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Restaurant Invests in Defibrillator

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A Limestone County restaurant is investing in the health of its customers. No, it's not a new menu item, but rather a wall fixture. Hot grease sizzles in the kitchen of Greenbrier Restaurant--not exactly a dieter's dream, but those with heart problems can find something on the menu here they may not find in other restaurants.

"You're one of the restaurants, businesses we know with this type of equipment," explains Paramedic Brett Kinser. He gives workers step by step instructions on how to operate a defibrillator.

Waitress Mary Beth Gilliam knows what it's like to feel helpless when a customer is suffering a heart attack. She witnessed a lady collapse at the restaurant's front door. "Later on they called and said she died. Didn't pull through. It was a massive heart attack, I believe."

That's when restaurant owners decided to invest in a two thousand dollar defibrillator. When used properly, the device can send shock waves to recharge a failing heart. Once all employees are trained on the equipment, customers could see their favorite waitress turn into a hero.

While the food at Greenbrier may not be the healthiest to eat, it could well be the healthiest place to be in the event of a heart attack.

By the way, restaurant owners also bought another defibrillator for their other restaurant, the Catfish Inn in Athens.

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