

New Italian Cuisine comes to Cheat Lake
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MORGANTOWN W.Va. – A new dining and delivery option is finally available to Cheat Lake residents with the recent opening of Anthony’s Pizza in Ashebrooke Square.

Cheat Lake is a rather isolated area as it relates to consumer desires. Once a totally agrarian lake community, Cheat Lake’s population has dramatically changed. Busy families are always looking for meal options.

The community’s dining choices have not kept up with its population growth. There is currently only one other food delivery option, which is a chain restaurant with a limited menu and hours.

When Anthony Sciulli, owner of Anthony’s Pizza, was approached about the available space, he could not overlook the opportunity. Sciulli established the first Anthony’s Pizza on Stewart Street in Morgantown and jumped at the chance to expand his business.

Sciulli said, “The owner of the building came to me and asked me to take a look at the available space.”

Anthony’s Pizza provides a wide variety of Italian cuisine choices. The menu includes pizza, hoagies, salads, subs and pasta. The restaurant also offers both delivery and catering services

Drew Formica, a homeowner in Cheat Lake, said, “Anthony’s Pizza is a great asset to Cheat Lake. I just moved to the area a couple of months ago and noticed there were not many restaurant options, so this is great. I think Anthony’s will do well because

of the need in the area and also because they make great food. My favorite item that I have tried is the spinach pizza. I also like the steak salad for a healthier choice.”

Sciulli’s favorite item to eat is the Italian hoagie and his favorite to prepare is Sicilian pizza. His pizza recipe includes traditions from his family as well as his own preferences. He uses a dough recipe from his uncle, a sauce recipe from his cousin and pure mozzarella cheese to make his ideal pizza.

The expectations for the restaurant are high, as Sciulli has significant experience in the restaurant business. His family has owned restaurants in Pittsburgh for over 45 years and Sciulli has been in the business for 25 years. He considers working in the family pizza shops part of his training.

Sciulli said, “Working at my uncle’s pizza shop was like my education. We even have a picture of me on a milk crate making a pizza as a child.”

Born in Pittsburgh, Sciulli did not plan to follow in his family’s footsteps. He was in college when a tragic event caused him to change paths.

Sciulli said, “I was in school for nursing and I got into a car accident. It changed the route I was taking.”

The owner of Mountaineer Pizza in Morgantown unexpectedly approached Sciulli shortly after the accident. Sciulli learned the business was for sale and was seeking a different route for his future. He purchased the restaurant and has served the Morgantown area ever since.

The menus remain consistent at both restaurants so he will have the ability to franchise in the future. He maintains a hands-on approach with his businesses, going between both restaurants every day to ensure things run smoothly.

“My Stewart Street location is on autopilot. It took me two years to build, and now it’s up and running. I was looking for a new challenge and more income, so this seemed like the perfect opportunity,” said Sciulli.

Because January, February and March are the slowest months of the fiscal year, Sciulli only had a soft opening for the restaurant. In the spring, he plans to have an extravagant grand opening equipped with music and balloons.

Even without a grand opening, Anthony’s Pizza has exceeded its projection for the winter months. Its Cheat Lake location is already on the path to success.