

Salamanders and Tortillas?

For those of you out there who still believe that a "hellbender" is a giant salamander found in the cool, clean waters of rocky streams throughout West Virginia and other Appalachian states, it is time to rethink your position. In Davis, WV a hellbender is a large burrito stuffed to overfull with shrimp or chicken, buffalo sauce and blue cheese. While you probably wouldn't and shouldn't eat the salamander, you most definitely will want the burrito. Opened by husband and wife team Melissa and Rob Borowitz



in 2007, Hellbender Burritos has quickly become a huge hit with both locals and tourists. Melissa, originally of Charleston, WV, and Rob, originally of central Pennsylvania, are both alumni of WVU. (Robert has an economics degree and Melissa has a chemistry degree). They met and started dating in Morgantown in 1997. Melissa moved to DC in 1999 with Rob following in 2002, all the while looking for an opportunity to return to West Virginia. Such an opportunity came on a family vacation to Blackwater Falls in 2004, when Rob and Melissa spotted a building for sale and decided to buy it . With Rob's twenty years of experience in the

business, a restaurant seemed like a sure winner. After more than a year of renovations and travelling back and forth from DC, and then finally making the move, Rob and Melissa moved to their living quarters above the restaurant and Hellbender Burritos was no longer a dream but a reality. And in this case, reality is a very good thing!

Rob and Melissa settled on burritos as the main cuisine because they wanted something that was different from what was already available, yet still complemented the town and the people who live and visit there. No matter what your taste or dietary requirements, you will find something you like among the multitude of burritos named after the various outdoor recreational pursuits available in Tucker County. And if you don't like what you see you always have the option to build your own. While you wait for your burrito, don't forget to snack on some of their delicious homemade guacamole or spicy black bean dip with tortilla chips.

For more information about Hellbender Burritos, you can visit them on the internet at www.hellbenderburritos.com.



The North Fork Watershed Project is having a "Lonely Hearts Club Night" Fundraiser. It is being held at the Mountain State Brewing Company in Thomas on Friday February 20, 2009 from 7 pm until close. There will be free food, silent auction and live music. DJ Dark Fader will also be playing. Come join Holly and Lori and support the efforts to restore the North Fork of the Blackwater.



And Baby Dylan Sumner Halbert makes three. Some of you may remember the story of mom Kristin Taverna and dad Jason Halbert and how they fell in love because of Blackwater Canyon. Well this little cutie is the newest chapter in their story. We wish them many, many more chapters.

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