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Tulsa decorator Charles Faudree shares his wisdom.

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CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE
It's a family affair at the Flamingo Lounge in Enid, where cheeseburgers and chili are favorites for residents throughout northwest Oklahoma.

eats like a dessert. **S** 415 West Chickasha Avenue, (405) 224-8288 or crazy@cafe.com. —KIMBERLY HICKERSON, ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

El Charro in Canton

Growing up in Fairview, this was the closest authentic Mexican restaurant we had. It's high-quality food at a low price that makes it worth the short drive, and the family that runs it is always friendly and hospitable. **S** 119 North Broadway, (580) 886-3223. —JAKE ADAMSON, ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Fireside Dining in Ardmore

Oklahoma is blessed to have so many restaurants worth driving out of the way to visit. Fireside Dining is certainly among the best. Just south of Ardmore near picturesque Lake Murray, Fireside is a delight. A rustic but casually elegant environment frames the occasion for excellent wood-fire-grilled steak, seafood, and more. **SS** Lake Murray Village, (580) 226-4070. —BRIAN C. BROWN, ADVERTISING DIRECTOR

Flamingo Lounge in Enid

I'm not the first person to note that a burger at the Flamingo is a rite of passage for Enid residents of all ages. They aren't as greasy as they were in the 1980s, but the waitresses are friendly as ever, and a game of pool is the perfect way to wait for the most famous royale with cheese in northwest Oklahoma. My colleague Jake Adamson, originally from Fairview, loves the Flamingo's chili and buys the bar's frozen chili bricks by the armful. **S** 520 South Van Buren Street, (580) 234-9006. —LOUISA

Fuji Japanese Restaurant in Edmond

I love sushi! This restaurant is near my house, so I like to go there for *maki* rolls and sashimi. They even have a roll called the Megan Roll. **S** 2805 South Broadway, (405) 348-7688 or fuji-japaneserestaurant.com. —MEGAN ROSSMAN, ASSOCIATE EDITOR

George's Happy Hog Barbeque in Oklahoma City

George's serves the best barbecue beans and sauce I have ever put in my mouth. The prices are fair, and though they don't serve pulled pork, you don't miss it much because everything is so good. **S** 712 Culbertson Drive, (405) 525-8111. —MEGAN

Greek House in Norman

A year ago a terrible internet rumor surfaced: Greek House was closing. Fortunately, the owners had a change of heart and decided to serve the best gyro sandwich found anywhere on the planet. A Norman staple since the 1970s. **S** 768 Jenkins Avenue, (405) 364-6300. —BRIAN

Green Onion in Tulsa

This isn't your typical prom-night fine dining. Green Onion has an incomparable wait staff, a lengthy wine list, and some of the best entrées in the state. **SS** 4532 East Fifty-first Street, (918) 481-3338 or greenoniontulsa.net. —ADAM GAULT, ASSISTANT PRODUCTION MANAGER

Boulevard Cafeteria in Oklahoma City

I grew up eating once or twice a week at Richill's Cafeteria in Enid. I loved that place, and I have similar feelings about Boulevard in Midtown. The ladies in the line almost universally love children, and kids can pick and choose a variety of foods to their heart's content. Boulevard is easy, yummy, and everyone is friendly. Can't beat that. Or the pumpkin pie! **S** 525 Northwest Eleventh Street, (405) 239-6861. —LOUISA MCCUNE-ELMORE, EDITOR IN CHIEF

Brookside by Day in Tulsa

I often stop here for breakfast when I'm in Tulsa. The down-home atmosphere is welcoming, and the food is hearty. **S** 3313 South Peoria Avenue, (918) 745-9989. —JOAN HENDERSON, PUBLISHER

Ciao! in Tulsa

A beautiful, romantic restaurant in Brookside with excellent service and even better food. The garlic lemon chicken melts in the mouth, and the balsamic strawberries with mascarpone whipped cream are a surprising combination that takes the idea of dessert to a new level. **SS** 3308 South Peoria Avenue, (918) 293-9333 or ciao-brookside.com. —STEFFIE CORCORAN, SENIOR EDITOR

Classen Grill in Oklahoma City

I know a good chicken-fried steak when I see one, and boy, have I tasted a bunch. Hands down, my favorite chicken-fried steak is at Classen Grill. The meat has a good flavor, and the seasonings are light, but the best part is the hand-breaded, crispy golden crust. **S** 5124 Classen Circle, (405) 842-0428 or classengrill.com. —ELIZABETH ERWIN, ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

The Coach House in Nichols Hills

Every year on our anniversary, my husband and I have dinner at one of Oklahoma's finest restaurants, just the two of us—no kids, no clients, no friends, no colleagues, and hopefully no iPhones. So far, the Coach House has been my favorite by a long shot. Service is impeccable, the food masterful. Diners should plan to spend at least a couple of hours; the essence of lunch or dinner here is as much in languoring over great conversation as in the classic haute cuisine. **SSSS** 6437 Avondale Drive, (405) 842-1000 or thecoachhouseokc.com. —LOUISA

Crazy 8 Café & Coffee House in Chickasha

I love the Crazy 8 Salad. With dried cranberries, bleu cheese, and glazed pecans topped with honey mustard dressing, it's a salad that