

LA CHICANITA BAKERY PROVIDES AUTHENTIC MEXICAN GOODS

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La Chicanita Bakery was established in 1989 on the corner of Jackson and North Avenue in Aurora by a family of five. In 2004, they moved to a new site at 700 E New York Street (630/499-8845). Family owned and operated, they are proud to provide fresh baked goods throughout Illinois, made by bakers and pastry chefs who learned their craft at any early age.

Popular Products include Mexican Breads, Desserts, Sandwiches, Juices and Specialties.

The bakery is especially famous for their cakes, decorated for every possible occasion with unique designs, many of which are



on display throughout the store and in cases. There are single layer cakes topped with fruit, two and three layer cakes for special holidays throughout the year, those bearing cartoon and Disney characters and any other specially requested color scheme or design. The possibilities are truly endless and the bakers delight in creating new variations. Two and three layer cakes are delivered free in the area or for a small charge if farther.

As the New Year approaches, La Chicanita reminds the public that it prepares the special ring-shaped sweet cake (Rosca de Reyes) or oval shaped bread which is decorated with candied fruit and enjoyed in conjunction with the celebration of the Epiphany when the Wise Men appeared to visit the baby Jesus. The Mexican tradition takes place 12 days after Christmas and features reunions with families and friends who eat together and share the special bread. A figure of a wise man or the baby Jesus is often hidden inside the bread and the person who finds it is to host a future party where tamales and Mexican appetizers will be served, thus furthering the holiday celebration even farther into February!

Separate from the bakery, there is a deli which serves 26 varieties of Tortas (with various meats and ingredients), Tamales, Natural Juices, Milkshakes, Coffee and Pina Coladas.

Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 4 AM to 10:30 PM, Sunday, 5 AM to 10:30 PM.