Linda’s serves as a home-style favorite

By Will Wade
Around The Town

Students say if you’re looking for a hearty home-style meal Linda’s is the place to go.

Linda Sheppard opened Linda’s 20 years ago and since then not too much has changed. Linda’s has stuck to serving 100 percent real foods. 

“Linda’s food reminds me of my mom’s food,” UNC student Lyndsay Gustavson said.

She added she goes to Linda’s to eat comfort food and feels like she is at home.

“I love that I get when I go into Linda’s. So many people speak to me and I never feel like a stranger,” Gustavson added.

A lot of customers help out at the restaurant for four years. She makes everyone laugh and smile and is a great asset to the restaurant.

Linda’s Restaurant serves home-style meals through Friday. Customers say the best day to go to Linda’s is Tuesday.

On Tuesdays, Linda’s serves Fried Chicken of the Day and Tuesday is a local favorite that UNC junior Alex Padilla’s family frequents.

“When you go to Linda’s you have to try the Fried Chicken. You just have to try it,” Padilla said.

He added he used to never get the chicken and pastry one day a week, but Linda offered him for try it and he loved it. He said he goes every Tuesday for the bright yellow gravy with flat noodle.

Every Friday, Linda’s serves another local favorite, carlish and spots. Linda’s offers a buffet that is available Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 

Power plant closing brings clearer air, questions for area

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The air in Robeson County and around Lumberton is now a little cleaner after Progress Energy Carolina shut the doors on its W.H. Weatherpoon coal-fired plant at the end of September.

The closing of the Weatherpoon plant is first such retirement under the utility’s fleet-modernization effort that many wouldn’t consider happening this year. 

“The concerts and parks are always great, but on our World right down the road,” Bill Johnson, chairman, president and CEO of Progress Energy, said in a press release on the company’s website.

“The hundreds of employees who have worked at Weatherpoon or the valley have been closely tied to the Robeson County and the region, and the plant’s long and productive life has been a testament to their outstanding dedication to safety, efficiency and reliable service,” he added.

Company officials have said that the plan’s 51 employees have found other jobs within Progress Energy or have retired, according to Lauren Bradford, a spokesperson for Progress Energy.

Bradford said that Weatherpoon moved up the Weatherpoon plant closing and that the future will bring lower emission costs to the region.

“The key benefit will be cleaner air,” Bradford said. “Carbon dioxide will be cut back 40 to 50 percent, which will have 95 percent less nitrogen oxides and sulfur and mercury will virtually be eliminated,” she added.

By Charlotte Williams

The power plant closing is happening at Disney World right down the road. “This was our third trip to the Orlando music festivals, rock the World right down the road,” Miray said.

Marcy’s picture.