

PAOLUCCI'S RESTAURANT has been serving Italian recipes since 1983 that came to America with Grandma Paolucci in 1894. 113 S. 3rd, **Atchison**. Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. 913.367.6105. paoluccibegley.com.

PHO HOA is the most renowned Vietnamese restaurant in the state and uses fresh ingredients from the local Asian market. 713 E. Fulton, **Garden City**. Daily (except Wed.), 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 620.276.3393.

The **PRAIRIE NUT HUT** has a widespread reputation, since the 1960s, for serving Mountain Oysters and being a colorful cafe. 1306 Quincy, **Altoona**. Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 620.568.2900.

More people come to Simpson than live there to eat **TRAPPER'S BAR & GRILL** charcoal grilled steaks, chicken fried steaks, and ribs and more. 304 S. Elkhorn, **Simpson**. Tues.-Sat. 8 a.m.-10 p.m. 785.593.6678.

WHEATFIELD'S BAKERY CAFÉ is a nationally-ranked artisan bakery and serves healthy meals featuring the baked goods. 904 Vermont, **Lawrence**. 785.841.5553. Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. (Breakfast served until 11 a.m.); Sat. 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sun. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Breakfast served until 1 p.m. on weekends. Wheatfieldsbakery.com.



ABOUT THE KANSAS SAMPLER FOUNDATION

The mission of the foundation is to preserve, sustain and grow rural culture in Kansas and to educate Kansans about Kansas.

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8 WONDERS OF KANSAS CUISINE

Is one of eight contests used to help educate the world about Kansas and to encourage Kansas travel.

The contests correspond with the Kansas Sampler Foundation's 8 rural culture elements used to help communities assess who they are and what they have.

Architecture*

Art*

Commerce*

Cuisine*

Customs - Vote Sep. 3-Oct. 15

Geography - Vote Jan 7-Feb 17, 2010

History - Vote Apr. 29-June 15, 2010

People - Vote Sep. 2 - Oct. 15, 2010

Please send your nominations for any of the four remaining contests to marci@kansassampler.org or mail to: Kansas Sampler Center, 978 Arapaho Rd., Inman, KS 67546

*Those with a star represent completed contests. The first contest was the overall 8 Wonders of Kansas and those top 8 were announced on Kansas Day 2008 by Governor Sebelius.

THE OVERALL 8 WONDERS OF KANSAS ARE:

- **The Big Well**, Greensburg
- **Castle Rock & Monument Rocks**, Gove County
- **Cheyenne Bottoms & Quivira Wildlife Refuge**, Barton and Stafford Counties
- **Eisenhower Museum Complex**, Abilene
- **Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center**, Hutchinson
- **Kansas Underground Salt Museum**, Hutchinson
- **St. Fidelis (Cathedral of the Plains)**, Victoria
- **Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve**, Chase County



GUIDE TO THE

8 Wonders of Kansas © CUISINE finalists

TOP 8 CUISINE FINALISTS

- **Bobo's Drive In**, Topeka
- **Brookville Hotel**, Abilene
 - **Cozy Inn**, Salina
- **Crawford County Fried Chicken**
- **Free State Brewing Co.**, Lawrence
- **Guy & Mae's Tavern**, Williamsburg
 - **Hays House**, Council Grove
- **Wheatfields Bakery Café**, Lawrence

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The dedication of the Flores family made the **ANCHOR INN** a local institution. 128 S. Main, **Hutchinson**. 620.669.0311. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

BOBO'S DRIVE IN is a 1953 throw-back diner with die-hard fans of the hamburgers, homemade onion rings and apple pie -- and has car hop service. 2300 S.W. 10th Ave., **Topeka**. 785.234.4511, Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

The **BROOKVILLE HOTEL, Abilene**, has been serving its famous family-style chicken menu since 1915! North of I-70 at Abilene exit #275. Tues.-Fri. 5-8 p.m.; Sat. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4:30-8 p.m.; Sun. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. 785.263.2244. Brookvillehotel.com.

The chili, hot pickles and cold cuts have made **C.W. PORUBSKY'S** a 60-year fixture in Topeka's "Little Russia." 508 NE Sardou Ave., **Topeka**. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 785.234.5788.

CAROLYN'S ESSENHAUS, is an Amish Mennonite establishment that has been using family and ethnic recipes for 20 years. 104 E. Main, **Arlington**. 620.538.4711. Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Sat. 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Breakfast served until 10:30 a.m. Carolynsessenhaus.com.

CHARLIE'S Mexican Restaurant was one of the first Mexican restaurants established in western Kansas (in 1962) and continues to use family recipes. 510 E. Broadway, **Leoti**. 620.375.4541. Mon.-Sat. 5-9 p.m.

Buy sliders (buy 'em by the sack) at the **COZY INN** and sit at the 6-stool counter dating back to 1922. 108 N. 7th, **Salina**. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 785.825.2699. Cozyburger.com.



CRAWFORD COUNTY FRIED CHICKEN consists of six fried chicken restaurants and as a group have made Crawford County legendary for fried chicken dating back to the 1930s.

***Chicken Annie's Original**, 1143 E. 600th, **Pittsburg**. 620.231.9460. Tues.-Fri. 4-8:30 p.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

***Chicken Mary's**, 1133 E. 600th, **Pittsburg**. Tues.-Fri. 4-8:30 p.m.; Sat. 4-9 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 620.231.9510.

***Gebhardt's Chicken and Dinners**, 124 N. 260th, **Mulberry**. 620.764.3451, 620.249.9575. Fri.-Sat. 4-9 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Mon. 4-8 p.m.

***Barto's Idle Hour**, 210 S. Santa Fe, **Frontenac**. 620.232.9834. Tues.-Sat. 4-10 p.m.

***Chicken Annie's Girard**, 498 E. Hwy. 47, **Girard**. 620.724.4090. Wed.-Thurs. 4-8:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 4-9 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

***Chicken Annie's Pichler's**, 1271 S. 220th, **Pittsburg**. 620.232.9260. Tues.-Fri. 4-8:30 p.m.; Sat. 4-9:30 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

CRAZY R's has excellent food, fun decor, good service, and the personality of owner Rod Cooper to make it memorable. 1618 Main, **Goodland**. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. MOUNTAIN TIME. 785.890.3430.

FREE STATE BREWING COMPANY opened in 1989 as the first legal brewery in Kansas since 1880. Along with the microbrew they serve ethnic recipes with fresh ingredients. 630 Massachusetts, **Lawrence**. 785.843.4555. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-midnight; Sun. noon-11 p.m. Freestatebrewing.com.

FRITZ'S UNION STATION is the original Fritz's, dating back to 1954, and is beloved because of the food delivery system that utilizes a miniature railroad system. 250 N. 18th, **Kansas City**. 913.281.2777. Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

The **GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL** is Kansas' only AAA Four Diamond Historic Country Inn/Restaurant and its steaks are known as the best in the state. 215 Broadway, **Cottonwood Falls**. 620.273.6763. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. & 5-9 p.m.

GUY & MAE'S TAVERN serves tender ribs wrapped in foil and newspapers -- a family business since 1973! 119 W. William, **Williamsburg**. 785.746.8830. Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Closed last week of July, first week of August.

The **1857 HAYS HOUSE 1857 RESTAURANT & TAVERN** is the oldest continuously-operating restaurant west of the Mississippi River. 112 W. Main, **Council Grove**. 620.767.5911. Tues.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. 6 a.m.-8 p.m. (Sunday breakfast buffet 7-11 a.m., lunch buffet 11 a.m.-3 p.m.) Open Monday Memorial Day through Labor Day). Hayshouse.com.

The **HIBACHI HUT** has been a mainstay in Aggieville since 1959 and is famous for their Cajun/Creole and American specialties! 608 N. 12th, **Manhattan**. Mon., Wed., Thurs. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. 785.539.9393. hibachihut.com

HOMER'S DRIVE INN has been a classic drive in and car hop serving full menu breakfast, lunch, and fountain service since 1931. 1320 SW. 4th, **Leavenworth**. Mon.-Sat. 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (breakfast until 10:30 a.m.); Sun. 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. (breakfast until 11 a.m.) 913.651.3500.

JOSIE'S RISTORANTE has a reputation as having the best Italian food in southeast Kansas using recipes that Grandmother Josie brought over from Italy in 1904. 400 N. Main, **Scammon**. 620.479.8202. Wed.-Sat. 4-9 p.m.

The **NUWAY CAFÉ's** famous crumbled beef sandwiches and homemade root beer date back to 1930. 1416 W. Douglas (original location), **Wichita**. 316.267.1131. Daily 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Nuwaycafe.com.

OLIVE TREE BISTRO is the flagship of the Latour fine-dining restaurants and offers award-winning Mediterranean cuisine and service. 2949 N. Rock Road, **Wichita**. Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 5:30 - 10 p.m.; Sun. brunch 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 316.267.1131. olivetree-bistro.com