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rooms, tomatoes, parmesan and green onions and topped with grilled shrimp; and a seasoned sirloin steak served over fettuccine tossed with a béchamel sauce and mixed with pesto, grilled tomatoes, mushrooms and garlic.

While you're waiting on one of these enticing entrées, choose an appetizer such as their crab clippers (deep fried crab clasws), lightening onion (strips of fried purple onions), Southern-fried Pickles, or North & South Fries (Northern steak fries and Southern sweet potato fries topped with cheddar cheese, bacon, sour cream and jalapenos).

You can see that their dishes are creative – as are their listings on the menu. When David was designing the menu, he wrote a descriptive and entertaining blurb for each menu item.

Porterhouse recently started offering weekday lunch specials, and they are already drawing in crowds. Mondays have chicken and dumplings, Tuesdays are country-fried steak with whipped potatoes and gravy, Wednesdays serve up grilled or fried pork chops with rice and gravy and sweet potato casserole, Thursdays present hamburger steak with rice and gravy and bread pudding, and Fridays end the week with shrimp etouffee over fried catfish and rice and a roll. All lunches are \$8 and are served 11 a.m.-2 p.m. – or until they run out of these popular offerings.

Soups, salads and sandwiches round out the generous menu. Check out their Main Street Gumbo, Porterhouse Po-Boy and Cobb Sandwich. They also have tasty vegetarian choices. To top it all off, indulge yourself with one of their decadent homemade

desserts such as Stuffed Strawberries or Death by Chocolate, and sample their custom bar drinks which are creative and refreshing.

Between courses, the Porters encourage you to wander around and enjoy the many art pieces which adorn the walls.

"The art is for sale," Mary noted, "but we don't take any commission. In exchange for hanging their art, we get to enjoy it until it sells, and we get the satisfaction of helping promote local artists."

Mary and David are also enjoying being the owners of a restaurant. David manages the kitchen staff while Mary oversees the morning prep work and lunches. "We're both working dawn to dusk, but we love it," they agreed. "We hope everyone will come visit and give us a try."

The large restaurant has a capacity of about 175 and includes two large seating areas, a bar area and a patio. A banquet room for up to 30 people is available at no charge when meals are purchased. They employ a staff of about 25-30 part time and full time people.

Porterhouse is at 112 S. Range Ave., between Range Ave. and Hummell St., very near the railroad tracks in the old downtown area. The restaurant opens at 11 a.m. seven days a week. During the week they close around 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday evenings they close around around 10 p.m.. The closing times are flexible and depend on the crowd.

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them to wait in the parking lot for their prescriptions while other customers to move through the pick-up line. A secure drop receptacle allows customers to drop off their prescriptions after hours and pick up the filled prescription after the store opens. There are seats for customers who choose to wait inside.

Prescription refills may be called in to 225-667-4286 or ordered online through their website at [www.bernardspharmacy.com](http://www.bernardspharmacy.com). The website is also a resource for information on diseases and conditions, drug information, vitamins and nutrition.

During power outages, a backup generator provides power for the store to remain open and continue processing prescriptions without interruption. In addition, Bernard's has Saturday wholesaler delivery, for those hard-to-find prescriptions written on Fridays.

They carry diabetic products, sick room sup-

plies, over-the-counter medications and can have durable medical equipment such as shower benches, hospital beds and wheelchairs delivered to your door.

Bernard's has an additional important convenience not always available at other pharmacies: drug compounding. Drug compounding is the art and science of mixing one or more drugs in a special formulation to fill a prescription written by a physician. Such custom prescriptions may be needed when a patient has allergies or needs a unique therapeutic dose. When a patient has a problem with their medication being unavailable from a manufacturer or not in the form needed, a compounding pharmacist can prepare the medicine as long as the required chemical powder is available. They are also able to provide compounding for some pet medications.

Bernard's slogan, "Small enough to know you by name, but large enough to serve all your health care needs," is very appropriate.

The store also has a variety of gift items including floral arrangements, jewelry, greeting cards and Circle E candles, and home and personal care items, cosmetics and baby care products.

They accept most major health insurances including Medicaid and Medicare Part D plans. If you don't qualify yet for Medicare Part D, ask about their in-store discount card. The pharmacy is open 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays.

"I would like to express my gratitude to my family of loyal customers who have been with us since we first opened our doors," Bernard said. "We have been successful because of the trust they have placed in us."

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