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Restaurant profile: Cy's Asian Bistro

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At Cy's Asian Bistro, everyone leaves dinner feeling happy.

It's easy to see why. A friendly, relaxed atmosphere pervades the quaint restaurant in downtown Neenah. And the menu, with its variety of Asian noodle, stir fry and seafood selections, is downright delectable.

But Cy's goes the extra mile to ensure diners are satisfied. For example, owner Cy Thounsavath will personally visit each table to make sure that customers are enjoying their meal. And if for some reason a diner is unsatisfied with his or her meal, Cy's will fix it on the spot.

That creates peace of mind for diners, as well as the owners.

"We don't leave here and say, 'Gosh, I wonder if that table was happy?'" said Cy's wife, Vong.

Cy's will mark its five-year anniversary at the end of this month. That attention to detail is one of the reasons the restaurant has been able to survive and thrive.

Behind the scenes, there are other reasons for Cy's success. There's no giant wok where entrees are prepared en masse. Instead, everything is prepared individually, right down to the soups and sauces. It has to be that way, since Cy's prides itself on accommodating every taste and dietetic need.

"We make it as you order," Cy said. "We don't have anything in a package that comes in."

For those interested in healthy dining, Cy's is the ticket. Entrees leave diners feeling satisfied, but not bogged down. This is due in part to the fact that Cy's cooks many dishes with steamed water rather than oil.

In addition to traditional dining, Cy's offers catering services. There also is additional dining upstairs for private parties that can accommodate up to 30 people.

Menu sampler: Start off with coconut shrimp (six pieces, shrimp with coconut flake served with orange marmalade, \$8.95), or try the Green Papaya Salad (shredded papaya with tomato, peanuts and red chili in a special lime sauce, \$6.95).

For the main course, try the Pud Thai (Thailand rice noodles, with choice of chicken or shrimp and a side of bean sprouts and lime, \$10.95).

A variety of stir fry dishes are offered with curries that range from sweet to extra spicy. Highlights are Thai's Sweet Basil (with mixed vegetables and choice of chicken, beef, pork or seafood, \$13.95) and Fusion Curry (sweet and red curry cooked with mixed vegetables and choice of chicken, beef, pork or seafood, \$13.95). If you're feeling adventurous, try the Evil Curry (a spicy dish simmered with fresh basil, eggplant and peas, with choice of chicken, beef, pork or seafood, \$14.95).

A fish special is offered daily.

Diners can pair their meals with a selection from Cy's extensive wine list.

Most dinner items are available for lunch (with cheaper prices), but a couple of lunch-only items are Red Curry and Green Curry Noodles (each is large rice noodles

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prepared with mixed vegetables and choice of chicken or seafood, \$7.95).
For all entrees, yellow tofu can be substituted for meat for vegetarian tastes.
Take-out is available for those on the go.
Hours: Lunch served 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner served 4-8:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and 4-9 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.



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