

is big at this downtown Safford  
 Located in the historic Reynolds  
 dding, El Charro is the oldest con-  
 ned and operated restaurant in  
 y. Locals affectionately call it, The  
 wntown Safford. The remodeled  
 ooks modern, but its aged Saltillo  
 tile mosaic foyer reminds you the  
 nly embraces its history, but plen-  
 s, the food still gets prepared the  
 onoran way by a woman who

d for the restaurant since the ear-  
 ast cooker," comes to work every  
 noon. She uses her favorite well-  
 on a stove that she had moved to



ed. "It makes a difference."

nu specialty, Chalaca, starts with  
 o a bowl shape, deep frying the  
 or green chile topped with cheese,  
 ounds a day), cooked a long time  
 so good," Alva interjected – then  
 r childhood. Her enchilada sauce

ted about the sauce's secret.

but only divulged, "Well, I have  
 ers."



Photos opposite page: From top, (1) Owners Michal and Dalton Overstreet (2) Johnny Jurada, and servers  
 Above: Combination plate with cheese enchilada, burro and deep fried taco