

CUISINE NEWS

Artisan Gelato adds savory crepes to the lineup

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Then you can finish your meal with a yeasty, yummy waffle topped with gelato, whipped cream and chocolate sauce feeling virtuous.

Norman Love, who founded the chocolate company a couple doors down and then added gelato to his sweet success story, decided to put the savory dishes on the menu because of his personal love for crepes.

"We're constantly asked for something savory and we've never had anything to offer," he says. "Crepes go well with what we already do and they are part of my best memories of my travels in Europe."

Artisan Gelato is at 11300 Lindbergh

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Artisan Gelato now serves savory crepes, such as this one containing roasted vegetables.



Blvd., Fort Myers. It's open from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call 288-4333.

New pasta concept in Fort Myers

Pasta by the pound is what Pasta Spot is all about. The fast-casual place, owned by Sean Rowland and Marco Michetti, offers choices of pasta, protein, sauce and veggies. You go through the line, selecting the items and quantities of each you desire. The cashier weighs your plate and charges you \$6.95 per pound.

The restaurant at 1530 McGregor Blvd. It's open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. Call 689-4313.

Pinchers moves McGregor location

As Pinchers Crab Shack prepares to open its new downtown Fort Myers location above The Marina at Edison Ford next month, the Pinchers in the current McGregor location — in the Kmart plaza at 5271 McGregor Blvd. — will close. That makes sense, as there's another Pinchers just down the way on San Carlos Boulevard toward Fort Myers Beach.

The company will relocate its McGregor employees to the new location along the river, which occupies the space where the Royal Palm Yacht Club operated for many years. Stay tuned for opening date and further info.

Sports bar opens on Colonial

Adding some renewed life to Royal Palm Square is the new Catch 22 Live Music and Sports Bar, which provides just what the name says plus an array of bar food.

Proprietors Matthew Richter and Ozzie Morrobel write on their website that they wanted to create a place where people felt as if they were on vacation, where everyone was friendly and a good time was ensured.

"Our goal is to make sure that when you leave, all you'll be able to think about is coming back," they say on the website.

In addition to the entertainment and beverages, there are pizzas (including seafood and barbecue versions), several types of mac 'n' cheese, chili, burgers, wraps and salads as well as arepas and empanadas.

The new watering hole is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Royal Palm Square is at 1400 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. Call 208-2183 or visit the Facebook page or the website at www.catch22fl.com.

Red-n-Margie's Cafe grows

The cozy little breakfast and lunch spot that is Red-n-Margie's Family Cafe has experienced a growth spurt. As of Monday, March 3, it has expanded hours, a new dinner menu and larger LCD TVs on the walls for enhanced enjoyment of those who want to watch athletics events.

Once just a breakfast and lunch joint, it's now open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, and the dinner menu includes more than the baskets, burgers and other items served for lunch. The new menu isn't yet posted on the cafe's Facebook page or Website (www.rednmargies.com), but stop by and they'll be happy to show it to you. It's at 4085 Hancock Bridge Parkway (in the Publix Plaza at Hancock Bridge Parkway and Orange Grove Boulevard), North Fort Myers. Call 656-0412.

Calling all competitive chili cooks

If you are a chili aficionado looking for some competition, Celebrate Bonita's Chili Cook-Off takes place Saturday, March 29. Sign up to compete for best chili and best decorated booth. You must register and pay the \$50 entry fee by Saturday, March 22. Call 498-7900 or write to bighickorygrill@aol.com. ■

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