



Westside Fish & Chips

The longest family owned and operated restaurant in Huntsville! est. 1979



The Westside Story

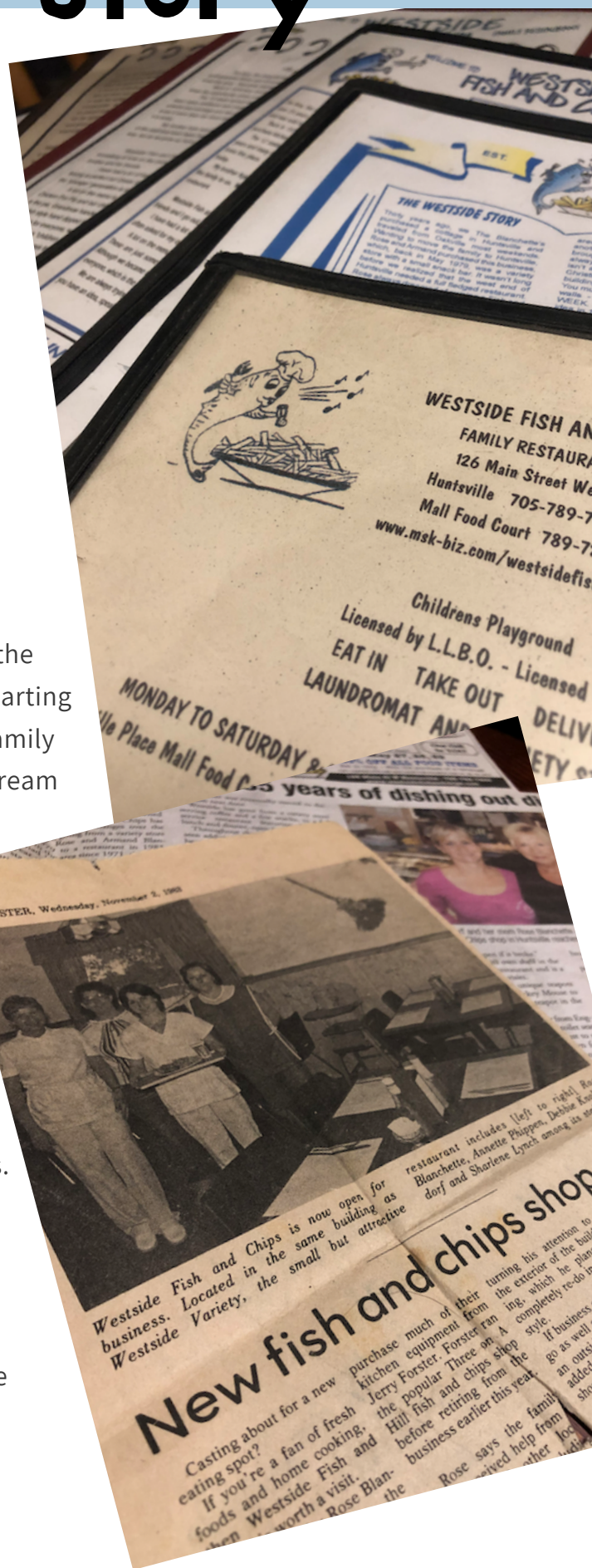
Rose and Armand Blanchette, along with one of their daughters, Debbie Knobelsdorf permanently moved to Huntsville in 1979, after falling in love with the area cottaging in Huntsville since 1971.

When an opportunity arose for them to purchase a variety store named Westside Variety, the family decided to join the ranks of local. It soon became apparent that there was a demand for a restaurant in that side of town, and they decided to add a small take-out menu within the store. The menu was basic, but the need was being met in that end of town. Westside Variety was a hot spot for an afternoon snack.

There were two fish and chip shops already in Huntsville; however, in 1982, one closed down. The old restaurant sold the family all of their kitchen equipment. Rose had a dream of starting her own fish and chip restaurant, as she had a beloved old family recipe for English-style batter. With this turn in events her dream finally came to be. Westside Fish and Chips was born.

The decision was made to make the variety store smaller and start the restaurant with 12 seats, which was eventually turned into the 52 seats it is today (plus a fully licensed patio). In 1992, the restaurant outgrew the variety store and a home next door was purchased and the store moved over to it's present location.

There have been many additions and changes over the years. Eventually the whole family settled in Huntsville. Rose and Armand now enjoy the retired life, while Debbie runs the restaurant, with the help of her dedicated employees, including her sister Sharon. Westside is a small town gem, that is more than the fish and chips that made it famous. The menu boasts a large variety of items, with award-winning dishes, delicious breakfast and freshly baked in house pies.



Quality FOOD



"Best fish in Huntsville."

"The fish was excellent, batter was crispy, fries were perfectly done and the coleslaw was great."

*"Save some room
for some amazing
homemade pie!"*

**"Westside is our
'go to'
for fish and chips."**



*"If we eat out with out of town
friends we avoid chain
restaurants and always bring
them to Westside. We love the
food, service and atmosphere."*

Award-winning Buttermilk Tarts



*"Food is the
greatest and
service is
exceptional."*



A quirky Ma and Pa shop with personality



the first teapot!



trivia cards
at every table



Truly family-friendly



toys and playground for kids!



fun painted ceiling
tiles by Armand



Community- Minded

Westside cares deeply about the Huntsville community and is very involved in charitable giving, supporting local initiatives and being active within the community. The list runs long but we wanted to highlight a few key endeavours.



Proud Rotarian

Debbie has been involved in Rotary in Huntsville for 10 years, and was the President in 2013. Westside, and Debbie dedicate a great deal of time and resources to Rotary, which in turn serves and donates to many community efforts and organizations.



A Small Business that Truly Cares about the Community

Small businesses are frequently asked to donate to charities, school events, fundraisers, organizations, etc. Westside is proud to support every request. Examples include Lions Clubs, Muskoka Novel Marathon (a fundraiser for literacy), and Hospice.

Muskoka
Novel
Marathon



Writers Supporting Readers



Circles Muskoka

Westside supports a local initiative from YWCA Muskoka called Circles that supports individuals moving their way out of poverty. We donate pies once a month to the group, and were selected to be part of their Gift A Meal pilot program where patrons can purchase meals for community members in need.



Success Made Possible by Staff and Customers

Westside is a great place to work!

Westside cares deeply about their staff. Debbie and Rose work hard to ensure their staff are happy in their jobs. They offer bonuses, benefits, and a rotating 3-week schedule. These are things that are hard to find in the restaurant industry! Some staff members have been part of the Westside family for over 20 years, and one even for 30! Happy staff shows in the great service!

Sam has worked for us for close to 15 years!



a throw back of Lynn! She's been at Westside for 30 years!



Sister Sharon has been at Westside 20 years in 2020!

It's fun to be a customer at Westside!

Westside frequently has fun promotions and contests. Including Win Free Meals for a Year, paddle boards, tablets, and most recently Halley (after Halibut!) the Elf came around and hid around the restaurant at Christmas for a chance to win a gift certificate! This was such a success a bunny was brought out at Easter, and a fish at their 40th anniversary!



Westside has a database of over 3200 customers! Every month Debbie mails out birthday to an average of 300 customers to offer a free dessert!

