

History of the Hill

On a gentle hill, just slightly west of Abilene on a winding curve of old U.S. 40, stands, a small grove of skyward pines. Their roots sink deep into the hill made famous, almost legendary, by one woman, one determined woman named Lena.

Although Lena made her life's work out of her restaurant on the hill, her plan at the early age of 16 was far from that. At that tender age, and considered to be much of a tomboy, she longed to be a physical education instructor. But as fate would have it, on a weekend outing to Kansas City, she found herself believing the words of a fortune teller, who told her she should be in a place selling "foodstuffs" to the public. A kitchen was the last place she wanted to find herself, but soon she was there.

First, there were other ventures, all in different locations but again as fate would have it, one day in a restaurant just on up this very curve of old 40, Lena was in the process of tarring a roof when her hair caught fire and she found herself trapped. She jumped out a window and screen to safety only to turn and look up to the farmhouse on the hill. It's said at that moment she knew where her destiny lay. So as history goes she bought the house on the hill and on Friday the 13th, 1939, she opened her farmhouse with a stag party for 100 men, and "foodstuffs" were served from that day on, until 1974 when, she closed for retirement. Lena fed tourists from coast to coast, high ranking White House officials, secret service men, foreign diplomats, governors, and Abilene's Favorite Son, President Dwight David Eisenhower.

Although many a story has circulated about this place, none are more fascinating or humorous than the one which occurred when in 1965 President Eisenhower came face to face with a long-honored tradition at Lena's.

It was the day the 34th President became "just an ordinary Abilene citizen." While dining at Lena's he watched a first world series game on television with friends and received an early 75th birthday paddling from Lena and her trademark paddles, which was signed and hung on a wall for all to see.

The history books will always spin the tales of Abilene's more famous citizens, such as U.S. Marshals Wild Bill Hickok, Bat Masterson, Tom Smith, and even the humble beginnings of Dwight D. Eisenhower through war time heroics and political fortunes. But there shall always be a place there reserved for one determined woman named Lena and her "Farmhouse on the Hill."

In the fall of 1994, with Lena in failing health and wanting to sell her life's work, fate would find Ed and June Kuntz, longtime restaurateurs in Abilene. While driving to Salina one day on old U.S. 40, they would spot a "for sale" sign on the property. By January of 1995 Ed and June had purchased the tract known as Lena's. Shortly thereafter Lena passed away. But through Lena's sister Nellie, Nellie's daughter Beverly and husband Al, and along with longtime employee and friend Walter, they were able to bring back to life the "Farmhouse on the Hill," after nearly 20 years of dormancy.

Thank you for choosing The Farmhouse



Hours

Sunday: 11am-2pm
Tues-Sat: 11am-2pm / 5pm-8pm
Closed Monday

Group Accommodations Available

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We appreciate your business, whether you
came from near or far!*

**BE SURE TO VISIT
THE EISENHOWER CENTER & OLD ABILENE TOWN!**

APPETIZERS

Hand-dipped Onion Rings	\$8.95
Breaded Mushrooms w/ dipping sauce	\$7.95
Chicken Strips w/ dipping sauce	\$7.95
Mozzarella Sticks w/ dipping sauce	\$7.95
Cheesy Garlic Bread w/ dipping sauce	\$6.95
Chips w/Queso & Salsa.	\$9.95
Cheesy Seasoned Fries	\$8.95

SOUPS & SIDES

Cup of Soup of the Day	\$3.29
Bowl of Soup of the Day	\$4.29
Cottage Cheese: small \$2.29	large . . . \$3.29
Potato Salad or Baked Beans	\$2.79
Dinner Salad	\$3.29
Fries, Mashed Potato & Gravy, Baked Potato, or Rice	\$2.79

BEVERAGES

Soft Drinks (free refill)	\$2.59
Brewed Iced Tea (free refill)	\$2.59
Coffee or Decaf (free refill)	\$1.95
Black Tea (regular or decaf).	\$1.95
Herbal or Green Tea.	\$1.95
2% Milk: small \$2.29	large . . . \$2.95
Black Cow (root beer float)	\$3.29
Hot Chocolate	\$2.29



DON'T FORGET DESSERT!

Cup of ICE CREAM or SHERBET.	\$2.99
CHOCOLATE SUNDAE.	\$3.50
Vanilla ice cream topped with chocolate sauce and cherry.	

*Ask your server to tell you about our
homemade pie and cheesecake selections!*

\$3.00 - \$4.95 per slice

THE FARMHOUSE BIG SALADS

THE CHEF \$9.99

This one has half the garden in it, topped with meat and cheese.

THE GRILLED CHICKEN. \$9.99

Fresh greens and vegetables topped with chicken and cheese.

THE TACO SALAD \$9.99

Mildly seasoned taco meat in a flour shell topped with fresh greens, tomato, peppers, onions, black olives, cheese, and salsa. Sour cream on the side.

THE CRISPY CHICKEN \$9.99

Fresh greens topped with crispy, fried chicken strips and cheese.

SOUTHWEST SPICY SALAD. \$10.49

Fresh greens, veggies, black beans, and corn mixed with Frank's Red Hot and Boom Boom sauce. Choice of crispy or grilled chicken or steak.



"YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?"

Show us your proof of age, stand up, and bend over!

Then enjoy a piece of pie or ice cream on the house and the

**PADDLING
is also FREE!**

All Items and Prices Subject to Change

DINNER SPECIALTIES

- CHICKEN STRIP DINNER**\$12.99
Four crispy chicken strips with BBQ sauce.
- CHICKEN FRIED STEAK**\$12.99
Breaded and served with our country gravy. A Farmhouse favorite!
- STEAK STRIPS**\$12.99
Tenderized strips of steak dipped in our special batter and deep fried. A local favorite.
- PORK CHOPS**\$17.99
Two lean juicy chops charbroiled and seasoned.
- STIR FRY***\$13.99
Stir fry vegetables, choice of chicken, beef, or shrimp, served over rice with teriyaki or sweet & sour.
- HAMBURGER STEAK**\$12.99
Large thick and juicy patty, topped with grilled onions and mushrooms.
- CHICKEN FRIED CHICKEN**\$13.99
Breaded chicken breast served with our country gravy.
- PAN FRIED CHICKEN**
 Get ready for chicken the way Grandma used to cook it, but she's cookin' it fresh, so allow for extra skillet time! (30-40 minutes)
Quarter- 2 pieces . . . \$12.99 3 pieces \$13.99 Half- 4 pieces \$14.99
- GRILLED BREAST ON RICE** \$12.99
Boneless chicken grilled and served with teriyaki, sweet & sour, or BBQ sauce.
(You may choose potato instead of rice.)
- PAN FRIED CATFISH**\$15.99
Lightly breaded and fried to a golden brown.
- JUMBO FANTAIL SHRIMP**\$15.99
Plump shrimp in a light breading.
- POPCORN SHRIMP**\$15.99
- BBQ BRISKET**\$14.99
Tender beef brisket, marinated and served over sliced bread.
- GRILLED SALMON, brushed with a teriyaki glaze**\$16.99

STEAKS

- 16 oz. KANSAS CITY STRIP** \$33.99
Thick and Juicy.
- 12 oz. KANSAS CITY STRIP**\$28.99
- BACON WRAPPED FILET**\$19.99
A Farmhouse favorite.
- RIBEYE**..... **Market Price**
- CHOPPED SIRLOIN STEAK**.....\$11.99
- BOURBON & BLUE CHEESE STEAK**.....\$19.99

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THAT COOKED?

- RARE: very pink and cool center
- MEDIUM RARE: pink and warm in the center
- MEDIUM: pink and hot in center
- MEDIUM WELL: tan and hot in center
- WELL DONE: thoroughly cooked dark center and dry

*All Hamburgers and Hamburger Steaks Cooked Well Done



ADD Jumbo Fantail Shrimp to any steak!
Just 99¢ each!

*Above dinners served with potato, house salad, and homemade rolls. (*No potato with Stir Fry)*

LUNCH SPECIALTIES — Served from 11am-2pm only

HOT BEEF	\$9.99
Tender roast beef over bread, served with mashed potatoes, and smothered in beef gravy.	
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	\$9.99
Breaded and served with our country gravy. A Farmhouse favorite.	
HAMBURGER STEAK	\$9.99
Lean ground chuck patty charbroiled and topped with grilled onion and mushrooms.	
STEAK STRIPS	\$9.99
Tenderized strips of steak, dipped in our special batter and deep fried. A local favorite!	
CHICKEN FRIED CHICKEN	\$10.99
Breaded chicken breast served with our country gravy.	
CHICKEN STRIPS	\$10.99
Crispy chicken strips with BBQ sauce.	
GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST	\$10.29
Boneless chicken grilled and served with teriyaki, BBQ, or sweet & sour.	

Above items come with choice of potato, vegetable, and dinner roll.

STIR FRY	\$10.29
Stir fry vegetables with your choice of chicken, beef, or shrimp, served over rice with teriyaki or sweet & sour.	
BAKED FETTUCCHINE ALFREDO	\$10.99
Choice of chicken or sausage baked with ribbon noodles smothered in creamy Alfredo sauce and mozzarella, served with garlic bread and dinner salad.	

SANDWICHES — Served at lunch or dinner

VEGETARIAN SANDWICH , there's no meat in this one, just crisp veggies and cheese	\$7.95
CHARBROILED HAMBURGER , special seasoning, great taste!	\$7.95
WESTERN BURGER , Old West Flavor with our homemade BBQ	\$8.45
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK SANDWICH , served with mayo or honey mustard.	\$8.95
CHICKEN BREAST SANDWICH , served with mayo or honey mustard	\$8.95
PATTY MELT , served on marbled rye, with American or Swiss cheese, onion, and peppers	\$8.95
CLUB SANDWICH , gourmet, double-decker on white or wheat.	\$8.95
REUBEN , corned beef and kraut on marbled rye	\$8.95
HAM & CHEESE , oven broiled with mozzarella, topped with lettuce, tomato, and onion, served with tangy creamy Italian sauce	\$8.95
STEAK OR CHICKEN PHILLY SUPREME , grilled with onion, peppers, mushrooms, and melted mozzarella.	\$8.95
BRISKET , tender strips of beef marinated in BBQ on a homestyle bun	\$9.95
BLT , served on white or wheat	\$7.95
GRILLED CHEESE	\$6.95

*All sandwiches served with choice of one side - fries, potato salad,
baked beans, or cottage cheese. Substitute salad or soup for \$1.00 more*