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## Restaurant Review

for big appetites is Skyway's impressive Garbage Omelet (\$10.95). Put several of these in the back of a plane outside, and it might never get off the ground. Packed inside is almost everything the cooks can find: broccoli, cauliflower, tomatoes, onions, green and red peppers, mushrooms, ham, bacon, sausage, German sausage and cheese. "I always tell my customers if they don't like it I will buy it for them," Sandy says. "I have never paid."

You don't need to show up when they open at 6 a.m. to order breakfast. Melters and their crew will happily serve you anything on the menu until the café closes at 2:30 p.m. each afternoon.

As for lunch, you have your choice of a number of hot and cold sandwiches, ten variations on their burger, and fish and chips. Liver and Onions (\$9.00) never leaves the menu and you can order meatloaf either as a "dinner" or as a "sandwich." There is a French Dip listed, but it is worth an extra buck to order the house specialty Skyway Dip (\$9.65) that tops the standard sandwich with slices of bacon, grilled onions and melted cheddar cheese. Almost everything rings up between \$8 and \$10, the portions are large, and you get a five percent discount if you pay cash. But before you settle your bill, consider ordering a piece of pie as well. One of the crew makes them from scratch.

Let me be frank: the Skyway Café isn't pretentious and I like it for this very reason. The menu is farm Ameri-

cana, heavy on eggs and meat. Most of what you order will spend time on the grill or in the fryer, and I see no signs that any vegetarian crusaders have established a beachhead in the kitchen. But there are other places in town that offer tofu scrambles, whole-wheat scones and wheatgrass shots.

The Skyway Café has a different target market. Old Northwest pilots linger over cups of coffee at a table in the corner and crayon drawings from some of Skyway's youngest customers are taped to the check-out counter by the door. Many of the kids have come out for the free airplane rides offered the second week of every month all summer long by local aircraft groups (go to [www.eaa79.org](http://www.eaa79.org) for ride information).

Yet even if you have no intention of boarding a plane outside, head out to Felts Field for breakfast or lunch. A meal at the Skyway Café feels like a vacation in a slice of the country's history that is increasingly found only in history books. This said, the menus back in the 1930s probably didn't feature a "Garbage Omelet" and those early patrons wouldn't have any idea what to make of the little sign just inside the door that says "Free WiFi." **S**

*Skyway Café is located at 6105 East Rutter Avenue in Spokane and is open 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. M-Sat; 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sundays (509) 534-5986, [www.skywaycafe.com](http://www.skywaycafe.com)*

