



In the Clarence's kitchen, cooks whip up everything from

Memories Made

For 40 years, Clarence's has offered good food, service

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Generations of locals can recall enjoying a drink of ice cream cone from the walk-up window on a summer day. Even more have fond memories of one dog at, even better, digging into a plate piled with biscuits and gravy while the older men at the rounded counter "tollies."

These memories aren't from a time or a business that existed long ago. Memories like these can still be made today at Clarence's Drive-In, in Unicoi, which has been a cultural pillar in the community for the past four decades.

"It's a good business," said Teresa Collins, whose family has owned the business for the past 40 years. "It's been good to our family. We have a lot of good customers. Even with the economy our business hasn't slowed -- probably because we're more reasonable than some."

While the prices may be reasonable, the eatery's character is what sets it apart. *More on CLARENCE'S, Page 2 B*

"We have customers, loyal customers, people who come every Saturday, Sunday day. It's just running that's the estate"



Teresa Collins stands outside Clarence's Drive-In

Jerry and Teresa Collins stand outside Clarence's Drive-In



Above the counter, a customer gets orders from the server.

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