



Mr. Dunderbak's Bavarian Restaurant and Delicatessen has been in Volusia Mall for as long as there's been a Volusia Mall — 36 years, starting a 37th this week. And for just about that long, it's been a favorite place for many to dine while they're out doing their holiday shopping.

"The mall, to me, is always the center of retail in Volusia County and . . . still draws a lot of people from Flagler County. I've always kind of felt that we're — at Christmastime anyway — the center of the mall," says Ted Teschner, who owns Mr. Dunderbak's with his wife, Linda.

Though the options for shopping in the two-county area have expanded widely over the past three-plus



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Linda and Ted Teschner own Mr. Dunderbak's in the Volusia Mall.

decades, many still make an annual pilgrimage to Volusia Mall and to Mr. Dunderbak's, Ted Teschner says. For one thing, it's the only place in the mall, proper, for a weary shopper to get a beer or a glass of wine with his or her meal.

"It's a great place to see everybody. Everybody is in a good mood," Teschner says.

When you walk into Mr. Dunderbak's this time of year, you leave behind the bright lights of the mall, but not its bustle. Patrons are drawn by the beer list (well more than 200 of them), reasonably priced wines (as little as \$12 for a bottle for consumption on premises) and an extensive

menu of sandwiches, schnitzels, sausages, burgers, salads and snacks.

What looks like a small storefront reaches deep, back to a casual dining room, with deli cases of fine meats and cheeses lining the left of the walkway and a long bar on the right. Overhead hangs an assortment of unusual wicker baskets, waiting to be filled as gifts with gourmet packaged foods, beers and wines.

Though some enter as refuge from shopping, it's hard for many to resist the urge to do some shopping while there. On top of the food and

beverage selections is an array of specialty items — including a collection of steins, signs and Lolita glassware that's as big and distinctive as the menu.

"If it shows up in Walmart, we're not going to carry it anymore," Teschner says.

**Mr. Dunderbak's is at
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