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For a true Charburger, race to Foster's Grille

by Carol Lewis

I was seeing red recently. And, no, I was not mad at my husband.

Red is the color at the new Foster's Grille in the Turning Point Center in Urbana.

The restaurant is billed as family-friendly with high quality food, excellent service, affordable prices and a clean environment. We found all to be true.

Manager Guye Memmott was emphatic about bringing children of all ages to the restaurant. He said the atmosphere is made for them. Noise, crying and spills are not a problem. He wants parents to be relaxed while they enjoy their meal.

As you enter, a friendly employee hands you a red pencil and a menu. You first mark your seating choice — inside, outside or takeout — and, once seated, you proceed to make the food selections.

Listed below your name on the personalized menu are all of Foster's offerings. You check off your item of choice, and circle desired toppings and condiments, all included in the price.

Sandwiches include Foster's signature "old fashioned Charburger" (\$7.99), famous grilled hot dog (\$5.90), chicken sandwich (\$8.95), oven roasted turkey or roast beef (\$7.95), and a garden burger (\$7.25). Also available are the house salad (\$4.95), a grilled chicken salad (\$8.95), authentic Buffalo wings (12 for \$8.99), a side salad (\$2.99) and extra fries (\$3.50).

Daily specials are listed on a board behind the serving counter.

A lite fare and kid's menu includes your choice of grilled cheese, a 4 oz. burger, chicken fingers or a hot dog.

All sandwiches are served with fries and a fountain drink. Lemonade is available as is draft beer and extra thick vanilla, strawberry or chocolate milkshakes. One free refill on soft drinks is allowed with anything extra adding 25 cents to the bill.

Prices are reasonable and the service is swift.

After making your selections, you proceed to the ordering counter and leave the menu with the friendly employees.



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Matthew Speak of Jefferson holds the Charburger with fries at Foster's Grille in Urbana

Meals are delivered to your table.

I felt obligated to try the signature Charburger and was not disappointed. It was thick and juicy and advertised as being 1/2 pound of meat. I believe this was true.

My husband enjoyed his chicken sandwich with mayonnaise, mustard, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and cheese.

The fries were especially good — crispy and very hot. Extra fries are available with your choice of chili or cheese for an additional 75 cents.

If you prefer, you can substitute a salad for fries for an additional 95 cents.

Our milkshakes (\$3.50 each) can only be described as the thickest in the area. My husband was glad Foster's provided spoons. We did not have the energy or the time to consume the shakes with the straw that was also provided.

Mr. Memmott said the wings are made with Frank's authentic Red Hot Sauce — the original Buffalo, New York sauce. Along with a meal-sized order, they can also be purchased in quantity.

Red neon signs announce the location of Foster's Grille. Servers wear red shirts, plastic serving baskets are red and the tops of the interesting tables are predominantly red.

Foster's Grille sponsors a racing team in Virginia. At the Urbana restaurant, you will find the shell of a real racing car suspended upside down from the ceiling. Vintage advertisements, an antique baby buggy, and a large gasoline sign also demand attention.

Large televisions provide sports related entertainment.

Happy Hour is held from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and offers \$1.75 domestic beers, \$2.75 premium beers and \$3.50 super beers, with 12 different beers on tap, and wings for 10 cents a piece.

Shawn Foster, CEO of Foster's Grille and onetime Executive Chef of The Palms Restaurant in Atlanta, Ga., conceived the idea of the restaurant. His mission statement: "Foster's Grille is committed to providing our guests with the highest quality food and energetic service in a clean, relaxed and upbeat family-friendly neighborhood style grill."

The people of Frederick County, and especially Urbana, can be assured that Foster's Grille is living up to that statement.

Welcome!

Foster's Grille

8925 Fingerboard Road (Turning Point Center), Urbana

240-699-0194

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Happy Hour 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday

Most major credit cards

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Non-smoking