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'Savory Summer'

## Lumberjack's repeats as Best Summer Dining Spot

North Tonawanda eatery takes top prize in annual NFP contest



Lumberjack's Waterfront Patio Grill's burger and fries are award-winning favorites. Diners have a can't-beat view while eating at the NT restaurant.

**BY JOSHUA MALONI**  
GM/Managing Editor

Lumberjack's Waterfront Patio Grill is the place to go for a relaxing lunch or a fun dinner. Its 100% Angus burgers taste the way burgers should taste: juicy and beefy. French fries are crispy and seasoned perfectly – and your burger comes with a basket full of them. The staff is friendly and attentive, checking to make sure you have everything you need – even delivering food to your table. Guests can sit inside, or dine outside on a patio with a view that can't be beat.

For the second year in a row, Lumberjack's took the top prize in Niagara Frontier Publications' "Savory Summer" food contest: Best Summer Dining Spot. Our audience cited the North Tonawanda eatery for its sensational seasonal ambiance.

Owner/operator Carol Tallichet said, "I'm overwhelmed; I'm flattered; and I thank everyone out here that voted in favor of us, because it's a very special honor."

She explained, "I always



stress the most important thing in a restaurant are your customers. And all of my customers we value; we value their patronage to our restaurant. We treat each and every one of them as special people in our lives."

At Lumberjack's, both return patrons and newcomers are treated like longtime friends.

"As they walk in the door,

we always welcome them to our place. 'Welcome to Lumberjack's,' Tallichet said. "If they're new, we walk through the menu with them, ask them if they have any questions, explain everything to them."

She added, "We have boaters that come and they side-tie next to the restaurant. We have the

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Pictured at the Brickyard Pub & BBQ are, from left, Steve Matthews, Ken Bryan and Eric Matthews. Bryan is holding "The Ultimate" platter, which includes a heaping mound of pulled pork, succulent half-rack of St. Louis-style ribs, tender brisket and a savory barbecued half-chicken. Served with two sides and cornbread, this mound of food is enough to feed a couple for a full week.

## Brickyard wins Best BBQ for second year

BBC focusing on banquets

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Over the course of its first two decades in Lewiston, about the only thing that's changed at the Brickyard Pub & BBQ is the location of the bar.

Owners Ken Bryan and Eric Matthews cite consistency as a prime reason why their Center Street eatery was named Best BBQ for a second year in Niagara Frontier Publications' "Savory Summer" culinary contest.

"It was 20 years ago ... and it was all about, at the time, there was no, or very-limited, barbecue in the area. We thought it was a perfect fit for Lewiston," Bryan said. "We ran with it. It's been going ever since."

Matthews said, "Honestly, going golfing in Rochester 20-25 years ago, we used to go golfing a lot in Rochester and stop at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que. So, we kind of thought that barbecue would be a pretty good thing in our area, because there really wasn't much in Buffalo, except for I think Fat Bob's and One-Eyed Jacks were the only two around. Beef on weck and wings were kind of overplayed. You couldn't just do another thing. We had Tin Pan. We kind of specialized with American fare over there. We wanted something different."

The Brickyard staff could've used ordinary cooking equipment to make the pulled pork,



chicken, brisket or turkey, but Bryan and Matthews opted to go all out as they went all in.

Bryan said, "I think, for people traveling into the area, and then people that know and like barbecue, they know good barbecue. So, we knew we had to do it good and right, right out of the gate. There was no holding back at the time or trying to half-do it."

Matthews said, "We got a hold of Southern Pride, and we've

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