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Editor's Note: This was the third Okinawa Hai post on 50's Café; it was originally located between Kadena AB and Camp Courtney, closed and relocated to Koza Music City outside Kadena Gate 2 as Oldwest Cafe, then closed and AGAIN reopened as 50s Café in Ishikawa. It once again shut down and reopened; we have a new post from 2014 on this new location near Camp Courtney [HERE](#).

50's Cafe

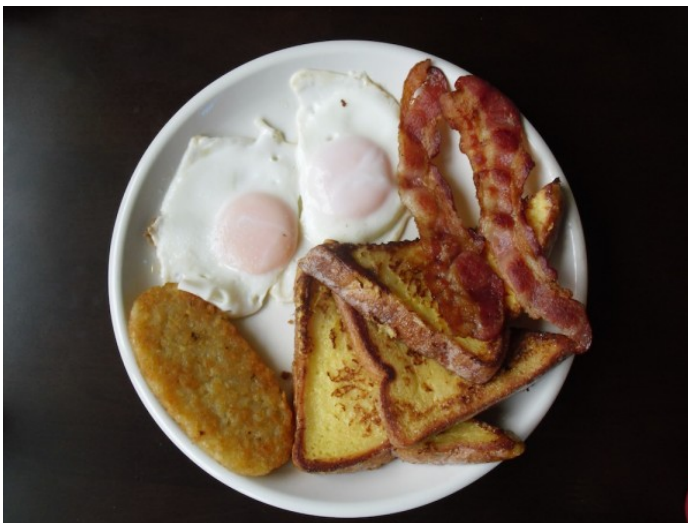
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Fans of Old West Café, rejoice! It's back, with a new name and a new location, but with the burgers you love and miss! It's called 50's Café, and it's located in Ishikawa, just a record's spin from Courtney and McT. Decorated in Hollywood-50's style, complete with juke box in front, a stage out back, and autographed glossies greeting you as you enter, it's guaranteed to make you smile.



My family discovered it one day, taking the shortcut to Coco Curry. We saw the signs for 50's Café, seemingly sprung up overnight. We stopped by to check it out, then ended up eating there, because they offer breakfast all day long! My family loves breakfast, especially at restaurants, and we were so thrilled to find another option to Tengan Castle and Taiyo Golf Course on our part of the island.



The menu offers American (burgers and fries) and Mexican (tacos and burritos) fare, plus a few Japanese dishes, and breakfast. Did I mention all day long? Pancakes, bacon, eggs, hash browns, and some of the yummiest French toast on island, served with maple syrup and cinnamon on the side. The taco rice is great, even a little spicy. My husband gobbled up his bacon cheeseburger before the rest of us could finish plates! Read: good. It is ok to make adjustments to suit your dietary needs (I got the tacos with no meat the first time, and they were really good!).



Prices average between 600-800 yen for a full plate, less for single items. Drinks are around 200 yen, plus self-service water, and beer. Eat inside and enjoy all the movie star memorabilia, or on the back deck overlooking the sea.

They just opened their doors December 1, 2012: just in time for nostalgia and breakfasts on this part of the island!

From Robert:

The food is so good here, mostly a hamburger/cheeseburger menu, but they have shrimp fried rice, which my wife just had tonight. The shrimp is very fresh, and the seasoning on the rice is unlike anything we have had on the island yet. The burgers are juicy and all the toppings are fresh too. The bacon is nice and crispy, everything you would expect from an American burger back home in a good café. The service was very fast, as soon as we placed our order; they began to cook the food.



On a nice day you can go out on the patio that over looks the water and eat at any of the four picnic tables. It appears an Okinawan husband and wife owns this place. My wife and I have been in a few times now and they are always the only two I see working. They speak perfect English, and when they are done cooking they came out to talk to us. They are wonderful people with a great little place that just brought us back home immediately.