

Students divulge dining decisions

By Lenita Krejci
Staff reporter

It's Saturday night. The cafeteria's closed. You're hungry with some cash in your wallet. Question is, where are you going to go? You waste time driving around, waiting for a place to catch your eye to decide where to dine.

Here is some advice from students who share their opinions about the best places to eat in Winfield.

"The Harbor, I love their spicy fried pickles," said John Crosser, theatre senior. Crosser also highly recommends The Harbor because of their reasonable prices, with meals at \$8 and under.

The Harbor is located at 2020 E. Ninth Ave. where the old Pizza Hut use to be. Their hours are Monday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays 12 noon to 7 p.m.

The Harbor is carryout only and does not take debit or credit cards. For more information call (620) 229-8222.

Jessica Trout, theatre freshman, recommends Burger Station. She enjoys the atmosphere. "It's like a tiny diner with standing room only. You just get your food and you go," said Trout.

Burger Station is located at 113 E. Seventh Ave. They are open Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. pro-

viding carry out only. For more information call (620) 221-9773.

El Maguey is another popular place to go. Both Will Rossion, music education junior, and Adam Sharp, agree. Sharp said, "I think they have great food and a very warm and relaxing atmosphere."

Marilyn Craft, elementary education senior said, "They have delicious food and good service at a pretty cheap price."

El Maguey is located at 1515 E. Ninth Ave. They are open 7 days a week, Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call (620) 221-4940.

And for those who don't have a full wallet, there is this advice.

Amelia Lutz, radio and television senior, said, "I love Sonic's cheap dollar menu. I dig the chicken strip sandwich."

Sonic is located at 1921 Main St. and serves Sunday through Thursday 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 6 a.m. to 12 midnight. For more information call (620) 221-9876.

Eating is basic. That doesn't mean that it has to be boring, so explore your options.

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Craft store offers supplies with smiles

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Just north of 9th Avenue, on the corner of Manning and 8th, the small shop is easy to pass by. Mulberry Creek started as a gift shop. But when Susan Phillips and Trish Meier began to sell yarn and knitters emerged from the woodwork. As the craft materials caught on, the shop was transformed.

"I never thought I'd be a yarn shop owner, but it's a blast," said Phillips.

The pair met several years ago in another business venture, a gift shop called Off the Beaten Path. The shop didn't catch on and eventually closed after six years of business. A year later, Phillips and Meier began Mulberry Creek in a shared space.

The small shop not only sells the supplies, but also offers classes in a cozy, friendly atmosphere. Knitting, crocheting, and quilting classes are available. Those who already know how are encouraged to join "Group Therapy" on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We just sit and do our stitching together," said Phillips.

An entire class schedule can be found on their official website, mulberrycreek.net. College students are encouraged to learn. Natalie Eldridge, business freshman, won't be joining a class anytime soon. "I feel as if I don't have time to do that," she said.

And Phillips understands that, because like anything, it is



Samantha Gillis/ Collegian photographer

Trish Meier and Susan Phillips, owners of Mulberry Creek, show their display of quilts, yarn and gifts on Nov. 18. They offer quilting, knitting and crocheting classes along with all the materials necessary for creating a project. The store is located on the corner of Manning and 8th Avenue. They are open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

a skill that takes time to learn. "It's difficult to learn anything. It's a will to want to," she said.

And speaking of will, it's something these ladies have in spades. Phillips says the biggest challenge is getting people into the store, especially when so many shop online or at larger chains. "I think people are starting to recognize that the mom and pop stores are suffering," she said.

The biggest draw for customers is the service. Personalized, one-on-one help and advice is available at Mulberry Creek. Phillips says that whenever

someone buys something that they don't know how to use, she's more than happy to sit right down and teach them. "You don't get the kind of service at Walmart that you get here," she said.

That ties right into Phillips' favorite part about the store, the people. Friendships are built through the Saturday morning "therapies" and the visits of regular customers. "I'm not really a business person. I just love this," said Phillips.

Mulberry Creek is a great place to visit, especially at this time of year. For the college stu-

dent who has a tight pocketbook and the wish to give gifts, crafts are a great solution. They are priceless, something made by your hands. And you never know what kind of legacy you could be creating. "You can make an heirloom," said Phillips.

Jamaika Tagg, nursing freshman, agrees. "It seems like a tradition I could start with my grandma. She crochets, so it could be a bonding thing between us," she said.

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Winfield area boasts affordable entertainment

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Small towns can be a difficult place to find entertaining activities. Finding activities in colder weather, on a limited college student budget is even more difficult. However, with a little creativity and help from friends, students can find entertainment in Winfield and the surrounding areas.

There are a few free things in town students can participate in. The Winfield Recreation Center has a basketball court and a

soccer field open to the public. Students can get a team together and have a pick-up game. This is good way to hang out with friends, as well as get some exercise.

Another activity is to sign up for classes, swim, or work out at the Rec Center. Winfield Rec offers several courses, such as martial arts, spinning, yoga, and numerous others. Buying a gym pass from the Rec is \$40 for three months, or \$55 for 6 months, and swimming is \$2 per visit, but students are free.

Jamaika Tagg, nursing fresh-

man, often finds herself going to the library to find movies to watch. "When I don't have anything to do, my friends and I like to go and check out free movies," said Tagg.

The library has a huge selection of all different types of movies. It is free to check them out.

Tendai Kwaramba, biology and biochemistry sophomore, tends to do this as well. "There's not really anything else to do other than rent movies from the library," said Kwaramba.

Other free activities include

catching up on homework, playing computer games or even going to church on Wednesday nights.

There are also activities for students that cost some money, but can also be incredibly entertaining. For example, students can drive to the movies, or to Ark City and bowl. These activities are a little more costly—to bowl is \$5.50, and to attend a movie is \$8.25. But, with lots of friends, these activities can be incredibly fun.

Lacey Hibbs, liberal arts and sciences senior, likes to do this

with friends. She said that when they get bored, they drive to the movie theatre.

By driving a little bit longer, students can go to the casino just over the Kansas border. Many casinos are 21 and older, but the First Council Casino, about 20 minutes from Winfield, is an 18 and older casino.

Casinos may seem an expensive way to pass the time, but there is no admission fee. Students don't have to spend that much money to have fun.

Eric Venson, business administration freshman, said, "I

have been to the casino because sometimes I just like to get out of Winfield."

Another option is to drive to Wichita. With a group of friends to split the gas cost, students can take the 45 minute trip north and go out to eat, or to the mall.

D.J. Adkism, sports management sophomore, said, "On any given night, I just like to drive to Wichita and eat there. They have a lot more choices."

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ideas into the pot."

The Student Government Association gets 30 percent of the student activity fee, said Anastasia Prokopis, business marketing sophomore and treasurer for SGA. Student organizations can request money from SGA—up to \$2000 per year. Prokopis said that requests generally range from \$50 to \$300. Part of the requirements organizations must meet before they get the money is to reduce the amount they ask for, open the event to the entire student body, try to fundraise and present the idea at least two weeks before the event.

Typically, the money SGA receives goes toward food, games, prizes and decorations. The money has also been used to bring in Brett Sokolow, sexual

assault speaker, hot chocolate, Christmas events, Homecoming and movie night.

SGA is trying to focus on divisions and departments, said Prokopis, instead of the organizations it is more focused on now.

Part of that, said Melissa Williamson, included student Senators speaking with the division heads. "We can get attention focused with, for instance, performing arts. As a student body can say to them, 'We see you need this, and we are willing to help you acquire it.'"

SGA executives also use the activity fee to go to the American Student Government Association meeting in Boston. Williamson said the conference is used to network with other SGA programs, find ways to partner with the administration and im-

prove their parliamentary procedure.

There is usually money of an undisclosed amount left over in the SGA fund, Prokopis said.

The most important thing for students to consider, Hessing said, when wondering where activity fees go, is to join a student organization.

"Those are the only active ways where you can decide where the money goes," Hessing said.

Williamson said that senate meetings are open to the student body.

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be a santa's workshop where people can make different kinds of Christmas ornaments," said Prevet.

Prevet said that the scavenger hunt and the themes to the tree decorating have been changed also.

Joanna Woon, music senior, said she likes the campus participating because students can take part in the festivities. "A lot of different organizations are there. It's a time when everybody comes together," said Woon.

"My job there is to make sure that everybody has a good time," said Constantine.

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12 Days of Christmas

Day	Event	Date	Time	Place
1	Secret Santa Sign-Up	Nov. 29	All Day	Campus Life Office
2	Movie Night	Dec. 1	9:30 p.m.	Cowley Cinema 8
3	Christmas Karaoke	Dec. 2	7 p.m.	College Hill Coffee
4	Christmas Tree Lighting	Dec. 3	5 p.m.	Deets Library
5	Family Christmas Concert	Dec. 5	3 p.m.	Richardson
6	Christmas Bingo Night	Dec. 6	9 p.m.	Cafeteria
7	Scavenger Hunt	Dec. 7	TBA	Campus
8	Eagerheart	Dec. 8	11:30 a.m.	Chapel
	Eagerheart	Dec. 8	6:30 p.m.	Little Theater
9	Tacky Christmas Sweater Night at Basketball	Dec. 9	6 & 8 p.m.	Stewart Field House
10	Finals Massage	Dec. 13	TBA	Java Jinx
11	Finals Massage	Dec. 14	TBA	Java Jinx
12	Finals Massage	Dec. 15	TBA	Java Jinx