

# Discover The Heritage Restaurant and Musket Lounge in Morgantown

By Keith Smoker | Photo by Heidi Reuter

**FOR THE ROCK** and roll fan searching for a hearty breakfast in Berks, the Heritage Restaurant and Musket Lounge on Route 10 in Morgantown is the only spot that combines family tradition, a hearty breakfast with culinary flair, and a shout-out to a rock legend.

Nine-year owners Anthony and Deborah Gentile have put their own signature on the Heritage by paying homage to Anthony's rock hero, the godfather of grunge himself, Neil Young. The Heritage, one of Berks' best-kept secrets, features breakfast specialties named after songs Young wrote.

"I'm a big fan," says Anthony, who also serves as head chef. "I've seen Neil every time he's come to Philadelphia since 1970."

Breakfast specials include "The Gold Rush," "Harvest Moon" and "Comes a Time," which is the Heritage's version of eggs Benedict.

Be careful, though. You may have to skip lunch, because the portions are large.

If you enjoy steak with your eggs, order "Like a Hurricane," which includes two eggs and a six-ounce rib eye. For less hungry travelers, try "The Loner," which features one egg. Upgrade to two eggs and you have "The Southern Man."

The restaurant also features several omelets, which are beyond compare with those of other breakfast stops. Even though the omelets are not named after Neil Young songs, they are an example of the restaurant's diner fare with flair.

The "A Taste Of Heaven" omelet lives up to its name with ingredients like roasted red peppers, fresh basil pesto and provolone cheese; and "The Italian" omelet is like none other, offering meatballs, marinara sauce and mozzarella.

Foodies and newcomers should try these first, and it's guaranteed you will be coming back for more.

Other unique omelets include the "Pepper Me Up," which features an array of hot and sweet peppers along with some crushed red pepper, cracked black pepper and Pepper Jack cheese. It tastes slightly sweet with a hint of heat that leaves a spicy finish on the palette.

If you are ready for the country, there's the "Farmer's Omelet" with sausage, home fries, onions and cheddar cheese. Or perhaps try a "Meat Lover's Omelet," featuring bacon, ham, sausage and American cheese – it is sure to get you "Rockin' in the Free World."

If meat is not your thing, don't feel "Helpless." Try the "Veggie Omelet," which includes green peppers, mushrooms, onion and tomatoes, or check out the

asparagus and cheese omelet.

The Heritage originally opened its doors in 1949 as a partner to the motel, which still remains on the hill just above the restaurant located near the entrance to the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The restaurant portion was sold to Millie and Woody Matson in 1972 and remained in their hands until Anthony and Deborah purchased it in 2000. Today the Heritage lives up to the name, utilizing a family approach to running the business.

Anthony's brother Ed Gentile and his twin sister Evelyn are involved in operations as are their children Eddie and Katie. "My father owned a restaurant, so I grew up in this business," says Anthony, formerly the head chef at Maple Grove Restaurant.

"We are all like family here, even though we are not all related," says Anthony. Heritage dining room manager Jessica Friel is part of that family and has worked closely with the Gentiles since the Maple Grove days.

Heritage also serves lunch and dinner specials and has the "Musket Lounge" for weary travelers looking for a libation at this Berks County diamond in the rough. When asked if there was anything especially popular on the lunch and dinner menu, Anthony suggested the honey chicken, which features boneless chicken breast topped with bits of bacon, mushrooms, cheese sauce and honey mustard; and the filet Oscar, which features crab stuffed filet mignon, asparagus and hollandaise sauce.

After the recent smoking ban, the Gentiles provided an outdoor experience connected to the lounge with a stone fireplace. They recently opened a beautiful cabana bar, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 8 p.m. Outdoor pig roasts are also on the calendar for Saturdays this summer.

Other future plans include a lit wooden sign, utilizing wooden replicas of Revolutionary War soldiers,



inspired by originals found when the Gentiles purchased the Heritage.

Anthony hopes that his favorite rock star might stop by for breakfast one day. And after an unbelievably delicious and satisfying breakfast experience, such as the one awaiting you at the Heritage, hearing comments like "Hey, Hey, My, My" would not be surprising.

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