

Lori's Picks



The Ugly Rooster Café

We all seem to love the new breed of café eateries that offer the quaint and cozy charm of yesteryear, while featuring comfort foods with a trendy take. The Ugly Rooster Café in Mechanicville is just such a place. From the food to the ambiance, this is one of my new favorite dining destinations!

A fun and family-friendly vibe is undeniable at The Ugly Rooster Café. Whether you desire breakfast or lunch, the warm and nostalgic surroundings make The Ugly Rooster Café that special spot you will find yourself going to time and time again. You can take advantage of the Wi-Fi and get some work done or catch up with a friend while enjoying the fabulous food. The plaid table tops and window treatments add to the whimsical décor that has an unmistakable rooster theme, right down to the rooster salt and pepper shakers on the tables. The case highlighting chef and proprietor Ariel Pagan's house-made special order cakes was a feast for the eyes beyond belief. My oh my, those heavenly

concoctions looked as though they would more than delight anyone's sweet tooth!

The Ugly Rooster Café features breakfast and lunch menu items that run the gamut. The breakfast options include huevos rancheros; eggs Benedict; and a panini featuring scrambled eggs, prosciutto, and provolone; not to mention new takes on pancakes and French toast that sounded nothing short of sublime. The lunch menu, again, offered a plethora of choices from guiltless eggplant parmigiana and Cajun catfish to house-made soups and chili, specialty sandwiches, tacos, burritos, salads, and moos and clucks ... or more commonly known as hamburgers or chicken breast sandwiches with inventive and tempting toppings.

My companion and I went to The Ugly Rooster on a weekday. We arrived between the typical breakfast and lunch times thinking they might be a little slower, but no such luck. The place was packed and we soon found out why. We were promptly seated and loved perusing the eclectic menu. The

prices seemed too good to be true, but we had heard wonderful things about The Ugly Rooster Café and were looking forward to trying it out. I decided to go with a breakfast option, as breakfast is served all day. The French toast choices were impressive, but I could not resist Nick's famous French toast. Homemade thick sliced bread, layered with your choice of strawberries, blueberries, cinnamon apples, fresh sliced banana, and pastry cream. I decided to have mine with the fresh strawberries and blueberries and I have never relished French toast more. The delectable bread was ideal and the plentiful amounts of strawberries and blueberries were complemented so beautifully by the pastry cream. It was a breakfast masterpiece. The portion was so generous that I could not finish my last piece, but believe me, I did take it home. My robust cup of coffee was just the thing to complete my breakfast fantasy! My companion selected the Mechanicville special burger from the lunch menu—lunch is also served all day! This behemoth burger was served with avocado, bacon, tomato, and ranch dressing and served on a hard roll with lettuce, tomato, and your choice of a deli salad or fries of the day. My companion could not get over the size and quality of his burger for the price. He inhaled each bite of its juicy goodness and his scrumptious fries.

The Ugly Rooster Café is truly a find. The quality of the food, portions, unbeatable prices, stellar service, and appealing ambiance make this little eatery an absolute must!



Located on 159 North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY

We are Open for Breakfast and Lunch!

Saturday & Sunday 7am to 3pm | Monday Thru Friday 6am to 3pm

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