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the rounds schmoozing with customers all evening - Fun!...Check it out! Buy Local! I'm a proponent of patronizing locally owned businesses. Supporting economy.

of George's Cheese Shop fame, cooks Hungarian Goulash Monday evenings. He makes

Kansas City owned and operated businesses, is a great way to support hour local

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I began going to Grinders at 415 E. 18th St., in Kansas City's East Crossroads right when it opened in November 2004. One of my first visits was indicative of so many since. An insurance agency owner and friend asked me to lunch. He is a sport jacket with handkerchief in his lapel pocket kind of professional. Incessantly stylish. We dined with banker & lawyer looking guys alongside tattooed hipsters and construction workers. It is always an eclectic crowd. CrossroadsKC music venue.

a great place to enjoy live music, is literally Grinders backyard. My kids and I have seen several great performances there.

Grinders is an occasional weekend lunch destination with my kids. Alex and Holly love the Big Ass Tots; a perfect vehicle for the delivery of ketchup. Then there's the pizza: it's just plain great! My regular order is a 1/2 South Philly Cheesesteak. According to the menu, it was voted the best cheesesteak west of the Mississippi. It's their most popular sandwich for a reason. It's comprised of fresh baked Amoroso Roll from Philly and thinly sliced grilled beef. I get mine with the works: grilled onions, green peppers, mushrooms, "Cheese Wiz" and provolone. According to one of the hip servers, each cheese serves it's own function. I agree.

Grinders atmosphere is as diverse as its menu. One abstract "high art" painting hangs beside the ventilation and beside that is a bare tennis racket. There are framed animal pics the likes of which could be seen at the hunting lodge, and bumper stickers and painted

skateboards line the walls as well. At 70-something, delightful George Destios,

great restaurants. Copyright Pat Murfey, 2013

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