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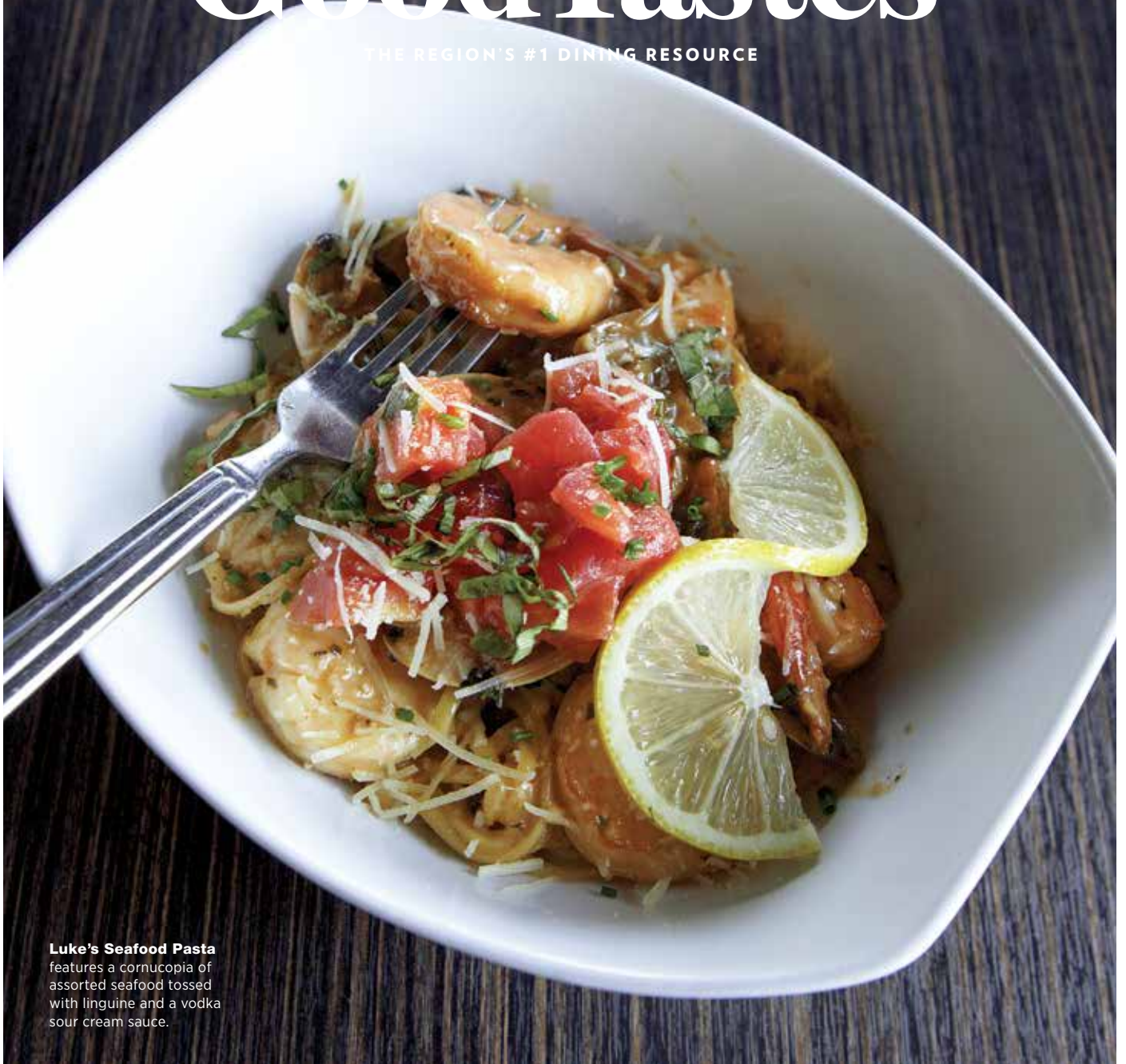


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Luke's Seafood Pasta features a cornucopia of assorted seafood tossed with linguine and a vodka sour cream sauce.

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Top Flight

Luke's on Front offers American fusion fare and a rooftop view.

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■ Chris and Kelly Cusack's restaurant, Luke's on Front, is on the fourth floor of a building which looks out on Old Town Temecula Front Street. It's a huge space with ample room for banquets along with a full bar and specialty cocktails.

On a recent visit we started with the Ahi Tartare Taco, an interesting take on the Hawaiian classic of ahi poke. Here, strips of fresh ahi are lightly seared and dressed with sesame seeds and Thai sweet chili sauce accompanied by a pool of wasabi cream cheese sauce drizzled with sriracha and served over microgreens with two large crispy rice paper tacos. Kelly suggests mixing all the ingredients together and tossing them into the rice paper taco shells.

If you're in the mood for a sandwich or burger, there are plenty on the menu. Larry's BBQ Meatloaf Sandwich includes swiss cheese and barbecue sauce with lettuce and tomato and served on a grilled sourdough toasted Parmesan bun. The Chopped Chicken and Walnut Sandwich is made with candied walnuts, vinegar soaked red onions, apples, and organic