

Burgers are likely to make a big impression at The Times Grill

The Times Grill at 9A and Baymeadows Road is quietly making a name for itself. The chain known for its made-to-order burgers made Jacksonville one of its first ventures outside Louisiana.

I recently stopped by and had the All Jacked Up burger. It's a half-pound burger that sits on grilled onions and is topped with pepperjack cheese. It was juicy and very satisfying. Burgers come with a choice of fries or potato salad. The big chunks of red-skinned potatoes gave



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the salad heft.

The Times Grill also features a Creamy Crawfish and Pepperjack Soup that had just the

right bite.

A challenge for only the biggest of eaters is the Wall of Fame Burger. It's a 1½-pound burger that costs \$16.99. Finish it (most don't), and you'll have your picture placed on the restaurant's Wall of Fame.

Besides burgers, the Times Grill offers wraps, salads and seafood. The sit-down restaurant has a separate full bar and a few large, flat-screen televisions around the dining room.

The Times also has an interesting concept. The staff puts

a two-sided disk on your table that reads "Stop" and "Go." To get a server to stop by, put the "stop" side up. If you're all set, put the "go" side up.

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Last week's Food Fight fundraiser for the Second Harvest Food Bank at the football stadium was a great gathering for foodies. I didn't see restaurants serving the same dish. That's seldom the case at similar functions.

Early numbers have the event raising between \$50,000 and

\$60,000. With matching grants and bulk food purchases, that translates to about 200,000 meals, said event organizer Eddie Fink.

There were plenty of highlights. The Filet Mignon at Ruth's Chris melted in my mouth. Twisted Martini offered Fried Oysters on the Half Shell. Biscottis served Thai Chicken Burgers with a Sesame Ginger Aioli. The aroma of garlic from

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