

HINCKLEY'S HARRINGTON FAMILY BAKERY IS TRULY A FAMILY AFFAIR

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The Harrington Family Bakery, located at 146 E Lincoln Avenue in Hinckley (815/286-9700) is owned by Jacqueline Harrington, who is quick to point out that it would never have gotten underway without the incredible help from all of her family including not only siblings but children as well. It opened for business on March 17, just a brief two months ago, and already has built a loyal following of customers.

Jacqueline says that she has always baked and was encouraged to undertake the venture when a small shop became available on the main street of her hometown. She credits her mother Lorraine, who baked something each and every day for her family, as her inspiration.

Though small, there is a little seating area they call the "Courtyard" and a Coffee Cart from which customers can serve themselves. The place can be described as "adorable," and the color pink abounds.

"My food, most of which are recipes of my own creation, of which I am very protective, all has its own personality," said Jacqueline.

Signature cupcakes and cookies and other delights include the Cupcake Junkie (homemade chocolate cake with whipped cream filling, caramel frosting and drizzle), the Cinnamon Twist, the Pound Cake Cookie, Brownies, Rice Krispy Brick, Biscotti, Scones, Muffins, Personal Pies called "My Pie," Peanut Butter Cookie, Fruit Tarts, Cheese Danish, the Spice Baby (spice cake cupcake with whipped cream filling, caramel swirl with macadamia nut on top), the Scotcharoo (described as "utter deliciousness") and the famous Raspberry Cream Cupcake with white butter cream frosting and a raspberry (of course) on top. She unapologetically says that she is apt to change flavors every day, just to keep it interesting.

Morning customers can stop by for donuts, the one item that she does not make herself. She takes orders by phone and has a "Back Door Policy" which allows customers to leave the car running as they pick up their orders without having to park on the street out front.

Jacqueline is thrilled to have field trips of local school children and other groups (like 4H and Moms and Me) come to visit the bakery after hours. She just sets up a table and lets them decorate cookies to their heart's content.

In the fall, the bakery intends to add soup, small salads and fresh rolls to their menu.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 7 AM to 3:30 PM. Summer hours are subject to change.

