El Vaquero
Michelle Pratt

El Vaquero is a family-owned Mexican restaurant offering drive-in and carry-out services. The restaurant opened four years ago and has been attracting local citizens and students ever since. Many of the restaurant’s customers are in their late teens, early twenties, Spanish-speaking English, but no matter because Spanish is not needed to order off the authentic menu. Restaurant employees, such as Johanna Kilinski, often have to speak clearly once they get a table, the servers don’t speak much. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. They usually serve lunch once or twice a month. When asked her favorite cuisine, she answered without hesitation. “French strawberry margaritas,” he said. She also said she eats El Vaquero because it’s just a few blocks from her home. The best atmosphere in one of the restaurants, “I named this place French strawberry because it’s the color of the restaurant’s interior.” Senior Sue Rayburn said it’s one of the best Mexican restaurants she’s visited, and she usually eats there once or twice a month. The restaurant is one of the best Mexican restaurants in the area, and it is a regular stop for students and Kirksville residents.

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- 3. China Palace Restaurant

Alлерorns Casual Cafe and Tavern

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Dairy Queen

Brazier

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