

Finding a tasty thrill on Daisy Hill

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DAISY HILL MARKET

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When in a hurry, we've all been hungry, hungry hippos gobbling up drive-thru fries and burgers. And if you're like me, you've even sacrificed flavor for fast and grabbed a shrink- wrapped convenience store sub while gassing up.

However, the folks at the unique Daisy Hill Market in Salisbury provide a unique spin on the convenience store concept by offering gourmet food at a Mickey D's pace.

The mood

Like a hip general store, Daisy Hill is a gas 'n' go where you'll actually want to look around, shop for groceries, sit for five to chow down -- and not be afraid to use the toilets. It's bright, light and friendly in there.

The food

Daisy Hill offers a variety of prepared sandwiches and salads, but the way to go is to hit the counter so they can conjure up something special.

For a fast lunch, I had the Chicken Focaccia Sandwich (\$5.89) with Swiss cheese and petal sauce on focaccia bread.

The chicken was grilled to optimum juiciness and never approached rubbery. Although a bit on the heavy side for me, the petal sauce was a tasty mayo-like complement to the sandwich.

Focaccia -- while crispy -- tends to be oily, but added a signature taste that gave the sandwich more personality.

As an added bonus, I ordered the stuffing hot side (\$1.85). The stuffing was a flawless pre-Thanksgiving surprise to beat any of that fake stove top stuff. It's hearty and perfectly moist and bready.

The dessert

Sweet potatoes exist somewhere between the dessert and side categories, but I ate them as an end to my meal. Don't miss out on the comfort food treat of gooey, sweet taters with the crunchy bite of brown sugar.