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Edible Chatter: Kiki's Bakeshop open in Watkinsville

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An Athens pastry chef bought the Granary in Watkinsville two months ago, but has no plans to do away with the baked goods that made the Granary so popular.

But she has changed the name to KiKi's Bakeshop and soon she'll be adding a cafe.

Not long ago, Kirsten Bradford was working as the pastry chef at the Athens Country Club, a position she held for more than two years, when, finally, she had a eureka moment.

"I was literally sitting on my desk and wondering when it was going to be my time to have a little bakery where my kids could help me," Bradford said.

That night she hit the Web looking for any bakeries for sale in the area. And a for-sale post about a Watkinsville bakery popped up. So far, she said Watkinsville has been a great fit.

"The people here are very community-minded," she said.

Bradford, who has also worked for Peter Dale at the National and Hugh Acheson at 5&10, said she's not taking anything away from the Granary's menu, especially not those tasty scones, but is adding a number of new items.

Anything that was popular, essentially, is sticking around, including the cinnamon rolls, the sticky buns and muffins.

Bradford has added a refrigerated deli case to house pies, lemon bars, cake slices and sandwiches.

Everything is made in-house, including the ciabatta, chicken salad, hummus and more.

Missing are the bulk baking goods the Granary once stocked. Bradford wants KiKi's to feel more like a bakery and less like a store.



By early August, Bradford plans to open the Local Table, a small cafe serving breakfast and lunch housed in the old location of the Big Easy, a space in the same building as KiKi's. Bradford is open especially for Fourth of July to sell apple, blueberry, peach and cherry pies for cookouts. Orders are for pick-only between 7 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on the big day, and must be placed by July 2.

KiKi's Bakery is open Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The location is 20 Greensboro Hwy. The number is (706) 769-6766.

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