

## BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT

## THE ROOT TRACKSIDE

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**C**HRIS BRUMBAUGH AND LYNN Terrell, co-owners of The Root Trackside, strive to stand out among other dining options in the Elon area.

"The goal of the restaurant is to not be like other places around us, while also providing a location and vibe unique to the surrounding area," Brumbaugh said.

Freshman Sam Briggs is a frequent patron at The Root, keeps returning for the unique vibe.

"I love the atmosphere and the setting of The Root. I love the people who work there and the food is to die for," Briggs said.

Part of the charm of The Root is the staff's dedication to both their customers and to bringing together the larger community.

"We hope to continue to evolve with new ideas and improve on the customer experience," Brumbaugh said.

Out of the entire menu at The Root, one dish seems to stand out: parmesan truffle fries.



CAROLINE BRECHMAN | PHOTO

The Root Trackside was first opened in 2011 and the truffle fries are a favorite among customers.

"If you go to The Root you have to get the truffle fries, at least once in your life," Briggs said.

Located on West Lebanon Ave, The Root is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00a.m.-9:00p.m. and Monday from 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

## ROOTED IN GREAT TASTE

Cuisine: American

Location: 110 West Lebanon Ave

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Monday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cost: \$10-\$15

## RUNNERS-UP

Second: Tangent Eat+Bar

Third: Little Italy Pizza and Italian Restaurant

Fourth: Simply Thai and

Fifth: Cancun Mexican Restaurant

## BEST BARBECUE RESTAURANT

## STOKELY'S BBQ &amp; MORE

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**S**TOKELY'S BBQ & MORE is the winner of Elon News Network's Best of 2017 barbecue category. The restaurant, located at 320 Huffman Mill Road is only about a five-minute drive from campus.

It has a wide selection of barbecue favorites ranging from ribs to chicken to seafood. It is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"Go in there with an open mind and whatever you pick will be really good," said sophomore Maria Ramirez.

"Stokely's BBQ & More is a great year-round family eatery serving up fresh BBQ, Ribs and Seafood," said Eric Lupton, owner and head chef of Stokely's. "Whether dining in or taking out, we want our restaurant to be your restaurant."



Stokely's offers an extensive menu with favorites such as the pulled pork sandwich with a side of hushpuppies and homemade barbecue sauce.

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## GOT RIBS?

Cuisine: Barbecue

Location: 320

Mill Road

Hours: Sunday:

11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday-Saturday:

10 p.m.

Cost: \$10-\$20

## RUNNERS-UP

Second: Hurs

Third: Tickle

BBQ

Fourth: Smit

Chicken 'N Be

Fifth: Dickie's