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## Sal gets back in the restaurant business with Libertyville deli

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Sal Moore has dreamed of opening his own suburban deli for years.

Following his passion to cook, he attended culinary school in Chicago when he was young. For a while he owned The Wild Goose bar and grill in Chicago and sold that about six years ago.

For the past several years Moore has worked in construction, rehabbing condos. His passion has always been in the kitchen.

He recently launched Sal's Deli in Libertyville at the corner of Route 45 and Peterson Road at 1745 N. Wind Blvd.

The quaint, cozy eatery has been receiving rave reviews from customers. "My Rueben, I call the Henry Kissinger, is popular. It's my Friday special and I sold more than 200 last Friday," Moore said.

Moore and his wife, Deborah, live in Lake Villa and operate the new business.

The back of the eatery faces Peterson Road because of the way the new strip mall has been built. "I picked this location because of all the industrial businesses around here. I'm looking to serve a big lunch crowd," Moore said.

The new shop has an Italian feel with paintings done by hand on the floors and walls. Moore's mother was born in Sicily, Italy. Many of the specials are Italian.

On Mondays stuffed shells are the specialty. Lasagna is served Tuesdays. Old-fashioned, New York-style calzones are the highlight on Wednesday, while Thursday is pasta day with a variety of homemade sauces.

All sandwiches have unusual, fun names. The Godfather is a combination beef and sausage sandwich that sells for \$7.25. Menu items range from \$6 to \$7.25. The portions are big. "Everything is enormous," said Moore, 45.

Homemade cannoli is another highlight while Italian music plays as customers enter the establishment.

A grand opening celebration takes place at the establishment at 3 p.m. on Feb. 16.

The eatery is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.