, Facebook, and/or read a copy of the monthly Downtown Llama Monthly Grind to see what's new! Watch for beverages and food items we will have to offer, as well as new events scheduled, new crafts, new artwork displays, and other fun and interesting things that will be happening throughout the year at the Llama. Please consider us for any catering needs! (Talk to Debi)

Have a wonderful and healthy
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Debi was a very busy lady baking in December. The Gingerbread House event was a huge success, with Debi and assistant Elf Joyce constructing about 36 houses in all. There was nothing better than walking in the Llama and smelling the warm sweet gingerbread filling the air!! What childhood memories this brought back for many folks. Thank you for everyone that took part in this event and we look forward to doing this again next Christmas. We were able to capture a few pictures of some completed houses. Some pretty creative designs!!





A few more pictures from the Gingerbread House decorating dates! What a fun event for people of all ages!

MEET YOUR BARISTA

SAMMIE

This month the Llama would like you to get to know our Barista, Sammie. Sammie grew up in New Glarus and has 2 sisters and a dog named Simba. She absolutely loves making coffee and has worked at the Llama for a little over a year. Sammie's favorite beverage to make is the Iced Caramel Macchiato, and her favorite food to construct is Meredith's Panini. Now her favorite beverage to consume is the iced latte with 1 pump of white mocha and vanilla cold foam. Her favorite entrée is the Everything bagel with cream cheese and the chocolate hazelnut croissant.



Sammie likes working at the coffee shop because of the great customers, food and beverages and co-workers!

When asked what has been her funniest or best memory of working here she stated it happened just recently. One day there was a trash bag full of clean towels in the kitchen and co-worker Joyce wasn't aware of the bag being full of towels and Joyce mentioned she was going to take out the recyclables and the trash bag (from the kitchen), and asked if there was any other trash to go? Both Sammie and Hayden said nope. About ten minutes later Sammie asked what happened to the bag of towels in the kitchen. Joyce said she never saw a bag of towels, and then the light bulb went off in her head and Joyce ran out the front door to the garbage bins to recover the bag of towels! Meanwhile Sammie and Hayden were bent over laughing. Sammie said the look on Joyce's face was priceless when she realized what had just happened!!!

When Sammie was asked if she had a million dollars to start a business, what would she do? Of course the answer is open a coffee shop. Something with bright colors, like yellow and white. She would have simple drinks, a bakery section and serve breakfast!

Written by: Joyce Ziehli

Come in and let Sammie make you a beverage!!

FUN AT THE LLAMA HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

December 6th the Llama hosted a holiday sing-along. Thank you to Darren Chicks, Sara Krueger and Andy Ziehli for providing their talents as well as the sound equipment for this fun evening. Sara and her beautiful voice played the piano and sang several favorite Christmas carols encouraging the crowd to sing along. Darren and Andy did several Christmas carols on their guitars, including two original Christmas carols they had each written. Thank you to Rosemary Ziehli and Joyce Ziehli for reading Christmas poems, as well as Emma from Mt. Vernon who braved the crowd to come up to sing the 12 Days of Christmas resulting in being the winner of the evening's prize of UW Basketball tickets. Also a huge thank you to the Lake Ridge Bank for sponsoring the Hot Chocolate Bar and to Santa for donating the basketball tickets.



LLAMA CUSTOMER CORNER



Dave & Vicky Fahey

First of all thank you for being Llama customers and for being brave enough to do our first customer corner interview.

Written by: Joyce Ziehli

Every month we would like to interview some of our customers. This month I sat down over a cup of coffee and chatted with local residents, Dave and Vicky Fahey. Dave and Vicky have been married for 49 years, residing in Belleville on the family farm. Dave has been a banker for 52 years, he also has served on the Belleville School Board for 24 years. Dave still owns and drives his '56 Chevy which he drove to get his driver's license. I had to ask if he passed the first time and he said "YES". Vicky is retired from a 25+ year career at the Belleville Clinic. Vicky enjoys her retirement, volunteering at the Sugar River Senior Center, having lunch dates with friends, going to movies and traveling. The couple has raised 3 sons, one living in California, one in Connecticut and one in Belleville. They also keep busy with 4 granddaughters, 3 daughter-in-law's, and 2 rescue cats!

The Faheys heard about a coffee shop opening in Belleville and awaited the doors to open! Now they are frequent visitors to the Llama. Dave enjoys stopping in for a good cup of coffee and his favorite entrees of an apple or cherry turnover. Vicky enjoys the tasty coffee, turnovers, scones and the avocado toast. Her son from Connecticut introduced her to avocado toast and when she found out the Llama offered it, she was hooked!

Vicky and Dave stated they love coming to the Llama to visit with other customers, to enjoy the great coffee and treats, and the exceptionally great service. They also commented on how much they enjoy the events we host, especially the Christmas Sing-A-Long! *(continued on the next page)*

Some fun questions we asked the couple were if they had a super power, what would it be? Vicky would like to be able to disappear and reappear, so always be on the look out for her! Dave said he doesn't want to be the "Hulk" but he met the gentleman who played him and found him to be quite interesting. I'm trying to imagine Dave as the big green hulk!! We also asked if they were given a million dollars to start a business, what would they do? Dave stated he would help to establish more local development and businesses, and Vicky would like to be one of those businesses running a boutique offering unique items!

I really enjoyed chatting with these two. I asked them if they had anything else to share and they just said "Congratulations to the Llama, job well done!"

SNOWMAN DOUGHNUT DECORATING DAY

**Saturday,
January
13TH.**



Please stop in on January 13th from 8:30 am—10:30 am to decorate our latest llamazing doughnut—Frosty the Snowman. We supply everything needed, you just bring your creativity and giggles!!!!

\$4.00 per doughnut.

Please be watching our website and our Facebook page to see what fun events we are planning for February and Valentine's Day. What better place to get something for your sweetheart than the local coffee and pastry shop!



ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Lingonberry Llama participated in the Belleville Annual Cookie Walk, as well as sharing their space with Little Woodland Preschool. Debi had prepared deliciously decorated peppermint and chocolate bark as treats for all the participants. Elf Joyce was able to put on her Santa hat and fill in the role as hostess for the evening. What a fun time we had and we look forward for a repeat performance next year! Thanks to all that stopped by to check us out and we hope you stop back during 2024. We'd love to see you.





MUSIC!!!!!!

Thank you to BJ Panke and Emily Kate Allen for providing our customers with some beautiful entertainment on a cold Saturday December morning. We look forward to their return to the Llama!

LINGONBERRY LLAMA

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This monthly newsletter is something new we are trying to help keep our customers informed and to let them know what we are doing in the community. We hope you enjoy it!



FUN AT THE LLAMA! YUMMY!

