

## Nampa Goes French, Liquid Goes Solid and Modern Chirps a Deal

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Incroyable! A new fine-dining French cafe recently opened in a historic downtown Nampa home. **La Belle Vie**--dreamed up by ex-stay-at-home moms and Francophile travelers Julie Free and Cathy O'Connell--is currently slinging quiches and pastries for breakfast and paninis and soups for lunch, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. The cafe is also open for dinner on Friday and Saturday from 5-10 p.m., offering an ever-changing array of dishes like brie in puff pastry with cherries and almonds or turkey roulade with sausage, fig, pine nut, cranberry and rosemary stuffing. If lingering over the weekend is more your style, La Belle Vie is also open for brunch on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. or a little mid-afternoon snack of tea and pastries from 2-5 p.m. Oh la la. *220 14th Ave. S., Nampa, 208-466-0200, [labellevienampa.com](http://labellevienampa.com).*

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Back in Boise, restaurant closings are few and far between these days, and when they do happen, openings aren't far behind. Texas Boogies, which closed recently in BODO, is already making way for new tenants. The folks at **Liquid** next door are moving into the empty space and calling it **Solid**. The menu features the ubiquitous "casual Northwest cuisine," which translates into high-end pub food that does a body good. Expect lunch, dinner and a late-night breakfast menu until 4 a.m. on the weekend. If things go according to plan, Solid will open in February, creating a bar/restaurant duo with what is arguably the Titanic of patios in downtown Boise with three 50-foot-long outdoor seating areas. Solid will also offer two banquet rooms for rent, as well as extensive catering services from ... (drum roll here) ... a mystery chef. The chef has been hired, but it's a secret for now.

And further west in downtown Boise the **Modern Hotel and Bar** will cut you a deal after a night out on the town. Bring any ticket stub--concert, film, theater, sporting event--to the Modern the same night of the event, order food, and you'll get 15 percent shaved off your total bar bill. The Modern just rolled out a new winter menu with appetizers, soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts. Munch on a cheese plate or go with the hearty duck ravioli. Right now, the Modern is also offering 15 percent off any Boutique Design room for New Year's Eve on DealChirp. Visit [dealchirp.com](http://dealchirp.com) for more information. *1314 W. Grove St., 208-424-8244.*

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