

Features

Melanie's small but has good food, service

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Melanie's Food Fantasy is a small, but delightful, restaurant, which would especially please healthy eaters. Located on Broadway Avenue, Melanie's has a calm atmosphere and kind service.

I must say that I greatly enjoyed reviewing Melanie's. I felt like Julia Roberts in "My Best Friend's Wedding" when she is critiquing the food at the beginning. I did

fond of the soups offered that day. My second choice was the Garlic Roasted Turkey Club sandwich, but they were out of it. Instead, we split the Broccoli Mushroom Melt sandwich. We ordered this because of the price, and because we wanted to try something new.

This sandwich also includes onions, cheese (which customers pick to their liking), and soy sauce. It came with pasta, which had onions, carrots, and peas in it.

I liked the sandwich, though I'm not a big soy sauce fan, but it was good anyway. My friend did not like it too much. She disliked the soy sauce flavoring which "overwhelmed the broccoli and cheese and stuff," she said.

"You can tell I'm not health person," Jenkins said. We got the impression that Melanie's is aimed towards vegetarians and people who want to eat healthily.

Melanie's serves only breakfast and lunch. Looking at the menu, the burger is priced at \$4.95, and all the other sandwiches are around that range. Since our meal came with pasta, I thought the price was affordable.

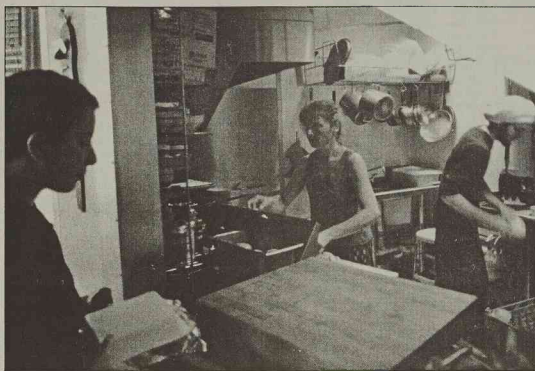


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Melanie's Food Fantasy, at 32 Broadway Ave., is a small restaurant that serves breakfast and lunch. The restaurant is open Wednesday through Sunday.

I checked out their breakfast menu. They have a variety of omelets, which I would like to go try sometime. Other items include waffles, fruit, granola, and oatmeal. They also have juices, smoothies, coffee, and tea.

Our waitress was extremely patient. She came to us three times before we decided on what to eat. Another waitress politely asked us if she could refill our drinks. I felt they were friendly and kind.

The restaurant is much smaller

than I thought. It stunned me when we first walked in. I am really picky about tight quarters, but even though Melanie's is small, it is comfortable. The tables are close to each other, but not to the point where you feel like you're eating

your neighbor's food. Jenkins and I both liked the atmosphere of the restaurant.

"It is quite cute and quaint. It definitely has a light, happy appearance," Jenkins said.

I could not have said it better, though I thought the place could have used more decorations or artwork to make it brighter.

One decoration I did find interesting was a bamboo blind on the wall. It seemed like a random item, but I still liked it.

The counter on the right side of the place reminded me of a coffee shop or a '60s diner. I assume that the counter must be where customers can order the smoothies and other drinks.

I would not recommend taking a large group of people there at the same time. They could probably put tables together, but since Melanie's is not a spacious place, if you plan to go, just take a few friends.

The restaurant is quite easy to miss, so if you decide to go, Melanie's is located between Architects and Tressa's, and is across from Sluder Furniture Company on Broadway Avenue. Melanie's is open Wednesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. On Sundays, the restaurant is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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outdoor programs - HC (x6001)

- Sky Diving, \$75 (includes transportation & jump fee) • 3/25
- Equipment Rental - backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, mountain bikes, HC

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- Chimney Rock, \$6
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women's history month

- "Welfare Reform & Family Values:" Work & Motherhood Inside the Welfare Office," Dr. Sharon Hays, LF, 3:30 pm • 3/24
- "Women in Sensible Shoes: Textuality & Sexuality in the Novels of Dorothy Allison & Annie Proulx?" Jan Harrow, LF, 12:15 pm • 3/27
- "Sisterhood is Global...Or is it?" Dr. Catherine Mitchell, LF, 12:15 pm • 3/29
- "Misogyny at its Deadliest: The Witch Trials of the Early Modern Period" Dr. Tracey Rizzo, Side Door Highsmith Center, 3:15 pm • 3/29
- "Managing Change: Students' Perceptions of the Assimilation of Women at VMI" Dr. Melinda Costello, Dr. Robert Yearout & April Clark-Mays, LF, 12:15 pm • 3/31