

<http://preps.dnj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080529/RAGE1404/805290313/1199/RAGE>

# ALL THE RAGE

[tennessean.com](#) | [CLASSIFIEDS](#) | [JOBS](#) | [CARS](#) | [REAL ESTATE](#) | [SHOPPING](#) | [WEATHER](#) | [DATING](#)

Thursday, 05/29/08

## Blue Goose in Bellevue

**The owners of a pizza shop reinvent themselves.**

**Blue Goose Bistro**, a family-owned cafe and caterer, has landed in Bellevue. It fills the little restaurant space on Sawyer Brown Road next to the **River Plantation** condominiums.

The owners are **Rhonda** and **Craig Sparks**, who used to own **Say Cheese** pizzeria in the **Bellevue Center** mall. Say Cheese closed in March because of the mall's redevelopment, so the couple set their sights on the Sawyer Brown spot, which used to house Notable Bistro.

Blue Goose, named after the little Tennessee town where Rhonda's parents had their first home, is a casual dining spot offering sandwiches, salads, a small selection of entrees and made-from-scratch desserts. There's also a case full of entrees and treats to go.

Rhonda says that since they opened May 16, plenty of regulars from Say Cheese have stopped by. Two popular options are the **Reuben** and **Rachel sandwiches** (the latter is like a Reuben but with turkey instead of corned beef).

Pastas are always on the menu, and every night there's a special entree. A recent special was **almond-crusted grouper with Mediterranean relish, wild rice pilaf, sautéed spinach and grilled focaccia bread** (\$11.50).

Blue Goose currently offers soft drinks only, but they hope to add beer and wine eventually.

The bistro opens early to serve light breakfast to the neighbors heading off to work. That includes pastries and sausage-and-egg biscuits.

Operating hours are Tuesday-Saturday, but Rhonda says hours will expand, with Sunday brunch added in the next few weeks.

Blue Goose Bistro. 8321 Sawyer Brown Road, 673-6733. [www.bluegoosebistro.com](http://www.bluegoosebistro.com). Hours: 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday.