

ENJOY GOOD SOUTHERN BARBEQUE RIVERSIDE



MORGANTON, NORTH CAROLINA

# JUDGE'S RIVERSIDE

## The Legacy of Judge Verbon Fulenwider

Judge's Riverside is Morganton's icon for good southern barbeque. It began as an idea which grew from a passionate dream born nearly 30 years ago, and thrives today to honor the spirit of a loved one.

In 1981 Walter Bell, an insurance agent and a good Fulenwider family friend, wanted a barbeque restaurant in Morganton and thought it would be an excellent project for local restaurateur Judge Verbon Fulenwider (affectionately referred to by friends and family as "J.V."). J.V. however, was not convinced.

July, 1982, the idea of a barbeque restaurant was again discussed at a cook-out at the Fulenwider's home. A smoker was borrowed from an establishment in Hickory and used to prepare the meal. Upon hearing the compliments and much positive feedback, J.V. became enthused about bringing the famed barbeque to Morganton.

Since Morganton didn't have a barbeque restaurant, J.V., Walter, and J.V.'s two sons, Russ and Mike went to Savannah, Georgia in August to visit Johnny Harris's BBQ to get a feel for the business. After a tour of their restaurant and BBQ sauce factory, and after speaking with the owner of the company, J.V. was on fire. He adopted this project with great passion and looked to the future to bring this dream into reality.

Sadly, on September 28, 1982, J.V. Fulenwider, legend, loved one, and motivated entrepreneur, passed silently in his sleep. Family and friends mourned the loss and his dream of the restaurant drifted quietly away with him.

Walter, Mike, and Russ slowly began to look back at J.V.'s last project and were determined to see it rise to success, to become his legacy. The three men saw an opportunity to honor a great man, a man who loved life, a dear husband, father and friend. Therefore, to attribute the foundations on which this task was upheld, the men decided to name the future establishment Judge's BBQ, Inc.

Mike began scouting for a location and Russ bought a smoker and, assisted by Walter, worked to establish a name for Judge's BBQ. They contacted John Green in Boone, requesting permission to be a vendor at the High County Mountain Festival in Boone. Green happily invited them but informed them that they were not allowed to prepare or sell barbeque because another vendor had already been approved for these sales. Walter and Russ then transported their smoker to Boone and received very few customers with their smoked chicken and ribs, while the barbeque vendor was never without business. In desperation, the men pulled their meat from the bone, bought buns and created Judge's



famous smoked chicken and rib sandwiches. Their business greatly increased and began to drown out the barbeque vendor. The vendor actually left before the festival was over due to the losses in revenue created by Judge's first successful service.

Mike was contacted about Morganton's old Riverside Fish Camp. J. H. McCombs offered to rent out the building and surrounding land to the Fulenwidiers. Mike was quite familiar with the Fish Camp. J.V. was very fond of the restaurant and often took him and Russ out to the restaurant to eat. The men agreed it was the perfect location for Judge's restaurant.

While the facility was under construction, Russ was selling BBQ from his smoker on the street corners of Morganton. Judge's BBQ quickly became well-known for its quality.

The Fish Camp, however, underwent heavy construction to create Judge's BBQ. It became a one story structure with a front and back dining room, an open service station, and an enclosed kitchen with Russ's smoker.

On February 7, 1986, Judge's BBQ opened for business and got plenty of it. In 1990, the upper dining room, bar and deck were constructed to assist their many customers. Mid-2003, the additional outside shed was built for outside entertainment, caterings, fund raisers, and weddings. The future was bright, the business was thriving, and J.V.'s dream of a successful barbeque restaurant was finally an appreciated reality.

Unfortunately the flood of September 7, 2004 ruined the restaurant, Rusty's old smoker and possibly the dream. However, the establishment did not become a lost cause. Many hours of hard work built Judge's up again and on February 14, 2006, Judge's BBQ reopened.

Fulenwider Enterprises continued Judge's legacy by expanding his restaurant into a chain on February 9, 2009. Judge's BBQ Express and Catering Restaurants in Valdese and in Hickory focuses on quality food, customer service, and excellence in catering.

However, some of the history still exists at Morganton's location. The Riverside Fish Camp sign still hangs above the hostess stand, the floods high water mark of 2004 was made into a border that runs throughout the building, and a charcoal drawing of Judge Verbon Fulenwider hangs on the wall in the front foyer.

The future for Judge's BBQ continues to look bright and J.V. Fulenwider's dream continues to be a valued reality to his family and our community.

# PRELIMINARY HEARINGS



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## Riverside Original Sampler

Create your own sampler. Choose up to 4 of the following items: wings, chicken tenders, cheese sticks, onion rings, fried pickles and fried mushrooms.

Sampler for 2 - \$9.99 | Sampler for 4 - \$15.99

## Fried Pickles

Pickles dipped in a crunchy crispy batter with a delicious dipping sauce, choice of spears or chips. \$5.99

## Signature Mozzarella Sticks

4 hand cut, freshly breaded mozzarella cheese sticks, fried to a golden brown, served with our homemade marinara sauce. \$5.99

## Chicken Finger Basket

5 hand breaded tenders served with honey mustard. \$5.99

## Onion Rings

Hand sliced onions, batter dipped and fried to perfection, served with our delicious homemade onion sauce. \$5.99

## River Chips

A heaping amount of our famous homemade potato chips fried to perfection. \$5.99

## Fried Mushrooms

Hand breaded mushrooms lightly battered and golden fried, served with our special sauce. \$5.99

## \* Sliders

Mix or match Cheeseburger, BBQ, or Chicken Tenders  
2 for \$5.00 | 4 for \$8.99 | 6 for \$13.99

## Famous Chargrilled Wings

Your choice of spicy buffalo or tangy BBQ sauce.  
(Larger quantities available) 6 for \$5.99 | 12 for \$10.99

## SOUPS

**Brunswick Stew** \$4.49

**Soup of the Day** \$4.99  
Please ask your server

## SALADS

### Greek Salad

Spring mix tossed with feta cheese, black olives, grape tomatoes and pepperoncini topped with grilled chicken and special Greek Dressing. \$9.99

### Grilled Chicken Salad

Iceberg lettuce topped with Grilled Chicken, mixed cheese, grape tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers, sliced egg, and onions. \$9.99

### Chef Salad

Iceberg lettuce topped with Turkey and Ham, mixed cheese, grape tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers, sliced egg, and onions. \$9.99

## SALAD BAR

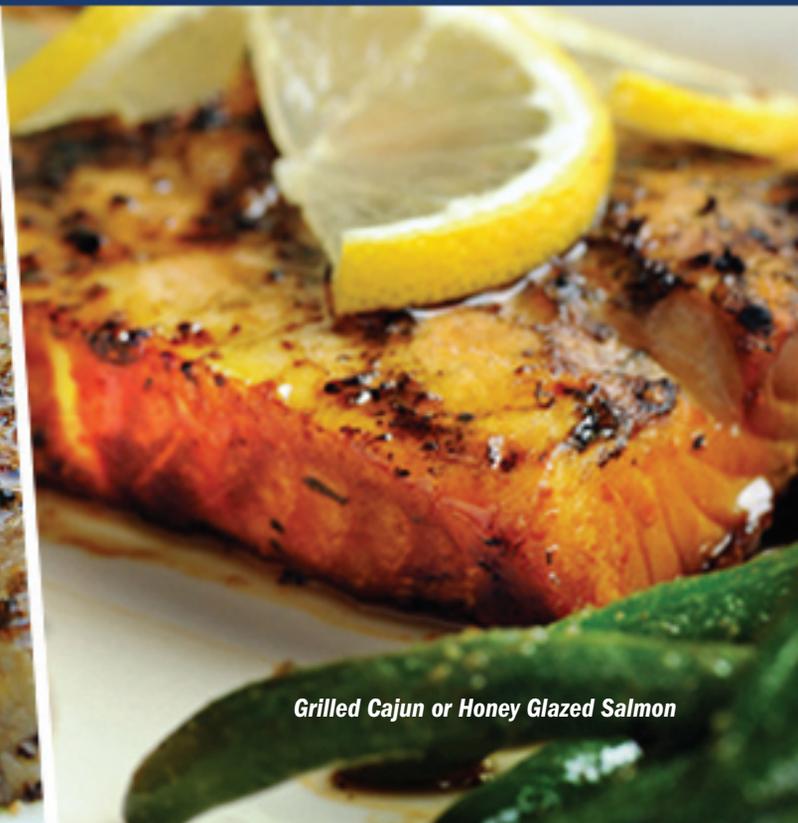
**Fresh Crisp Salad Bar** \$6.99

**Add Salad Bar to any Entrée** \$3.99

# JUDGE'S DECISION



12 oz Ribeye



Grilled Cajun or Honey Glazed Salmon

All steaks are Chargrilled to order and served with your choice of two sides and toasted garlic bread.

**\* 12 oz. Black Angus Ribeye**

\$21.99

**\* Sirloin Tips**

Your choice of peppers and onions or mushroom gravy. \$11.99

**\* Fried Shrimp**

10 shrimp hand battered and deep fried with your choice of two side items and hushpuppies. \$13.99

**\* Shrimp & Flounder Combo**

6 shrimp battered and deep fried with a flounder filet fried or broiled, with your choice of two side items and hushpuppies. \$13.99

**\* Grilled Cajun or Honey Glazed Salmon**

Grilled 8 oz. filet with your choice of two sides and toasted garlic bread. \$15.99

**\* Flounder**

Fried or broiled filet, served with your choice of two sides items and hushpuppies. \$12.49

**\* Pasta**

Vegetables Alfredo \$9.99

Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo \$12.99

Chicken Parmesan with Marinara Sauce \$12.99

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## EVIDENCE

No substitute on salad bar as a side item. \$2.25 each

Steam Mixed Vegetables  
White or Red Slaw  
Potato Salad  
Baked Sweet Potato  
Sweet Potato Casserole

Baked Beans  
Baked Idaho Potato  
Sautéed Green Bean Almandine  
Onion Rings  
House Salad

Seasoned Fries  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Seasoned River Chips  
Potato Wedges

# THE DOCKET



*Judge's Famous Ribs*



*Smoked 1/2 Chicken*

All entrees are served with your choice of two sides and hushuppies.

## **Smoked 1/2 Chicken**

Our famous half chicken served with your choice of two sides and hushuppies. \$10.49

## **Judge's Famous Ribs**

A full rack of our meaty slow cooked ribs smothered with BBQ sauce and your choice of two sides and hushuppies.

Full Rack - \$24.99 | Half Rack - \$16.99

### **Ribs Only** (no sides)

Full Rack - \$21.99 | Half Rack - \$14.99

## **Chicken Tenders**

Just the way you like them. Hand breaded and fried, with your choice of two sides and hushuppies. 3-\$6.99 | 5-\$9.99

## **Pork BBQ Plate**

Judge's classic BBQ served with your choice of two sides and hushuppies. Small - \$8.49 | Large - \$10.49

## **Grilled Honey Chicken**

Boneless chicken breast basted in honey mustard and topped with bacon, mushrooms, mixed cheese, and your choice of two side items and hushuppies. \$9.99

## **The Judge**

BBQ pork, BBQ ribs, and a smoked chicken quarter served with your choice of two side items and hushuppies. \$14.99

## **The Judge Combo**

BBQ pork, and 2 Chicken Tenders served with your choice of two side items and hushuppies. \$8.99

## **Texas Style Beef Brisket**

Served with your choice of 2 sides and hushuppies. Ask your server about our Burnt In Style \$13.59



*Texas Style Beef Brisket*

# LIGHT SENTENCES



Riverside Club Sandwich



Famous Reuben

All burgers and sandwiches are served with your choice of one side item.

## \* Classic Burger / Cheeseburger

Grilled burger topped with lettuce, tomato, American cheese, and onion. \$8.49 | Add Bacon \$8.99

## Smoked Chicken Sandwich

Smoked chicken piled on a sourdough roll and served with seasoned fries. \$7.99

## Famous Reuben

Your choice of turkey or corned beef served on a marble rye bread topped with sauerkraut, melted Swiss cheese, and Judge's special sauce. \$9.49

## BBQ Pork Sandwich

Chopped or pulled served with a two ounce portion of cole slaw. \$7.99

## Classic Chicken Sandwich

Our grilled chicken breast topped with lettuce, tomato and onion. \$7.99

## Riverside Club Sandwich

Generous portions of Turkey, Ham, Bacon, Swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato served on our toasted bread, with one side item. \$9.49

## Pepper Jack Cajun Chicken Sandwich

Our grilled chicken breast topped with lettuce, tomato, and pepper jack cheese. \$8.49

## Texas Style Beef Brisket Sandwich

Thinly sliced beef brisket served on a sourdough bun. \$8.49

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## JUVENILE COURT

Ages 12 and under

Each kids meal is served with one side item, a dessert, and a drink.

Macaroni & Cheese \$3.99

Judge's Jr. Burger · Judge's Jr. BBQ · Judge's Jr. Chicken Finger Sandwich

One Mini - \$3.99 | Two Mini's - \$5.99

# WITNESS BOX

**Homemade Banana Pudding** \$3.99

**Cookie Skillet** \$4.99

**Chocolate Fudge Pie with  
Ice Cream** \$3.99



*Cookie Skillet*

## THE CHAMBERS

## TRIALS

### WINE SELECTION

#### HOUSE SPECIALS

Glass \$4.00 | Bottle \$16.00

#### PREMIUM

Glass \$7.00 | Bottle \$28.00

### BOTTLED BEER

#### DOMESTIC

\$3.00 Each

Bud Light  
Budweiser

Miller Lite  
Yuengling

#### DRAFT

\$2.50 Each  
Pabst Blue Ribbon  
Miller Lite

\$3.50 Each  
Blue Moon  
Redds Apple Ale

#### IMPORTS

\$3.50 Each  
Heineken

**Bottle Water** \$1.25

**Sweet and Unsweet Tea**

**Coffee | Soft Drinks**

\$1.89 Each

# JUDGE'S Riverside

## CATERING

**For all your Catering Occasions,  
let Judge's do the cooking for you.  
Call 828-433-5798 for more information.**

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Please be aware that consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs significantly increases your risk of foodborne illness; especially if you have certain medical conditions.

# LUNCH MENU



Pork BBQ Sandwich



Fish & Chips

Served from 11:00 AM until 3:30 PM - Monday thru Friday

## Chopped Pork BBQ

Judge's classic BBQ Plate served with one side item and hushpuppies. \$7.49

## Smoked Chicken Breast Quarter

Our famous smoked chicken served with one side item and hushpuppies. \$8.49

## \* Fish & Chips

Lightly breaded, tender white fish served with homemade river chips. \$7.49

## Judge's Lunch Combo

2 Chicken Tenders, BBQ Pork with your choice of one side item and hushpuppies. \$7.49

## Reuben Sandwich

Your choice of turkey or corned beef served on a marble rye bread topped with sauerkraut, melted Swiss cheese, and Judge's special sauce. \$8.99

## Chicken Tender Sandwich

Our double hand breaded chicken tenders fried to perfection, served on our homemade sourdough bun with one side item. \$6.99

## Buffalo Chicken Wrap

Grilled or deep fried chicken strips dipped in buffalo sauce and served with one side item. \$7.99

## Riverside Club Sandwich

Generous portions of Turkey, Ham, Bacon, Swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato served on our toasted Rye bread, with one side item. \$8.99

## \* Classic Cheeseburger

Grilled burger topped with lettuce, tomato, American cheese, and onion on a homemade sourdough bun, served with one side item. 7.49

## Pork BBQ Sandwich

Chopped or pulled served on our homemade sourdough bun, with one side item. \$7.49

## Smoked Chicken Sandwich

Smoked chicken piled on a sour dough roll and served with seasoned fries. \$6.99

## Brunswick Stew

\$3.99

## Soup of the Day

\$3.99

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## Fresh Crisp Salad Bar a la carte

\$6.99

## Add Salad Bar to any Entrée

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