

If someone were to hear the words “blue cat,” most likely a very vibrant picture of an azure to sapphire colored animal would come to mind. The Blucat Café located in a refurbished late 1800/early 1900’s building is situated on Main Street in downtown Williamsville and is indeed a very colorful “animal” in many ways.

Jill Manning has a unique little restaurant where forty or so diners can enjoy sandwiches on homemade bread, freshly made salads, soups du jour, and homemade pies, and there are always daily specials to choose from. Food is available on an eat-in or take-out basis.

Jill, who is the chef at this small venue, has a competent and friendly but small staff including her daughter. The atmosphere is comfortable and very casual. It is a place where one might sit for a spell and relax with coffee and dessert or eat his or her lunch or dinner and not feel rushed.

In addition to the unique decorating scheme that includes a variety of musical instruments hanging on the burnt orange walls with dark brown faux wood exposed beams and a verdigris green and white tile floor, there is an added bonus of entertainment 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. -- with no cover charge! The Bluecat is “home” to local musicians and many different types of music: country, rhythm and blues, bluegrass, jazz, rock and roll. Diners and listeners alike can take pleasure in hearing music ranging from vocalists accompanied by guitars, banjos, fiddles, horns, keyboards, and/or drums.

The loosely arranged schedule is subject to change; however, on Tuesday evenings, Williamsville resident Terry Killian is at the microphone and on Wednesday’s he is again “on stage” until other musicians show up for "open mic night" (you never know who will show up or what they're going to do)! Some of the other Wednesday night regulars are Kyle Keisling; Williamsville High School students Maddy Brown & Marrison Delay; Roger Cooper, a Williamsville farmer; Ed Williamson; Aaron Davis; Randy Irwin; and Bill Studzinski. On Thursday nights, Jaigh and Josie Lowder perform, and there might be a jam session following their performance. Friday and Saturday nights are relatively open with no one currently scheduled for those nights.

The Blucat is open Tuesdays through Saturdays for lunch and dinner.

Jill is a talented musician in her own right and one of her main objectives in opening this small restaurant was to provide a place for local musicians to come and not only have a place for them to gather and practice but to show off their talents and put themselves in front of an appreciative audience.