

LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Coffee Shop Gives Holland New Meaning To Daily Grind

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Daily Grind coffee shop, located in Apple Blossom Square Center on Airport Highway, is filling the area's need for caffeine.

The shop, which opened in July, serves numerous coffee drinks, pastries, soups and sandwiches.

Owner Randy King said he and his partners, Ron King and Darryl Lycort, think the location is a good community gathering place.

Located a half-mile west of Holloway Road, Daily Grind offers free wi-fi Internet connection and comfortable leather chairs in addition to the food and drinks.

Wall murals that feature hand-painted street scenes enhance the relaxed, easy atmosphere.

"We'd like it to be a gathering place

with a nice, friendly atmosphere," King said.

Customers are welcome to hold meetings at the coffee shop King said, whether they call ahead or not.

"They can put tables together to seat eight to 12 people," he said.

Store manager Laura Wishon said students are a common sight as well.

Students from The University of Toledo often use the coffee shop as a library substitute.

"Students come in in between classes," Wishon said.

Whether for business or pleasure, customers can find positives at Daily Grind.

King said the coffee shop staff is gearing up for the start of entertainment nights.

On Friday and Saturday nights, local artists and musicians will grace the shop

for free performances.

King said much of the talent will be found locally, especially from Bowling Green State University.

And what is there for customers to enjoy while they are working or being entertained?

Daily Grind features the full line of Seattle's Best coffee brewed every 60 minutes, as well as specialty drinks.

Wishon said the shop is one of the few that sells flavored coffees in both senses of the word.

Daily Grind has flavor shots in many varieties that can be added to coffees, but it also offers coffee brewed from actual flavored beans.

The flavors rotate weekly, but Wishon said one favorite is the Cinnabon-flavored coffee.

If coffee isn't a customer's thing, Daily

Grind offers the usual array of specialty creations, including lattes, teas, mochas and cappuccinos.

Finally, Wishon said Daily Grind offers something other places don't.

Blended, frozen "creamices" offer a break from traditional coffee drinks, but can still pack all the caffeine punch.

Wishon likened the drinks to high-end smoothies or slushies.

Finally, the store runs frequent specials and discounts on the food and drink.

Daily Grind travel mugs garner 20 percent off refills, and punch cards award a free coffee after 10 purchases.

The store also sells coffee grounds to make your own at home, gift cards and to-go boxes for bigger events.

Daily Grind is open Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Daily Grind coffee shop, located at 7723 Airport Hwy. in the Apple Blossom Square Center, offers Seattle's Best coffee and other treats in a relaxed atmosphere. The shop, which opened in July, offers a caffeine jolt, entertainment and food.



Daily Grind manager Laura Wishon (right) and employee Angela Dittman get ready to make one of the shop's many coffee concoctions. Specialty drinks and creamices, frozen blended drinks, are among the creative options. MIRROR PHOTOS BY KERRI RALLS