

LET'S *Eat* OUT

Porterhouse of Louisiana offers creative dishes and decor

By Helen Wale Turner

Mary Porter has worked in and managed restaurants, including owning a Sicily's Pizza franchise, most of her adult life. Her son David Porter grew up in the restaurant business watching and working by the side of his mother since he was four. So, to them, it was nothing unusual to decide to open a restaurant together.

"It was around February or March of 2011 when I seriously started thinking, 'I'm working hard running a restaurant every day, so I might as well be doing it for myself,'" Mary confided.

David was enthusiastic about the idea and immediately starting working with his mother on a business plan and ideas for the business, including what type of restaurant.

"We originally thought it might be Italian," he said, "but after we started putting together a menu, we seemed to be leaning towards steak and seafood."

Steaks and seafood won out, and after several months of perfecting recipes, the Porters opened Porterhouse of Louisiana Steak and Seafood on October 10 in Denham Springs. The Porterhouse menu includes, fittingly, their signature Porterhouse Special, a 15-oz. Porterhouse steak grilled to your liking, topped with Louisiana crab claws. Their other best seller is their 12-oz. ribeye steak.

If you're in the mood for seafood, they offer grilled or fried catfish or shrimp as well as fried crab claws, fried oysters or a combo platter.

Their Italian leanings are evident in the inclusion of Spinach Lasagna with a rich Alfredo sauce; Sun-Dried Tomato Chicken Alfredo, a pan-fried chicken breast over delicate angel hair pasta with sun-dried tomatoes in a rich mushroom garlic cream sauce; Champagne Shrimp Pasta, angel hair pasta tossed with lush cream sauce made with champagne, mush-




David and Mary Porter show their huge Porterhouse Special topped with crab claws and served with a salad and asparagus spears. On the wall behind them are a few of the many pieces of original artwork from local artists that hang in the restaurant.

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