

# Dining Guide



Owner, Bill Withers, Sr.

## The Woodshed is 'Top of the Line' steak house

The best way to describe The Woodshed is "Top of the Line."

Regionally famous for its steaks and prime ribs, The Woodshed's cuisine is considered by many the best in the county.

Located at 212 S. Main St. in Stanley, The Woodshed has been a fixture for the past 11 years. Companies for miles around bring their employees here for parties, and civic organizations sometimes meet and eat at The Woodshed.

Bill Withers, a former mayor of Stanley, is the owner and manager of The Woodshed.

Besides the beef menu,

The Woodshed has one of the finest salad bars around, with fresh vegetables daily.

A specialty of the house is a mouth-watering tomato and onion sandwich. A wide variety of homemade desserts are prepared daily on the premises.

Meals at The Woodshed can be enjoyed in a rustic setting, highlighted by lots of wood, and electric trains that constantly circle the dining area are a hit with young and old alike.

The Woodshed has an ABC brown-bagging permit for those who wish to take advantage of it. With 440 seats, the restaurant can

serve more diners than any eating establishment in Gaston County.

Customer service is a top priority with Bill Withers. You would be hard put to find anyone who has ever eaten at The Woodshed who didn't enjoy the experience. Ask anyone who has tried it and the answer is almost always something like, "That's the best meal I've had in ages." That indicates consistency in the areas of service and fine food.

The Woodshed is open from 5-10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and prices average \$10-\$18 for entrees.

## Red Lobster is famous for good food and good service

Good food is the most important facet of any good restaurant. That goes without saying, but two major embellishments for the enjoyment of a good meal are quality service and atmosphere.

The Red Lobster Restaurant at 200 N. New Hope Road in Gastonia abounds in excellent cuisine, friendly, helpful service, and its casual wharfside decor provides a relaxing atmosphere which makes dining a pleasurable experience.

Red Lobster is part of the Darden chain which also owns The Olive Garden and the Bahama Breeze in Florida. There are 735 Red Lobster Restaurants in the

U.S., but the 93 employees at the Gastonia location will tell you their's is one of the best.

The Red Lobster specializes in fresh seafood, including shrimp and lobster and a variety of "catch of the day" fish.

Red Lobster is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

The restaurant's new vision beverage service is second to none, and all major credit cards are accepted.

Prices at Red Lobster compare favorably with all area eating establishments. Lunch entrees are \$4.99 to \$8



and dinner prices range from \$10-\$18.

Worried about formal dress and a reservation? Forget it, you don't need either at Red Lobster. You'll still be treated as the most important person in town, and in fact, to the Red Lobster wait staff, you are exactly that.

The strong family attitude of Red Lobster employees make this a perfect place for the entire family to come out and have a delicious meal.

Service with a smile is an old cliche, but it's exactly what you get at Red Lobster, and you won't even have to do the dishes.

## There really is nothing like a good steak at T-Bones

What better name for a steak and ribs restaurant than T-Bones?

Diners in these parts are fortunate, because there are two T-Bones at their disposal.

T-Bones on the Lake is located on Lake Wylie adjacent to Buster Boyd Bridge, and T-Bones Steakhouse and Saloon is located in Franklin Square Shopping Center in Gastonia.

Both restaurants are arranged in a Texas-style decor, and both have a well-deserved reputation for serving excellent food. The laid back western atmosphere lends itself to relaxation and enjoyment.

Alan Presley, Kent Robbins, Haven Presley and Larry Presley own both establishments. David Lovelace manages the Gastonia location; David Mathien and Rob Izzydore

manage T-Bones on the Lake.

Steaks and ribs are cooked Texas-style on a flat-top grill, providing a pleasant aroma which never fails to whet the appetite. The Lake location also has a pasta and seafood menu.

Both restaurants serve a mouth watering array of fresh vegetables and a variety of desserts. Mixed drinks, beer and wine are available to enhance the meal.

The lake facility is accessible by auto or boat. There are plenty of berths for those who would like to come to dinner via the water, and casual dress is welcomed. Business hours are Sunday 1-9 p.m., Monday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

T-Bones on the Lake is an extremely large restaurant

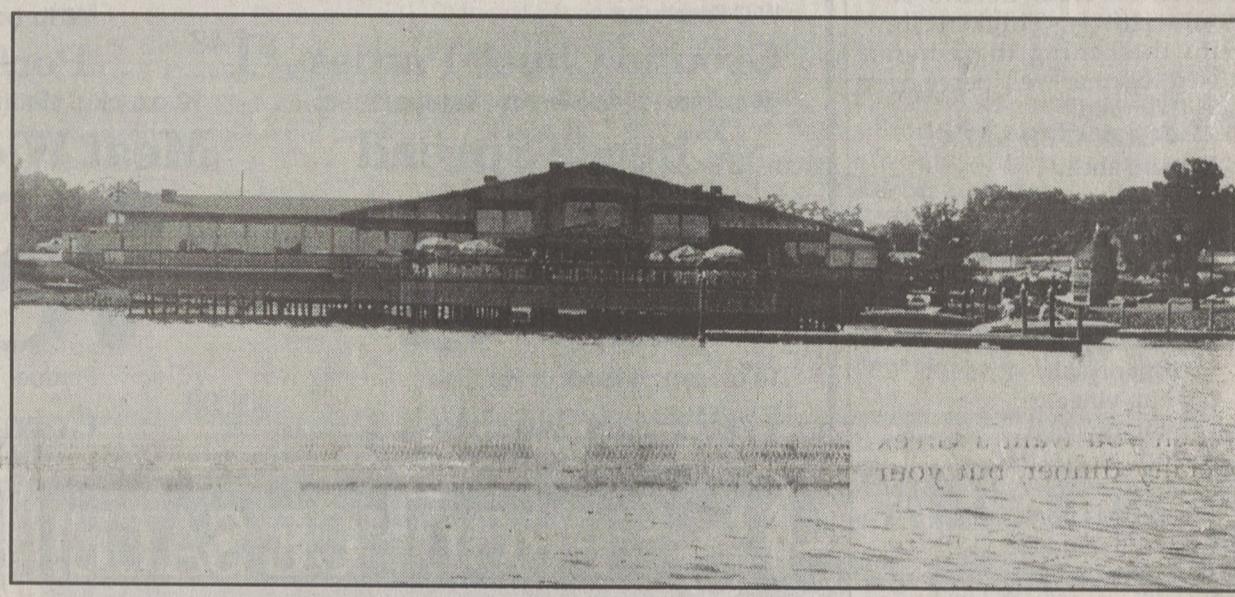
with a private party room which can seat 115. It is a family-style restaurant with family-style prices. For those who enjoy the outdoors, there is a deck over the water. Happy hour is 4-6 p.m.

David Lovelace likes to greet all his customers personally at the Franklin Square restaurant. He can do that because of his able assistant manager, Doug Mallett.

This facility is open Monday from 4-10 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday from 4-11 p.m. and Sunday 3-9 p.m., for dinner only.

T-Bones Steakhouse and Saloon specializes in hand-cut USDA choice beef and Danish baby back ribs.

Reservations are suggested for 12 or more on the lake and 10 or more at Franklin Square.



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