



**A, D, F, & J. SKEE INN CAFÉ**  
**827 Lincoln Avenue, Steamboat Springs**

The Skee Inn Café, constructed in 1911, exemplifies the development of the city's commercial sector as it transitioned from a frontier town to a prosperous mining, mercantile, ranching, and tourism community. The original use of the building is unknown, but it soon became a popular dining place. The high quality of workmanship of several brick buildings located on the main street indicates the pride that citizens took in the town as well as its burgeoning economy. The building's intricate, ornate brick façade with large display windows and transoms lends character to the one-story Italianate-style building. When the building served as a café, it held a full-length north-south counter, a row of booths, and a few tables. Its friendly atmosphere and truly American menu, including freshly-baked pies and breads, created a local gathering place that remains fondly in many long-time residents' memories. The building underwent restoration in the 1950s, the 1970s, and most recently in 2005, at which time the area above the transom windows was modified for structural reasons. The building has had several owners and has served in various retail capacities but continues to reflect a small town evolving into a bustling County hub.