

# Colby's Café offers hometown comfort foods

BY ROB ROEDEL

Rodney Young likes to tell people that in 1993, he entered Colby's Café in Wynne for a cheeseburger and came out with a wife.

Young's wife, Leann, who worked at the restaurant back then, has her own version of the story, saying that "Well, it wasn't quite that easy." They both agree, however, that they did meet at the restaurant, eventually marry and have two children. And in 2009, they bought Colby's, which has been in operation since around 1975 and is a long-time hometown favorite.

"We use the original recipes with a twist here and there," Rodney said. "We do things the old-fashioned way and don't use any mixes. We make our own soups and hand-form fresh ground beef for our patties. Each burger has a unique shape. We tried pre-shaped patties, but our customers preferred the hand-formed burgers."

The Gourmet Burger is Colby's tribute to beef. The half-pound, two-patty burger features grilled onions and mushrooms, cheese, a few strips of bacon, lettuce and sliced tomato with a special secret sauce served on a

fresh bun. The result is a pretty darn good hamburger packed with great flavor. During a recent visit, I sampled the onion rings, which were absolutely delightful.

Next, Rodney brought an offering that looked similar to fried mushrooms and grinned when



Colby's Gourmet Burger is a two-handed treat and the homemade onion rings are a great side.



Colby's hand-breaded fish and fries.

he told me it was fresh, hand-breaded broccoli bites. I am not a broccoli man, but I dug in to his creation. These broccoli florets were a treat to eat, especially when they are dipped in to homemade cheese sauce.

As if that wasn't enough, Rodney brought a fish entrée to my table. After a sample of the golden filets it is easy to understand its star menu status as the hand-battered fish is cooked to crisp perfection and has a great fresh taste with a "just right" breading. Fish dinners include sliced onion, coleslaw and fries.

"We started offering fried fish on Fridays, but now it is a very popular everyday menu item," Rodney said.

Colby's Monte Cristo Sandwich made me want to give Rodney a hug. This specialty item features wheat bread with Swiss cheese and ham that is dipped in a special pancake batter and then deep fried. It is topped with powdered sugar and served with a strawberry dipping sauce.

For those looking for something on the lighter side, a variety of salads are offered, including the Club Salad featuring fresh-made fried chicken tenders. The chicken blends well with the lettuce, sliced avocado, shredded cheeses and tomatoes. A piece of garlic cheese toast provides a great compliment.

In the desserts arena, there are many selections at Colby's, including the Hot Fudge Cake and Delta Bomb Brownie. The Hot Fudge Cake is a chocolate lover's dream with vanilla ice cream

## the eating essentials

### COLBY'S CAFE

805 South Falls Blvd.  
Wynne  
(870) 238-3636

### Hours of Operation

Monday - Saturday:  
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.





The Monte Cristo Sandwich will please your sweet and salty taste buds!

sandwiched between homemade chocolate cake that is covered in a rich, creamy hot fudge sauce topped with whipped cream and a cherry. Get your own as you will not want to share one bite of this treat. The Delta Bomb Brownie is equally as good. It features a large, homemade brownie topped with two scoops of vanilla ice cream that is drizzled with hot fudge and caramel sauces. Several flavors of hand-dipped ice cream are also available along with other desserts.



The Delta Bomb Brownie is a house dessert specialty.

"If you leave hungry, it is your own fault," Rodney said.

If you are looking for a place to love, give Colby's Café a try. It's worked out pretty well for one couple for 22 years. ■

Dining recommendations? Contact Rob Roedel at [rroedel@aecc.com](mailto:rroedel@aecc.com)

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