

Mel's Hard Luck Diner

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APPETIZERS 5

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| Onion Ring | \$7.99 |
| Thick cut Onions lightly breaded and flashed fried. | |
| Mozzarella Cheese Sticks | \$7.99 |
| Dusted with seasoned bread crumbs, deep fried, served with marinara sauce. | |
| Jalapeno Poppers | \$7.99 |
| Stuffed with cream cheese, breaded and flashed-fried for a great crunch. | |
| Chili Cheese Fries | \$7.99 |
| Crispy fries topped with a generous portion of chili and melted cheese. | |
| Fried Green Beans | \$7.99 |
| Crispy green beans lightly battered and fried to a golden crisp, served with chipotle Ranch. | |

SOUPS AND SALADS 10

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| Soup or Salad & Sandwich Combo | \$8.99 |
| Your Choice of a cup of soup or a salad and half of a sandwich: ham, turkey, chicken salad or grilled cheese | |
| Jimmy Crack Corn Chicken Chowder | \$5.99 |
| A bowl of our creamy corn and chicken chowder served with a cornbread & crackers | |
| Ozark Hilbilly Chili | \$5.99 |
| A bowl of our hearty diner style chili with loads of meat, beans & spices, served with cheese and onions | |
| Mel's Way Chili | \$8.99 |
| Our Chili served over spaghetti noodles sprinkled with cheese and onions | |
| Southwest Chicken Salad | \$10.99 |
| Mixed greens with your choice of grilled or crispy chicken, tomatoes, peppers, cheddar cheese, jalapenos, onions & corn all tossed in our Chipotle Ranch dressing. Topped with crispy tortilla strips. Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Honey Mustard, French | |
| Blue Suede Salad | \$10.99 |
| Mixed greens with ham, turkey, boiled egg, tomato, cheese, cucumber, bacon & croutons | |
| Groovin' Grilled Chicken Salad | \$9.99 |
| Mixed greens with grilled chicken, sliced almonds, boiled egg, tomato, cucumbers & croutons | |
| Sweet Sensation (Seasonal) | \$10.99 |
| Mixed greens with grilled chicken, sliced almonds, strawberries & mandarin oranges, served with raspberry vinaigrette | |

Mel's Way Sweet Sensation **\$13.98**

Mixed greens with grilled chicken, sliced almonds, strawberries & mandarin oranges, pecans, cashews & a banana served with raspberry vinaigrette

Garden Salad **\$9.99**

Mixed greens topped with tomato, red and green peppers, cucumber, onion, cheese, sunflower seeds & croutons

SANDWICHES 11

Grand Village Cheesesteak **\$11.99**

Tender slices of roast beef smothered with onions, peppers, mushrooms and cheddar cheese, served on a sourdough hoagie

Hit the Road Jack Grilled Chicken **\$10.99**

Boneless seasoned grilled chicken breast with Swiss cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle on a whole wheat bun

Hawaiian Grilled Chicken **\$10.99**

Boneless seasoned grilled chicken breast topped with grilled pineapple, our special seasoning, Swiss cheese and bacon on a wheat bun

The BLT Classic **\$10.99**

A generous portion of smoked bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayo stacked between three slices of bread

Romeo Reuben **\$10.99**

Traditional corned beef with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and our house made secret sauce on marble rye

Chick-A-Boom Croissant **\$10.99**

A tasty blend of grilled chicken, grapes, yellow onion, apples and pecans served on a light and flaky croissant

Southwest Chicken Wrap **\$10.99**

Boneless seasoned grilled chicken breast with peppers, jalapeños, onion, corn, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese and chipotle ranch dressing in a our tortilla

All Wrapped Up **\$10.99**

Your choice of turkey or ham with lettuce, tomato, cheese and our special cream cheese spread in a our tortilla

Mel's Way Grilled Cheese **\$10.99**

Melted American, Swiss & Cheddar cheese with ham & bacon

Sweet Surrender Club **\$10.99**

Surrender yourself to ham, turkey and bacon stacked on white toast with lettuce, tomato and mayo

Mel's Peanut Butter, Banana, Raisin & Caramel Concoction **\$9.99**

Chunky peanut butter on toasted raisin bread with sliced bananas, caramel syrup and a sprinkle of brown sugar - then layered again and a side of caramel for dipping!

BURGERS 9

Hard Luck Cheeseburger **\$10.99**

Our original burger with American cheese served with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickles on the side

Hard Luck Combo **\$14.99**

Enjoy either our Hard Luck cheeseburger or hamburger and fries with choice of one of our hand dipped milk shakes or malts

Sixteen Ton Chili Burger **\$11.99**

Emanuele Fontanini's favorite burger! Open-faced burger on a bun topped with tons of our delicious chili, cheddar cheese and chopped onions

Hard Times Patty Melt **\$11.99**

Grilled marble rye bread, sauteed onions, two cheeses and our secret sauce make this burger an old time favorite of our customers

Hawaiian Burger **\$12.99**

Our delicious burger topped with grilled onion, bacon, Swiss cheese and grilled pineapple tion of seasonal sorbet

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes Burger **\$11.99**

Our delicious burger topped with bacon, Cheddar cheese, BBQ sauce

Memory Maker Mushroom and Swiss **\$11.99**

Grilled mushrooms and Swiss top your burger

Honky Tonk Hot Dog **\$9.99**

Our all beef Nathan's foot long hot dog with onion and relish on the side

Chili Cheese Dog **\$11.99**

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ENTREES 10

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Your choice of turkey or ham with lettuce, tomato, cheese and our special cream cheese spread in a flour tortilla

Mel's Way Grilled **\$10.99**

Cheese Melted American, Swiss & Cheddar cheese with ham & bacon

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BEVERAGES 8

Ice Tea	\$2.49
Lemonade	\$2.49
Coffee	\$2.49
Hot Tea	\$2.49
Milk	\$2.59
Chocolate Milk	\$2.59
Orange Juice	\$2.59
Apple Juice	\$2.59

SODA 11

Coke	
Diet Coke	
Coke Zero	
Orange Fanta	
Mello Yellow	
Sprite	
Powerade Berry Blast	
Fruit Punch	
Root Beer	
Dr Pepper	
Diet Dr Pepper	

SODA FOUNTAIN 17

Devilish Chocolate Cake	\$8.99
Layers of chocolate cake drizzled with hot fudge topping and served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream	
Say Cheese Cheesecake	\$6.99
Have our cheesecake served with your favorite toppings: Strawberry, Pineapple, Hot Fudge, or Caramel	

Homemade Pies and Cobblers	\$4.99
Cobbler Ala Mode	\$5.99
Mel's Favorite Carrot Cake	\$8.99
This gourmet cake is loaded with coconut, pecans, pineapple, cinnamon, spices and topped with a cream cheese icing, then nestled next to a scoop of vanilla ice cream and topped with a drizzle of hot caramel	
Shake, Rattle & Roll	\$6.99
Served the old fashioned way! Choose a shake or malt: Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Pineapple, Banana, Cherry, Root Beer, Cookies 'n Cream, Orange Dreamsicle, Birthday Cake or Peanut Butter	
Sundae Kind of Love 1 Scoop	\$4.99
Hot Fudge, Caramel, Chocolate, Strawberry or Pineapple topped with sprinkles, whipped cream and nuts	
Sundae Kind of Love 2 Scoop	\$5.99
Hot Fudge, Caramel, Chocolate, Strawberry or Pineapple topped with sprinkles, whipped cream and nuts	
Great Balls of Ice Cream 1 Scoop	\$2.59
Chocolate, Vanilla, Orange Sherbert, Strawberry, Cookies & Cream, Birthday Cake, Today's Special Flavor, No Sugar Added Vanilla	
Great Balls of Ice Cream 2 Scoops	\$3.59
Chocolate, Vanilla, Orange Sherbert, Strawberry, Cookies & Cream, Birthday Cake, Today's Special Flavor, No Sugar Added Vanilla	
Rockin" Floats	\$4.99
Your favorite soft drink with vanilla ice cream	
Old Fashioned Sodas	\$4.99
Chocolate, Strawberry or Cherry	
Chocolate Nachos	\$10.99
Cinnamon sugar tortillas topped with M&Ms, marshmallow cream, chocolate & caramel syrup, vanilla & chocolate ice cream, whipped cream, cherries & sprinkles	
Krazy Kringle Cookie	\$12.99
A giant chocolate chunk cookie topped with vanilla & chocolate ice cream, hot fudge, caramel, whipped cream and cherries	
Rock Around Chocolate	\$12.99
Two fudge brownies topped with nuts and piled high with vanilla & chocolate ice cream, hot fudge, marshmallow cream, whipped cream, M&Ms and cherries	
Build Me Up, Banana Cup	\$10.99
A huge old fashioned banana split with vanilla, strawberry & chocolate ice cream, pineapple, chocolate and strawberries, topped with whipped cream, nuts and cherries	
Climb Every Mountain Ice Cream Avalanche	\$29.99
Enough to feed the whole family! On a bed of 12 scoops of ice cream (2 of each of our 6 overs) topped with cookies, bananas, brownie crumbles, pineapple, strawberries, hot fudge, hot caramel, marshmallow cream, chocolate syrup, whipped cream, nuts, sprinkles and M&M's	

KIDS MENU 8

Corn Dog Bites and Fries	\$4.99
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Macaroni and Cheese with Applesauce	\$4.99
Grilled Cheese and Fries	\$4.99
Cheeseburger and Fries	\$4.99
Hot Dog and Fries	\$4.99
Spaghetti and Meatballs	\$4.99
Chicken Fingers and Fries	\$4.99
Shrimp and Fries	\$4.99

GLUTEN FREE ⁵

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Mixed greens with your choice of grilled or crispy chicken, tomatoes, peppers, cheddar cheese, jalapenos, onions and corn all tossed in our chipotle ranch dressing. Topped with crispy corn tortilla strips	
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SANDWICHES / ENTREES ³

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Hawaiian Grilled Chicken	\$11.99
Boneless seasoned grilled chicken breast topped with grilled pineapple and our special seasoning, swiss cheese and bacon	
Chicken Salad Sandwich	\$11.99
A tasty blend of grilled chicken, grapes, yellow onion, apples and pecans	

SUBSTITUTIONS ⁴

Cottage Cheese

Apple Sauce

Vegetable of the Day

Mandarin Oranges

SODA FOUNTAIN 5

Shake, Rattle & Roll

\$6.99

Served the old fashioned way! Choose a shake: Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Pineapple, Banana, Cherry, Rootbeer, Orange Dreamsicle or Birthday Cake

Sundae Kind of Love 1 Scoop

\$4.99

Hot Fudge, Caramel, Chocolate, Strawberry or Pineapple topped with sprinkles, whipped cream and nuts

Sundae Kind of Love 2 Scoop

\$5.99

Hot Fudge, Caramel, Chocolate, Strawberry or Pineapple topped with sprinkles, whipped cream and nuts. We take precautions to prevent cross contamination

Rockin' Floats

\$4.99

Your favorite soft drink with vanilla ice cream

Build Me Up, Banana Cup

\$10.99

A huge old fashioned banana split with vanilla, strawberry & chocolate ice cream, pineapple, chocolate and strawberries, topped with whipped cream, nuts and cherries
