

ANNIE'S TRAVELS AT DHL

BAILEY'S MOODYVILLE COUNTRY STORE

Bailey's is one of my favorite general stores in the Moodyville community. Original owner, George Rich started the store in 1955 offering the staples needed for the Moodyville and Clark Mountain residents for many decades. The store continues to be a part of the fabric of this community. Today, Bailey's Moodyville Country Store is owned and operated by Delilah Bailey and family from Ohio. The store offers a full line of Amish cheeses, meats, dairy, honey, homemade jams and jellies, and spices along with homemade fudge and candies — all perfect for a gift basket or for



a good home cooked meal. I love going there and stocking up on spices, grains, and other popular bulk foods found at many Amish and Mennonite stores. They also have antique collectibles, gift items and a full line of popular cookbooks that make perfect gifts and are a must for your cabin, vacation home or houseboat galley. Take a drive over from Jamestown, Albany or Byrdstown along Hwy. 325E and experience a beautiful drive with amazing scenery.

Stop in at Bailey's to get a steaming hot cup of coffee and a biscuit along the way and make sure that you tell Delilah that "Annie" sent you. They also offer home cooked plate lunches which may include soups, chili, catfish, BBQ or many other delicious specials. A couple of my favorite meals are their catfish dinner and the yummy chicken n' dumplings. Bailey's Moodyville Country Store still offers your general staples like milk, eggs, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, butter and more for those last minute items. You can reach them by phone at (931) 864-3697.

DALE HOLLOW BBQ



Top of Cedar Hill at Dale Hollow Lake has become the "fun" place to be with Dale Hollow BBQ and GT's Sports Bar and Grill teaming up to offer several events throughout the year. Both offer excellent food and entertainment within walking distance of several marinas. Diane Mowers and her cook, Rick, have been serving up delicious BBQ on Dale Hollow Lake for over ten years — succulent pulled and sliced pork, chicken, and an amazing BBQ ham that is out of this world. Locals and visitors order the BBQ ham for family reunions, weddings, holidays, and picnics. The taste is amazing and gives Honey Baked Ham a run for their money! The sides are all home made and generous, including coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad and more. Rick is known for his amazing carving abilities. He won first prize at the Monroe Co. Watermelon Festival this year! He carves fish, baby carriages, fire trucks and decorative watermelon fruit bowls for special events, family reunions, weddings and competition. Dale Hollow BBQ loves to cater. They have done so for several years, including business functions, family gatherings, weddings, company events, and have had a lot of fun over the years setting up at the Putnam County Fair. Dale Hollow BBQ is the original BBQ at Dale Hollow Lake. It is within walking distance of Dale Hollow Marina and Cedar Hill Resort. (931) 243-2297

DELMONACO WINERY

DelMonaco Winery and Vineyards is the newest winery and vineyard in the Dale Hollow Lake region. Owners Barbara and David DelMonaco had always dreamed of owning a winery, where folks could gather, celebrate life, and enjoy

the company of good friends in a quiet, peaceful, and relaxing setting. DelMonaco Winery opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 15th, 2008 with great acclaim. The winery sits on 52 acres just minutes from I-40 and Cookeville, TN— and less than one hour from several Dale Hollow Lake marinas. They have been blessed to bring a charming young man, Mr. Dominic Burke, from South Africa to be their professional wine maker. With his over 10 years of experience in producing top quality, international award winning wines, the Dale Hollow Lake region will be sure to benefit from his quality wines, charming accent and great personality. DelMonaco Winery also has fantastic meeting facilities, with a huge gathering



room with a spiraling staircase, circular balconies, French doors and views opening up to the vineyards. The Bella room seats up to 300 people, with tables and chairs provided. The McNellis room, perfect for board meetings and small gatherings, seats 70 people, and the Jackson and Johnson rooms are perfect for smaller gatherings of 20-40 people. All gathering rooms have access to a speaker's lounge/bridal lounge, exquisite restrooms, and a catering kitchen. DelMonaco Winery is wheelchair accessible including an elevator to bring all guests to every area of their fantastic winery. DelMonaco Winery produces nine quality wines from dry to off-dry and sweet with a great gift store offering gift baskets, tours and tastings, plus beautiful vistas of the Cumberland Plateau. For a special day trip, special event or just a trip to DelMonaco to get a few bottles of wine for dinner or a picnic, visit the DelMonacos or say hello to the first South African vintner in Tennessee—Dominic. Tell them "Annie" sent you.

Enjoy! DelMonaco Winery can be reached at 931-858-1177 or on the web at www.DelMonacoWinery.com.

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DUTCH COUNTRY



Dutch Country Store in Celina offers some neat Dale Hollow Lake souvenirs that you are not likely to find elsewhere. The store is owned and operated by Eli Schmucker, also owner of the Dutch Country Mattress manufacturing facility in Celina which manufactures 100% USA made mattresses. The Dutch Country Store offers other high quality, Amish made items, including a great selection of handmade Skinner Sav — which is an old time remedy. They also have a great selection of old fashioned Amish popcorn poppers with a variety of corn to use in them, along with gift sets which include the old fashioned popper. Remember the days before microwave popcorn, when you put just a little bit of oil in the pan, added about a half cup or so of popcorn into the heated oil, and then you listened for that first kernel to pop? Your mouth watering from the awesome aroma, as you anxiously waited for the popping to slow. Well, you don't have to just remember anymore, they have a wide variety of popcorn and the popper to take you back in time for a nice bowl of hot buttered popcorn. Other unique souvenirs include fish signs, walking staffs, candles and more! When you are in Celina, stop by and take a look around at their quality mattresses, gift items and more! (931) 243-4425

HITCHIN' POST CAFÉ

The Hitchin Post Café is the newest addition to the Valley of the Three Forks region of Pall Mall, TN. Just a short drive from Dale Hollow Lake or the Big South Fork, this is sure to be a favorite day trip visiting Sgt. York's home place, museum,

gristmill and the breathtakingly beautiful valley. Darby, Caesar and their staff are ready to serve up some succulent Southwestern food with slow roasted barbecue, an excellent southwest Indian pita type bread and lots of trimmings. They fell in love with the valley and knew that they had to settle there when the restau-



rant came up for sale. Celebrating their grand opening during the first annual Sgt. York Day, Darby and her crew served up hot barbecue, Indian pitas, and piping hot chocolate and coffee. They will be serving up daily plate specials and are ready to serve you when you visit the beautiful valley. (931) 752-2829

JOE'S PUMPKIN BARN



Joe's Pumpkin Barn & BBQ continues to cater throughout the region featuring his famous Texas beef brisket. His love of people and his desire to travel around the region have furthered his catering business and have him hopping around the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. However, Joe still loves pumpkin season. He loves to see the children come out and paint pumpkins, play while they pick their special pumpkin for Halloween, fall festivities and decorations. Go by and say hello to Joe and make sure that you let him know that "Annie" sent you. (606) 340-8701.

THE JUJU BEAN CAFÉ



The JuJu Bean Café is Dale Hollow Lake's most unique café located in Celina, TN. I was absolutely wowed during a recent visit. This is a real gem, offering the Starbucks' junkie an excellent alternative — a unique place to get a "real coffee" at Dale Hollow Lake. Owner, Catlyn Thomas and girls, Dakota and Sky, have "poured" their love and passion into what started out as an enchanted garden center offering a wide variety of plants, herbs and shrubbery; adding a charming café and coffee shop. The choice of Panini's, fresh salads, soups, espresso drinks and smoothies are excellent and the latte that Catlyn prepared for me was superb. My taste buds were smiling when I took my first bite of my portabella and provolone Panini dressed with red onion, fresh spinach, tomatoes and zesty wasabi mayo. Most of the vegetables and all of the fresh herbs come from their garden. Fresh meats and cheeses are used to compliment every sandwich and salad. I was so excited to hear that the choice of fresh soups that day included an Indian vegetable soup with a hint of curry, ginger and coriander. There was also a delicious andouille sausage and vegetable soup. The choice of soups varies day to day. Some of their popular drinks during the summer are their juju glacial drink and their groovy smoothies. They have some awesome flavors including the Caribbean colada, peach, mango and the popular a.p.b, which is an acai, pomegranate and blueberry smoothie made with a fresh fruit base. This is the perfect place to hang out and sip your coffee, read the newspaper, check emails and have a bite to eat. Occasionally on a Friday or Saturday evening, The JuJu Bean Café offers acoustic musical entertainment. Come on down. They are located in the Brickhouse on 812 E. Lake Ave. in Celina, TN. (931) 243-5077

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MAIN STREET DELI



Main Street Deli has a new owner — the owner of Wolf River Grill. The business has recently undergone major renovations that reflect the ambience that Wolf River Grill is known for, plus a great expanded menu. Owner Fred Almeyor and Pansy are offering delicious sandwiches that have big city taste and creativity, but at small town prices. Main Street Deli offers delicious Reuben's with hand carved corned beef on delicious rye bread, topped off with just the right amount of sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and Thousand Island dressing. One of their best sellers is the Italian focaccia sandwich made on a sun dried tomato focaccia topped with salami, ham and turkey with a slice of red onion, Swiss cheese and special sauce. Their Philly Cheese Steak sandwich is loaded with Philly steak, onions, green peppers, mushrooms and provolone cheese. Excellent! Fred claims to be a pizza connoisseur and Main Street Deli's pizzas are made with fresh ingredients; cheeses and toppings are piled on and then cooked to perfection — an excellent meal for the family or office. My favorite is the "Maui" — a perfect blend of ham, pineapple, onions and cheeses. They also offer appetizers, hand formed beef burgers, chicken tenders and much more. They offer some of the best lunch options around even on Sunday afternoons. Call in your orders to Main Street Deli and pick up lunch to take to your boat, cabin, office, or on your way home or before enjoying a Friday night out on the town. The porch is also a great place to have a birthday party, special event or just enjoy the relaxing atmosphere while you take in the local scenery. Main Street Deli can be contacted by phoning, (931) 864-DELI.

OVERTON RESTAURANT

Overton Restaurant has been serving some delicious home cooked meals for many years. Pat and Bill Clark owned and operated the restaurant from 1958 until their recent retirement. New owners, Valerie Kingery, her brother Richard, and her grandma have been in the restaurant business for most of their lives. They love cooking and serving quality home cooked



meals. Some of their specialties include hamburger steaks, cheeseburgers, catfish dinners and sirloin steaks. They are really proud of their fried chicken, which uses her grandma's secret recipe. Patrons from near and far come regularly for their fried chicken and all the fixings. They make homemade cobblers daily, including apple, cherry, strawberry and my favorite peach, served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. They serve breakfast all day and are open 7 days a week from 5:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Valerie and her team invite you to share a meal at the Overton Restaurant and let them serve you with a quality meal and great service with a smile. Overton Restaurant adjoins the Overton Motel and is at the junction of Hwy. 52 in Livingston. (931) 823-4964

PARKWAY RESTAURANT

The Parkway Family Restaurant in Livingston, TN is a special place that offers authentic, home cooked meals lovingly prepared by Joann and Kelly Jones. Jo has been in the restaurant business her whole life, working for Ms. Emma Stover, previous owner of the Parkway Restaurant. However Kelly, Jo's husband, never worked in the restaurant business until he met the love of his life and moved from Canada. The couple met playing cards



on-line and started a friendship that turned into a relationship which led to their marriage on July 14, 2007. 9 days later they jumped in with both feet and bought the Parkway Restaurant.

We all love to have our comfort foods, especially when we are sick, feeling blue or just in the mood. I can tell you that their breakfast is superb. Kelly made me an absolutely delicious western style omelet that hung over my plate. Kelly grinned when he served this one up to me; he knew that I would love it! I never had an omelet that I liked more than my own before, but I have now. Grant, also a lover of all things breakfast, dug into his delicious French toast. Blake, who is not a breakfast fan, ordered a hand formed, Angus burger that came loaded with all the fixin's. This put a big smile on his face, too.

The Parkway Restaurant is known for their weekend catfish dinners. Folks drive from all over to enjoy their scrumptious catfish. Their coleslaw is very good — not too much mayonnaise and just the right tangy ingredients to compliment the fish and hushpuppies. They also have a rib eye steak special on Friday nights and breakfast all day long.

Jo and Kelly believe in quality food, good service and hospitality and it shows. Their customers continue to come back for the excellent food, wonderful hospitality and great service. The Parkway Restaurant caters to businesses and functions in the area and also has a side room, perfect for parties, reunions, baby showers and other family/business functions. They are open 6 days a week — closed on Mondays. The restaurant business is demanding; however, Jo and Kelly love the people they serve and love being in the business. Stop in and tell them "Hi from Annie" and make sure to have one of their delicious omelets, burgers or their catfish dinner. (931) 823-9414

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UNCLE JACK'S BBQ



Uncle Jack's B.B.Q. is the new home of the award winning Rocking "C" Barbecue team. They offer some of the best beef briskets on Dale Hollow Lake. They are conveniently located on Hwy. 127, in Static (on the state line between Kentucky and Tennessee). Clifton and wife, Sherry, moved from Texas several years ago after Clifton inherited his Uncle Jack's home in Tennessee. They opened Uncle Jack's in December 2007. Clifton and Sherry know how to cook Texas BBQ and had been winning a lot of cook-offs and participating in many fundraising events feeding 50-1,000 people at each event before relocating. They decided to buy a small house in Static, which they have lovingly fixed up to be one of the hottest BBQ spots on Dale Hollow Lake. The secret to any BBQ is the sauce and the way the meat is cooked. Theirs is slow cooked to perfection in a specially made smoker; mesquite and hickory are their magic ingredients that give the Jack's meat its smoky, succulent, tender qualities. Several times a year, Clifton and Sherry go to Texas to pick up a load of Mesquite. Their beef brisket melts in your mouth. The other meats are also very delicious, topped off with their special mild or spicy BBQ sauce, which is ketchup based with an excellent blend of spices. They offer sliced shoulder, pulled pork and chicken, BBQ ribs and lots of homemade sides. Some of my favorites are their tangy homemade coleslaw, baked beans, and Texas Toast. Clifton cooks the meat for 8-12 hours or more, and is often seen behind the restaurant at his smoker lovingly tending to the meat. Uncle Jack's also offers breakfast Wednesday through Sunday, but they are closed on Monday and Tuesday. Uncle Jack's loves to cater, do special events, reunions or be part of festivals and events around the region. Uncle Jack's can be contacted by phoning, (606) 387-4005.

THE KLASSIC SHOP

The Klassic Shop has been serving the Albany and Dale Hollow Lake area for 26 years with big city fashion, accessories, shoes and lots of fashion sense. Elegant and charming, Frances Sewell loves to serve her clients. Daughter, Melissa and granddaughter, Kiley have been helping her put outfits together and have helped with the store most of their lives. This store is a must on the shopping circuit while at Dale Hollow Lake! You will find name brand clothing and the extra service that we love, plus the latest fashions from the markets in Atlanta. Granddaughter, Kiley loves to go to market



with her grandma and has since she was two years old. Kiley has worked side by side her grandma and has learned the business well. Today, Kiley chooses most of the outfits at market, keeping a running tab on what is spent, and what purchases have been made while in Atlanta. She is a delightful young lady, full of wisdom, intelligence, and a real eye for fashion. What has kept this family clothing store going all these years? It is undoubtedly the service, the quality of clothing, the latest fashions, plus Frances and her team make their customers feel special. Frances has been known to go above and beyond to allow her frequent clients the opportunity to experience the latest styles. Sometimes, she just can't wait to show them that special outfit. What people enjoy most is having their expert assistance with that perfect outfit for a special event, vacation or first date! Go see Frances and tell her that "Annie" sent you. The Klassic Shop is located in downtown Albany, across from the courthouse. Happy Shopping! (606) 387-5112

DHL STATE RESORT PARK



Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park continues to be the favorite 18 hole signature golf course at Dale Hollow Lake. It is known as one of the finest scenic courses in the state of Kentucky. This course meanders through rolling hills with fantastic lake views and is impeccably groomed. Golfing at Dale Hollow Lake is inexpensive for the quality of the course. It continues to be a favorite among the boaters and visitors to the region. Call ahead to the new modern marina, pull into the new ship store, and have Robin and his crew dock your boat and help you with your clubs then take you to the new modern clubhouse. This is a great day trip with golfing in the morning, eating at the scrumptious buffet at the lodge for lunch followed by more boating, swimming and fishing in the afternoon. Call ahead to reserve your tee time and tell the folks at Dale Hollow State Resort Park Golf Course that "Annie" sent you. (800) 325-2282 or (270) 433-7431

SGT. YORK DAY



Sgt. York Day is one of the newest events in the Dale Hollow Lake region, celebrating and honoring Sgt. York's accomplishments in the Argonne forest of France during World War I. He is the most decorated soldier and hero during World War I. This decorated soldier came back to his humble beginnings in the beautiful Val-

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ley of the Three Forks in Pall Mall, TN and vowed to make a difference for the children's education in Fentress County and Tennessee. The school that he painstakingly built upon his return still stands adjacent to the York Institute in Jamestown, TN. It is the only state funded school in Tennessee. The first annual Sgt. York Day 2008 celebrated his 90th anniversary by unveiling the bust sculpted by Mr. Barnes, speeches made by many dignitaries and veterans, and the unveiling of the commemorative knife that is now on sale on the website, www.sgtyork.org. Sgt. York Day offered many craft vendors, music, food, military artifacts, and tours of the old home place, museum, the gravesite and much more. Sgt. York Day is a must in the fall with the blanket of color surrounding the valley and a perfect festival to enjoy the fall harvest. For more information and to plan for the 2009 celebration, visit www.sgtyork.org.

SIERRA HULL

Sierra Hull, Dale Hollow Lake's childhood prodigy is now a senior in high school. She has dazzled the bluegrass world since an early age. Recently nominated for the International Bluegrass Music Association's Mandolin Player of the Year, she continues to be one of the top mandolin players in the world, delighting bluegrass fans with her beautiful voice and remarkable talent. Sierra recently toured Japan after being invited to play for passionate bluegrass fans from Tokyo, Nagoya and many other Japanese cities. The Japa-

nese liaison to the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA), also representing the famous bluegrass "Moonshiners" magazine, acted as their host, interpreter, and scheduler. Sierra and her Hwy. 111 band, which includes brother, Cody and several other gifted musicians, enjoyed this cultural experience and were honored to have so many enthusiastic fans listening to their music.

Sierra started playing the mandolin at age eight and quickly stood out as being a highly gifted and talented musician. She has toured with Allison Krauss and recently recorded and released an album with Rounder Records called "Secrets" with accomplished musician Ron Block.



Sierra Hull is a very humble, beautiful young lady who is looking forward to additional touring, perhaps in Europe and other parts of the world. She just wants to share her passion with everyone. Sierra Hull and Hwy. 111 were recently honored to play at the famous Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN and have a couple of concerts booked in Oregon and New York at the beginning of 2009. I have been following Sierra's success from the beginning and I must say that she is extremely blessed by God as a gifted musician and wonderful human being. God is an important part of Sierra and her family's lives. She recently had the honor of playing Billy Graham's sister in "Billy: The Early Years". Awards have flooded this talented young lady. For more information on her concert schedule and more, visit her website, www.sierrahull.com, and don't forget to purchase her latest CD "Secrets" available at the Shell in Byrdstown, her website, and at Amazon.com.

BUG TUSSLE, KY



(Shared with us by one of our readers.)
BY: CAROL DYER HALL

BUGTUSSLE, KY When most people hear the word Bugtussle, they first start to laugh because they think you're joking! Then you have to stop them to explain that it is actually a beautiful little community located between Gamaliel, Kentucky and Lafayette, Tennessee with population being approximately 100 people! The Bugtussle General Store was a little store owned and operated by Ray and Geneva Cropper for over 50 years. It was the center of the community and a place my sisters and my brother and I walked to nearly everyday as children. Like most small communities in rural areas, the people in the Bugtussle community are not just neighbors, they are family. This little store did actually sell bologna sandwiches and coca-cola once upon a time, but the memories and stories of all the people that were brought together over the years because of it, well that was free of charge. Come and visit us in Bugtussle, Kentucky sometime. We're friendly folk. I think you'll love it. I do.

