

Elsa's Tex Mex Restaurant and Sports Cantina

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The restaurant, which opened in 2011, is the only Florida expansion of the Elsa's brand, which has four locations in Ohio. Owner Bill Hemmert had wanted a good margarita for the restaurants and after two years of research, the legendary Bad Juan® was born. "Bad Juan® has a lot of personality – it's strong, but smooth," Bill said.

The restaurant's signature tequila, lime juice, and triple sec drink is so popular that it is actually sold by the bottle at area liquor stores. The goal at Elsa's is always for the food to be at the table within 20 minutes from the time the order is taken. However, crispy chips and homemade salsa can keep you sated while you wait, and top-notch service is always guaranteed. Customers can enjoy family-friendly service in the dining area and a livelier vibe in the bar. No matter where you're seated, you can catch the game since Elsa's has an astounding 29 flatscreens on the walls.

50-cent wings on Sundays can give you a chance to sample wings that are second to none according to Hemmert, and, in keeping with a traditional sports bar, Elsa's makes great pizza and burgers if you're not in the mood for the popular shredded beef mini-super burrito. Other deals include \$I tacos on Monday and on Tuesday kids eat free. The '2 for \$20' menu also offers savings all day, every day for diners who order one appetizer, two entrees and a dessert.

There's even a late night menu and happy hour from 3-7 pm seven nights a week. Hours are 11am to 10pm Monday through Thursday, 11am to 11pm Friday and Saturday and 11am to 9pm Sunday.

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