

# Annie's Travels and Treasures

**The Garden Grill** is a nice, sit down restaurant that will put a smile on your face with their personal service, high quality food, and the memorabilia on the walls portraying Jamestown/Fentress County's



history and the legendary people of this diverse community. Mr. Ray Hancock, a successful businessman and entrepreneur has been in the retail food business, owned Save-A-Lot stores, fast food establishments, and a successful restaurant equipment business. He is at home in the restaurant trade. Garden Grill features wonderful daily specials like Chicken Marsala, homemade lasagna, homemade soups, fried chicken, and amazing side dishes with a fresh salad bar in the company of a variety of homemade salads including potato salad, coleslaw, chicken salad, and pasta salad made fresh daily. Now, I love salads, and was delighted by the fresh produce, the cleanliness of the bar, and the homemade salads. The specials bring the local business community in as well as visitors who are learning about THE "place to be" in Jamestown. Open seven days a week, from 7:00 AM through the evening hours offering blintzes, homemade French toast, eggs, and fresh hash browns for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They also have a large room that is perfect for family reunions, weddings, receptions, and meetings. It seats up to 60 people with multimedia available. Mr. Hancock is known to throw a PowerPoint presentation together for viewing on the big screen TV for visiting dignitaries, the Car Club, and the motorcycle group that rides from Red Boiling Springs' *Cyclemos Motorcycle Museum* to Garden Grill and back for a fun day out on the scenic roads. Visit the Garden Grill, behind the new Union Bank in downtown Jamestown, TN for a great meal, excellent service, and a memorable experience. They are located at 331 North Main St., Jamestown, TN. You can reach them by phone at 931-879-2344.

**Pork Ryan's** is a new barbecue restaurant and caterer in the Big South Fork. Jim Ryan has a fun personality which can keep you on your toes and laughing. Laughter is one of the best medicines and folks love to be around happy people. Jim found his way back to Jamestown after spending many years in a career in Florida, building businesses and working towards retirement. When Jim and his wife



finally retired to Jamestown, he realized that retirement was not what it was cracked up to be, and he needed to get back into something. Loving to cook, and delighting some of his friends and clients in Florida with his barbecue wagon, he decided to take the barbecue that everyone raved about and make a business out of it. Spending the first months with his friend and colleague, Greg, pulling the Pork Ryan Pigmobile around, he barbecued for parties, special events, and festivals around the region and gained quite a following. Their slow cooked barbecue ribs, pork, chicken and their signature bratwursts, along with all the homemade sides, has their loyal customers following Pork Ryan's around Jamestown. Pork Ryan's is currently offering catering services for events and weddings and carry out at Henbo's in Jamestown. At press time, Pork Ryan's is building a carryout/limited dining restaurant off of Hwy. 127 and Hwy. 52 at the Henbo's parking lot. Visit Pork Ryan's online and become a fan. Say hello to Jim and give him one of your famous Pork Ryan's "grunts" and have a chance to win the Pork Ryan's "Grunt of the Year" award. Visit Pork Ryan's at [www.PorkRyansBBQ.com](http://www.PorkRyansBBQ.com) or call them at 931-397-9189 to place your order.

**The Boutique** is a hip fashion boutique and tea room offering stylish clothing, jeans, tops, sweaters, jackets, accessories, jewelry, hats, handbags, the newest trends seen in *Vogue* or *Glamour* magazines,



and a delicious selection of exotic teas to accompany their daily menu items. They are conveniently located just off the Jamestown square. Allison Barta, owner, has transformed the interior of this historic crab-orchard stone façade structure into a contemporary core with trendy pink and chocolate décor which accentuates her signature colors. This charming boutique offers personal advice for mom's trying to buy something special for their teenage daughter or to anyone wishing to update their wardrobe with a trendy top, slimming jeans, or a special accessory in a comfortable stress-free environment. If you're on vacation or a romantic getaway, have your beau bring you to The Boutique to buy a new outfit for your special weekend. Allison is a joy to be around and she makes every person that walks through the door feel welcome. She enjoys sharing her fashion expertise and knowledge to help make you look your best or choose a perfect gift. Allison pays attention to the fine details and it shows. She has gone to great lengths to create an environment that her customers will enjoy spending time in and will come back to often. The window dressings

are updated each week, keeping everyone looking in to see the latest trends and outfit combinations. You can also find a wonderful selection of gift items including candles, bath and body products, a wonderful collection of exotic teas (over 30 different loose teas) and tea pots, and the accompanying items to serve tea in your home, office, vacation home, or houseboat. The Boutique loves to let you try their teas. They offer a *\$1 Tea of the Day* that can be ordered alone or with any of their wonderful daily menu items. Quiche is one of my favorites, and Allison offers a *Quiche of the Day*, as well as, homemade soups, succulent chicken salad, Panini's, and decadent homemade desserts. The Boutique is truly a trendy boutique and bistro all in one, just like you would expect to find in Chicago, New York or Los Angeles. Allison lovingly operates her business with the help of her friendly, customer service oriented team. Visit The Boutique in downtown Jamestown or give them a call for your catering needs, special group, or event planning at 931-879-8585.

**Burdens Drug Center** is a caring, locally owned drugstore that still offers friendly



service and assistance by local pharmacist Linda Conatser and her team of courteous, knowledgeable staff. They are there, ready and

willing to assist you with your pharmacy needs, insurance questions, and diabetic footwear and supplies. Service with a smile is what you will find here. Linda is a friend, volunteer, and tremendous leader in this community that she grew up in. She is a southern lady, known for her compassionate, caring ways. She loves her family immensely, and dotes on her new grandson, Jacob, who turns one on May 24<sup>th</sup>! Her store is always hopping, but they are never too busy to greet each client. Burdens Drug Center offers a full service pharmacy, adjacent flower shop (Fentress County Flowers and Gifts), home delivery, durable medical equipment, diabetic shoes, blood pressure checks, medical clothing, shoes, and gifts such as Vera Bradley handbags and accessories, jewelry, and a full line of greeting cards, toiletries, and over the counter medicine. If you are in the Big South Fork area, this is the pharmacy for you on the west side of the river and the park. They are even open until 2:00 PM on Saturday. Visit them online at [www.BurdenDrug.com](http://www.BurdenDrug.com) or give them a call at 931-879-8312.

For more great stories from around the region, visit Annie's Travel and Treasures blog on-line at [www.anniestravelsandtreasures.blogspot.com](http://www.anniestravelsandtreasures.blogspot.com).

**Rim Riders Equestrian Lifestyles** is the foremost destination in the Big South Fork



to buy your name brand *Ariat* cowboy boots and clothing. Bonnie Haire, owner of Rim Riders, takes pride in having quality equestrian

merchandise at affordable prices and professional service. This store is jam-packed with equine goodies such as belts, jewelry, spurs, chaps, outdoor gear, and of course, quality, custom cowboy hats. Rim Riders is conveniently located at **East Fork Stables** and also offers products to care for your horses, including *EZALL Total Body Wash*, *Scully* leather products, chaps and belts, plus lots of advice and assistance. They also offer local artisan crafts, furniture and bedding, home décor accessories, and wonderful leather frames and decorative items. On a recent visit, I picked up some wonderful hand painted, watercolor note cards from a local artist that recently moved into the area. She has placed some of her wonderful nature watercolors in the store and accompanying note cards. Bonnie welcomes you and invites you to stop in and have a look around. Give them a call at 931-752-8851 for more information.

**Cumberland Mountain General Store (CMGS)** is the best place in the Big South Fork for a



delicious, juicy, hand formed hamburger. I just love their '50 style diner called the "**Rock-a-Billy Café**". It will

remind you of those wonderful days gone by, when diners were the place to be and to be seen. I have always enjoyed those wonderful stools. It takes me back to my Kresge days in Wayne, MI where I enjoyed sitting on my stool and ordering some French fries and a Coke while out riding my bike up to Michigan Avenue. Rock-a-Billy Café is a great place for a tour bus group to come and enjoy a great meal, listen to the oldies, and browse through the goodies in the wonderful old country store. CMGS is located on scenic Hwy. 127, just north of I-40 and is a favorite stop going on the way to BSFNRRRA and Pickett State Park. It is also a hotspots during the frenzy of the Hwy. 127 Yard Sale each August. CMGS has an awesome selection of antiques, collectibles, handcrafted quilts, primitive furniture, old implements, nostalgic home furnishings, screened flour sacks and so much more. Come in, give a friendly wave, and say "hello" to Ron and Lana and take a look around. Take a peak at their store online at

[www.CumberlandMountainGeneralStore.com](http://www.CumberlandMountainGeneralStore.com) or give them a call today at 931-863-3880.

**Always be sure to call for their hours in the summer and fall because their hours vary.**

**Coffee Time Café** is a stylish restaurant conveniently located on Hwy. 127 in



Clarkrange, TN. The black and white cow themed restaurant serves the best breakfast in the Big South Fork area. Their omelets are to die

for! Their hand cut, country, Idaho potatoes compliment the breakfast dishes that folks from all over come to eat. This is a place that makes you feel at home. Heather Thomas, owner, makes each person feel welcome. She has many regulars that visit daily for a bottomless cup of coffee or their signature fruit parfaits, burrito quesadillas to go, or to sit down and have a hearty country breakfast. Some of Coffee Time's signature lunch dishes include their Crazy Chicken Salad and delicious Taco Salad. Coffee Time is generally only open for breakfast and lunch, but on Friday nights they have their Fish Fry featuring an excellent Pollock served with handmade coleslaw, special recipe hush puppies, fries, and corn fritters. Swing by Coffee Time and give your cook a break. Enjoy a great breakfast or lunch next time you are out in the Big South Fork area. Coffee Time can be contacted at 931-863-5577.

**Ron's Restaurant & Pizzeria** is the best place in the Big South Fork for pizza and



breadsticks. I don't know about you, but there is nothing like fresh, hand-tossed pizza dough covered with natural ingredients, high

quality mozzarella cheese, and lots of meat, vegetables, and for me - I must have my banana peppers. Ron's Restaurant & Pizzeria is a hit with families. The excellent pizza, breadsticks, lasagna, and all-you-can eat salad bar (for those dieting) is affordable comfort food. Ron Beaty is no stranger to the restaurant business. He's been tossing pizzas and a restaurateur for over 23 years. After retiring from Florida several years ago, he decided to open his own place, catering to the families of Fentress County with his family atmosphere. Every restaurant has their signature dish. Ron's Restaurant & Pizzeria is known for its superb homemade Stromboli's, oozing with cheese and a homemade slow cooked meat sauce. Need a sandwich for on the go or a picnic? Their submarine

sandwiches are way better than the chain store sandwiches, and their all beef, hand formed hamburgers are dripping with flavor. Weekends at Ron's Place offer grilled steaks, extensive salad bar, and delicious baked potatoes. Ron's family atmosphere is evident with the Clarkrange Buffalo's school colors, and the big screen TV's and monitors tuned to the local games and the beloved UT Vols. Come over and kick back, watch a game or two, and enjoy the food and the atmosphere. Their friendly wait staff and delicious food will have you coming back for more. Take out pizza and delivery within a certain area is available. Call Ron's at 931-863-8227. Bon Appétit!

**Plateau DrugCenter and Hallmark Unicorn**



**Shope** is on the eastern side of the river in Oneida, TN. They take great pride in their community and the way they serve their

customers. The full-service drugstore is owned and operated by Bill Dunlap and sons Brent and Blake. This pharmacy has been a family affair for many years and manager, Ken Martin, has transformed the traditional family owned pharmacy into a full fledged gift store, featuring my favorite toy company - high quality educational *Melissa and Doug* toy items, puzzles, trains and doll houses. They also offer a full line of groceries, a great selection of *Hallmark* cards and gifts, handmade chocolates, equestrian décor, accessories, and jewelry. The cabinets out front offer *CASE* knives, custom engraved inspirational items, cast iron cookware and tripods, and western apparel and accessories. Plateau DrugCenter has become the center for equestrian and gift items. Their friendly staff is ready to assist you, help you choose a special gift, or help you find that special perfume, jewelry or accessory to compliment your outfit. They also pride themselves in a full collect of perfumes and colognes, like *Armani*, *Estee Lauder*, *Chanel*, *Givenchy* and more. Also available are name brand note cards (*Leaning Tree* and *Hallmark*) and scrap booking items. Take a drive to Plateau DrugCenter and look around. Purchase a special gift for a child's birthday or just because. While you are in Oneida, make sure to take time to visit Chris over at **Preston's Steakhouse** for a fire-grilled steak, cowboy baked potato, and a delicious salad bar. Don't forget to bring your camera! Visit Plateau DrugCenter on the web at [www.PlateauDrugs.net](http://www.PlateauDrugs.net) or give them a call at 423-569-5555. Preston's Steakhouse's can be reached by phone at 423-569-4158 or online at [www.Go2BSF4Steak.com](http://www.Go2BSF4Steak.com).