



Ketzler's Schnitzel Haus & Biergarten, Granbury



Eats on the Street

These streets across Texas provide some of the best eats. *Story by Jennifer Babisak*

GRANBURY

Pearl Street forms the southern boundary of Granbury's historic town square, which surrounds the Second Empire-style Hood County courthouse. The courthouse's prominent clock tower keeps shoppers and diners punctual as they explore the square's 30 stores and more than a dozen eateries.



In Rockport, the Boiling Pot and Moondog Seaside Eatery offer seafood with waterfront views: In Granbury, Ketzler's specializes in German fare.

Located one block west of the square, a 1933 Sinclair gas station has been reborn as the café Pearl Street Station, which now welcomes customers with a wide porch outfitted with picnic tables and ceiling fans. The café's menu focuses on barbecue and Cajun cuisine, with daily specials like smoked brisket, crawfish étouffée, and blackened catfish.

Another iteration of regional cuisine comes in the form of Ketzler's Schnitzel Haus & Biergarten, also on Pearl Street. Owned by German natives, the restaurant offers traditional fare like schnitzel, bratwurst, and potato pancakes, which you can enjoy inside or outside on the cozy patio with a trickling rock fountain.

Or, savor a bit of Pearl Street's high-end dining at Eighteen Ninety Grille and Lounge. Try the Texas Trilogy—a plate featuring free-range chicken, bacon-wrapped quail, and tenderloin. For a spicy spin on comfort food, savor shrimp and jalapeño cheddar grits topped with a white wine cream sauce. The restaurant's Marketplace offers specialty spices, oils, and vinegars available for purchase.

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AMARILLO

The portion of historic Route 66 that runs through Amarillo still thrives with culinary and creative culture in the form of Sixth Avenue. Located on the southwest side of Amarillo, between Georgia Street and Western Street, this stretch of Sixth Avenue is lined with buildings dating to the 1920s, many of them bearing a mix of Art Deco and Pueblo architectural styles that locals call Pueblo Deco.

GoldenLight Cafe, established in 1946, still draws travelers on the open road. The low-slung brick building's cantina hosts a variety of live music performers, including regional and national acts. Classic burgers and fries nod to the cafe's original menu,

while a spicy bowl of Route 66 Chili, served with crackers and topped with chopped onions and cheddar cheese, remains a perennial favorite.

Wild Bill's Fill'n Station, located in a former gas station on the Mother Road, evokes old-school charm thanks to vintage neon signs, a jukebox, and umbrella-shaded patio tables. In addition to burgers, steaks, and burritos, the restaurant offers an extensive weekend breakfast menu starring plump omelettes, migas, and chicken-fried steak with eggs.

For lighter fare, locals rave about the fish tacos at Braceritos Mexican Bar & Grill. Owned by Mexican natives, the restaurant proudly proclaims "No Tex-Mex" and features traditional Mexican specialties such as grilled cactus and seafood soup with crab, fish, and shrimp. The restaurant also features the largest selection of tequila in Amarillo, making the top-shelf margaritas here, which are served in salt-rimmed terracotta cups, very popular.

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