



'There's No Place Like Home' at Oz Coffee Bar

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Follow the yellow brick road — or Houston Street — to Oz Coffee Bar, or Oz on the Square, a quaint coffee shop on the Historic Granbury Square inspired by the iconic movie classic, "The Wizard of Oz."

Decked out in green with twinkling lights, chandeliers, a green curtain upstairs and a sign above the door depicting the phrase, "You are now leaving Oz," this local coffee bar will definitely have you feeling like you're not in Granbury anymore. Having only been open for four months, Oz is one of Granbury's newest businesses on the square.

Owners Kevin and Eliza Knapp opened Oz Coffee Bar on Sept. 30, 2020. The idea for a "Wizard of Oz"-themed restaurant was Eliza's. "Eliza loves 'Wizard of Oz.' She's the biggest fan I've ever met," said Chef Rose Guzman. "Of course, who doesn't love Oz? We get so many people saying, 'I could live here.' They love our personality and they feel warm when they come in here. Everybody always feels welcome."

Beverages offered include coffee, tea, beer and wine.

"All of our teas come from Nepal. A lot of people don't know and they're just now finding out that we have alcohol," Guzman said. "We have sake and we have 85 wines here in house. We don't carry any Texas wine because there's a lot of Texas wine already here on the square, so we wanted to bring something different — that way, we can all share together."

Food items include egg and protein bites, soups, chilis, house salads and their famous Wicked BLT — which was one of the winners of the 2020 Granbury Foodie Trail.

"We just opened and we found out on Mondays there weren't many places to eat on the square so I was like, 'Well I need to come up with some kind of sandwich, something quick' and that's how it came out," Guzman said. "Who doesn't love a BLT? And that made it even better. Everything in here is 'Wow!' You have the chandeliers, the people, the smells. I felt the sandwich definitely had to meet the level of the building. I love BLT's. I wanted to make one that is unforgettable."

Guzman described Oz as "no place like home," complete with a relaxed ambience and atmosphere. "Most people who come in here have a really good time," she said. "We add that glitter and sparkle to the coffee."

Oz Coffee Bar's hours of operation are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday. They are closed on Sundays until "lake season starts."

On Friday and Saturday, Guzman does live cooking for her customers, while Saturday nights are reserved for live music. Coffee, wine and beer are served during all hours of the day.

"When everybody comes in here, we want to make sure you have an experience you're not gonna forget, whether you're getting a coffee and you're just leaving, or you're sitting down and you're celebrating something with your friends," Guzman added.