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**Chef's Dish Chef/Owner Tim Creehan**

**Restaurants:** Creehan's Copper Grill, Bluz, Great Event Center and Beach Walk Crystal Beach

**Honors:** 2006 Culinary Hospitality Award in Fine Dining (Sante Magazine); 2006, DiRoNA Award; 2006 Golden Spoon Award (Florida Trend Magazine), among others.

**Years in industry:** 26 years

**Years working in South Walton:** Four

**Have you had a mentor?** Renowned Chef Philippe Parola, president of Chef Philippe's Culinary Institute

**Describe your cooking style:** Simple and elegant flavors from Louisiana, Italy, France and Asia.

**What makes you passionate about food?** Everything: it's my life and has been since I was about 10. I'm never satisfied with my cooking and always trying to improve and learn.


**Three ingredients you can't live without:** Garlic, tomatoes and cream

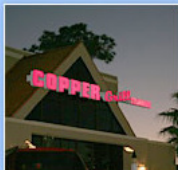
**Why do you think it's important to use local ingredients?** Our local ingredients are the best and the freshest available.

**How would you describe the atmosphere in your restaurants?** Elegant and comfortable.

**What's the most popular item on your menu?** The seared tuna signature dish ties with our fried green tomato.

**Most memorable celebrity diners?** Vince Gill and Amy Grant hired me 15 days prior to their wedding date to cater the event. Their favorite dishes are now known as grouper Vince and Amy's tuna wontons.





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