

DINING

Sweet 'Dumplings' serves homemade American fare

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You'll find chicken dumpling soup and apple dumpling on the menu at the newly opened Dumplings' Diner in Westland.

But the reason the diner is called "Dumplings" is sweet, and has nothing to do with food.

"I named it after my husband," said Jackie Enderle who owns the diner with her "Dumpling" Dale.

The couple used to own a bar in Plymouth, Shawn Patrick's, and bought the former Mugg's Restaurant in April.

"We renovated the kitchen," said Enderle. She also wallpapered the restaurant in a cozy tea print — "the closest I'll ever get to owning a tea room," she laughs, and hung lace curtains in the windows.

A small place, that seats only 38 people, it's easy to drive right by on busy Ford Road, not knowing what you're missing. Sit at the counter, or at one of the tables. There's even a tucked away table for two.

On a chilly January afternoon, Enderle's sister Fran is busy in the kitchen chopping carrots and

Dumplings' Diner
Where: 35851 Ford Road, (south of Wayne Road) Westland, (734) 722-9118.
Open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for breakfast only on Sunday.
Menu: Homemade All American fare including soups, sandwiches, spaghetti and meat loaf. Children's menu for kids 12 and under.
Prices: Reasonable. Breakfast \$1.50 to \$4.50; lunch \$4.20 to \$5.25; dinner \$4.50 to \$8.95.
Credit cards: Not accepted, cash only.
Carry-out: Available, 25 cent charge per item for container.

mushrooms by hand for her popular beef barley soup. She also makes the meat loaf and spaghetti.

Customers say eating at Dumplings is just like sitting in someone's kitchen.

"We're making to make it as good as we can," said Enderle. Breakfast specials are offered 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday-Friday.

You can build your own omelet or choose from eggs any style, pancakes, or even homemade corned beef hash.

For lunch, try a salad, the grill, or quiet, and quiet. Dumplings is a place you can afford to take your family to.

— grilled cheese, B.L.T., turkey & Swiss, and burgers.

Friday's fish fry — cod served with French fries and coleslaw for \$5.95 is a big seller.

Almost everything is homemade, even the corned beef for sandwiches. The expanded dinner menu includes chicken strips, grilled chicken breast, chicken Parmesan, turkey dinner, and New York Strip Steak.

For dessert try the Apple Dumpling with cinnamon or custard sauce, or both.

Cozy, quiet, and quiet. Dumplings is a place you can afford to take your family to.



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Just like home: Dale and Jackie Enderle offer homemade meals, just like Mom's, at Dumplings' Diner in Westland.

WHAT'S COOKING

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Pick-A-Bone Rib House & Saloon — 30325 Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 762-RIBS or (734) 762-2069, recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Monday.

Marvin's Bistro — and entertainer Marv Welch present the Johnny Trudell Quintet, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. No cover charge, special Valentine's Day menu, 16900 Middlebelt, (between Five & Six Mile Road) Livonia, (734) 622-5600.

Breadsmith of Metro Detroit — shops are offering Heart-Shaped Chocolate Chip Cherry Bread, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14. Advance orders are recommended. Chocolate Chip

Cherry Bread will also be available in a round shape every Saturday in February at participating Breadsmith Shops.

Detroit locations include Bloomfield (at Maple & Lahar, (248) 540-8001); Dearborn (in the West Village Shoppes, (313) 792-7929); Farmington Hills (on 14 Mile Road just east of Middlebelt, (248) 855-5809); Livonia (at Seven Mile Road and Farmington (248) 422-1100); Plymouth (on Ann Arbor Trail, 1 block west of Main, (734) 354-6980); Rochester (inside Papa Joe's at Rochester and Hamlin, (248) 852-4777); and Troy (on the northwest corner of Long Lake & Livernois (248) 879-8997).

Most Breadsmith shops are closed every Sunday. The Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Livonia, and Rochester bakeries will be open on Valentine's Day.

Old Country Buffet — Celebrates Valentine's Day by offering couples married 50 years or more a free meal and portrait, Sunday or Monday, Feb. 14 or Feb. 15. Just bring your marriage certificate that shows you've been married 50 years or more to Old Country Buffet, 5848 N. Sheldon Road,

Canton, call (734) 207-8737 for information.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe — in Greetkton presents its ninth annual Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday" Masquerade party 8 p.m. to midnight, Tuesday, Feb. 16. Prizes for best costume, live entertainment by a New Orleans jazz band, complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Fishbone's is at the intersection of Monroe and Brush Streets in downtown Detroit. Call (313) 966-4600 for information.

Cajun Night — at the Gaelic League (2052 Michigan Ave. near Tiger Stadium), 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Donation \$15, cash bar. Enjoy gumbo, jambalaya and other dishes, entertainment. Call (734) 284-7595 for reservations.

Bailey's Pub & Grille — Just opened, 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 844-1137. Menu includes salads, soups, sandwiches, gourmet burgers, baby back ribs, pasta dishes, fish & chips, hickory grilled chicken, shrimp on a skewer, broiled or Cajun salmon. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

DINNERS TO GO

If you're counting calories and fat grams, or just someone who likes to eat healthy foods, check out Mr. Pita's new Ultra Lite Sandwiches.

The recently introduced sandwiches average from 2 to 3 grams of fat for a seven-inch sandwich making them among the lowest fat selections in the fast food market.

Mr. Pita's five new Ultra Lite selections include the Grilled Hawaiian Chicken Pita with 2 fat grams; Grilled Raspberry Chicken Pita, 2 fat grams; Ultra Supreme Pita (3-meats), 2.3 fat grams; Chicken and Broccoli Pita, 2.4 fat grams, and the Grilled Chicken Caesar Pita with 2.9 fat grams.

The Ultra Lite varieties range in price from \$3.29 to \$5.49 and

are available in three sizes — 7-inch value size; 9-inch regular size, which contains under 4 fat grams; and a 13-inch jumbo size sandwich with under 7 grams.

"We are very excited about the potential of this new product line," said Frank Lombardo who founded the Sterling Heights based restaurant chain. "There is certainly strong demand for a tasty, low-fat sandwich. We tinkered with the lite line recipe for over a year in order to provide not only a low fat sandwich, but one that was in keeping with Mr. Pita's high standards for taste and quality."

The Ultra Lite sandwiches are now available at participating Mr. Pita locations throughout Michigan. Mr. Pita offers more than 30 other varieties of rolled

pita sandwiches including breakfast sandwiches, a selection of garden salads, hearty soups, desserts and Pita Platters.

Mr. Pita operates 17 locations in Michigan.

The Pasta Stop — A 1998 G.O.L.D. (Great Options in Low Fat Dining) Plate restaurant offers dine-in, carry-out and catering. Located at 23631 Farmington Road (at the corner of Grand River) in Farmington, (248) 477-7600. The Pasta Stop offers a choice of many different pastas and sauces. Italian specialties such as lasagna, stuffed shells, and Gnocchi are also available. Don't know what to make for dinner? Pick up one of their Chicken & Pasta Buckets, which feed four people.

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