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Jimmy's has great ribs

CHICKEN IS A WINNER, TOO, AT NEW BARBECUE PLACE ON PLAINFIELD



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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Most people don't eat a pound of ribs for lunch. As I discovered, there's a good reason for that.

I visited Jimmy's Redneck Ribs 'n' Chicken, a new take-out barbecue place on Plainfield Avenue, on a tip that they serve excellent ribs. I picked up a one-pound order — named a "fifth wheel portion" on the menu — for \$7.95, scarfed them down back at the office, then tried to work for the rest of the afternoon.

Before long, I realized my error. My eyelids drooped, my concentration wavered and I struggled to stifle

belches of stuffed contentment. Which means, of course, Jimmy's did its job. The ribs are marvelous, coated in a sweet barbecue sauce and with meat so tender it falls off the bone.

My guest, fellow Press glutton John Serba, ordered a half chicken — a thigh, a wing, a breast and a drumstick — for \$7.95. Both orders came with a piece of cornbread. I added a half-pound order of redskin potato salad for \$1.95, and we split half of a Texas sheetcake (\$2.95 for half, \$5.50 for full), an impossibly rich chocolate dessert that we managed to enjoy despite having already gorged on meat.

Serba enjoyed his chicken, noting the meat was tender enough to eat with the plastic knife and fork that were provided.



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Pour it on: Manager Martha Snyder adds a "down-home" touch to Jimmy's ribs.

The locally owned restaurant has been open for about a month, and manager Martha Snyder said the "down-home homemade ribs" have attracted repeat customers.

Count me among them. Jimmy's just might make redneck fans of all us city folk.

Get the menu — At the restaurant, online at jimmysribsandchicken.com

Place your order — In person or by phone (356-1332)

The wait — About 10 minutes

Fighting traffic — Plainfield can be tricky, but there's ample parking.

Packaging/extras included — The meat came in sturdy plastic containers, and the sides were served in plastic tubs. The dessert came in a pie tin. Everything was bagged, and napkins, plastic silverware and wet wipes were included.

Specials/best bets — The Family Meal Deal offers a full chicken, a pound of ribs, four small sides, cornbread and soda for \$18.95. The All That and a Bag of Chips combo offers a pound of any of the res-

IF YOU GO

Jimmy's Redneck Ribs 'n' Chicken

Where: 1309 Plainfield Ave. NE

Hours: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday

Credit cards accepted: All major

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taurant's meats along with two small sides, cornbread, a drink and chips for \$9.95.

Verdict — The barbecue at Jimmy's is hearty, flavorful and affordable. Get the ribs for dinner or for lunch (as long as you have the afternoon free for a meat-induced nap).

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