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## Rising Roll Gourmet

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Rising Roll Gourmet opened about eight weeks ago, the first local outlet of the Atlanta-born franchise.

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The downtown restaurant, which serves breakfast and lunch, specializes in gourmet sandwiches and homemade soups, said owner Roger Quesnel.

Rising Roll has already developed a loyal customer base, with a core group of regulars who have morning business meetings while munching on the breakfast paninis or stuffers, a type of breakfast burrito, Quesnel said.

The lunch crowd is a varied group that includes folks who work downtown and stop in for a quick sandwich, and new customers just finding out about the place, he said.

For lunch, the menu features hot and cold sandwiches, with seven kinds of bread, including French bread, sourdough, Asiago basil and sun-dried tomato wrap. Among the sandwich specialties are the Big Island Tuna (\$7.29), made with tuna salad that includes cranberries, pecans and bacon; California Turkey (\$7.39), with guacamole and provolone cheese; and Chicken and Apples (\$7.29), a chicken salad sandwich topped with apples, bacon and blue cheese.

Another popular item is the pressed sandwich, made with Italian tandoori flat bread. The selection includes the Spicy Cuban (\$7.39), made with pork loin, smoked ham, pepper jack cheese and jalapeno peppers, and the Chicken Milano (\$7.39), featuring chicken salad covered with mozzarella and cheddar cheeses, roasted red peppers and fresh basil.

Soup selections change, with two choices per day, and they range from Kickin' Crab Chowder to Beefsteak Chili.

The salad menu offers a half-dozen selections, including the Harvest Salad (\$8.29), with turkey, dried cranberries, pecans and Mandarin oranges, and the Maui Salad (\$8.29), topped with grilled chicken breast, blue cheese, pecans and Mandarin oranges.

For dessert, there are cookies, brownies and blondies.

Rising Roll Gourmet, 109 N. Main St., is open from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The restaurant also offers catering and boxed lunches. Call 232-1212.



Rising Roll Gourmet, in downtown Greenville at 109 N. Main St., serves breakfast and lunch. (MYKAL MCELLOWNEY / Staff)

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