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Pies Worth the Drive

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Scoop Factory says *The Stockyards* is bringing the classic *Rock Springs Café* pies to the Valley for Thanksgiving:

For nearly 90 years, **Rock Springs Café** has been a welcoming watering hole for travelers along Old Black Canyon Road (now the I-17 highway). Perched atop a rocky plateau some 45 miles north of the Valley, Rock Springs started as a general store for gold miners seeking their fortune in the nearby Bradshaw Mountains. Today, however, Rock Springs Café is known throughout the West for its awesome **house-made pies**, ranging from traditional faves

such as banana cream and rhubarb crumb, to more exotic offerings such as Jack Daniels pecan and Tennessee lemon. No wonder why this kitschy roadside stand sells some 50,000 pies every holiday season.

But why trek nearly an hour north for world famous pies this holiday season when they are available right in our neighborhood? Yes, **The Stockyards** (aka Arizona's original steakhouse), is offering an extensive selection of these legendary pies just in time for Thanksgiving. Founded by local cattle baron, Ed Tovrea (who also owned the pink wedding cake-like **Tovrea Castle** next door), the Stockyards was once a working feed lot. However, since 1947, it's served as a clubby, classy chophouse, as well as the home to the sumptuous, ornately decorated 1889 Saloon. And now it's also the only place in the Valley where you can pick up the little slice of heaven known as a Rock Springs Café pie.

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