



Owner Katie Peters drizzles caramel on a chai spiced doughnut at Wicked Sweet Bakery in Keizer, Oregon, on Friday, June 26. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HAYES / STATESMAN JOURNAL

Wicked Sweet Bakery now open in Keizer

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Bad news, Keizer gym goes, your protein shake loyalty is about to be tested. Wicked Sweet Bakery is now open, located immediately next door to the Physiq Fitness location on River Road.

Pastry chef Katie Peters and her husband Michael Peters — previously of Stayton — have reinvented the former Fortaleza Bakery space at 3852 River Road North.

They've painted, added cozy seating, built a new L-shaped display area and loaded one side of it with homey sweets and the other side with doughnuts.

Wicked Sweet's first day open was June 20, but due to not one but two mixer malfunctions, June 25 was their first day with doughnuts.

"It was crazy," said Peters, when the bakery opened at 6 a.m., people were "already waiting in the parking lot" to place their orders.

A Stayton favorite reappears

Though Wicked Sweet is a new venture, Peters' doughnuts already have a loyal following. The couple previously owned The Doughnut Shop in Stayton.

They bought the longstanding bakery since from Karen Lane in January 2018. Though business there was steady, Peters said, it wasn't profitable enough to make a living.

They closed the business in May 2019 and began looking for a new location. They had originally planned on opening Wicked Sweet in Salem, but when they found an available storefront already equipped with a ventilation system they opted for a space in Keizer instead.



Katie Peters pipes whipped cream on a chai spiced doughnut at Wicked Sweet Bakery in Keizer, Oregon.

When they bought The Doughnut Shop, said Peters, they hewed closely to the business' focus on doughnuts. Wicked Sweet is a more comprehensive bakery cafe, not simply a relocation of the previous business.

In addition to doughnuts, Peters offers a daily selection of pastries that includes brownies, scones, sticky buns and cinnamon rolls. Milk chocolate ganache-frosted cupcakes and her Aunt Sandy's recipe for red velvet round out a selection that also includes options for those avoiding gluten.

As she is able, Peters also plans on

adding cakes as well.

Classic flavors with polish

While some of Salem's other doughnut shops offer flavor options in the double digits. At Wicked Sweet Peters focuses on a smaller selection of classics and a few signatures.

Apple fritters, classic glazed, tiger tails, maple and chocolate bars and cinnamon twists; all the must-haves are there. Beside them are Peters' own more distinctive options.

White chocolate raspberry is filled

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with house made raspberry jam and vanilla pastry creme. Fudge Brownie, a doughnut inspired by another treat, is chocolate-dipped and topped with brownie chunks, dollops of marshmallow and a swizzle of chocolate ganache.

Peters' Chai Spice doughnut, dipped in spice glaze, she tops with fluffy rosettes of whipped cream and a drizzle of caramel. It's a doughnut that wouldn't be out of place on the dessert menu of a restaurant.

When she was right out of culinary school, Peters was hired at a bakery in Vancouver. The owner asked, said Peters, "are you doing cake for the looks or for the taste?"

"We're pretty focused on taste."

All of Wicked Sweet's doughnuts are the yeasted, fluffy style (no cake or old fashioned in sight) and Peters makes the frostings, jam and pastry cream fillings from scratch. For now, they're piping jam or cream into each of the filled doughnuts to order.

Wicked Sweet is not yet open for indoor dining, but they're accepting phone orders for pick-up and storefront service.

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idents of the facility will be required to follow a code of conduct and typically remain there for 14 days.

"The hotel will allow us to slow the spread of COVID-19 by giving those with no place else to go a place to safely isolate," Marion County's Public Health Director Katrina Rothenberger said in a statement.

Marion County will rent the hotel for at least nine months, starting July 1.

Concerned residents of Woodburn voiced their opinions of the potential impacts the shelter will have on the community.

"This is absolutely the LAST place that should be considered for this!" Angela Haragan wrote in a letter to the county. "My parents, who are both in their 80s live there, as do so many others in this age bracket. Why on earth are you considering sending these inmates to be housed there?"

The city said in a statement that it learned of Marion County's plan on June 16.

"This is not a City of Woodburn project, nor was the City included in the County's planning efforts," the state-



Heidi Nolan N.P. administer a nasal swab to test for COVID-19 in patients at Woodburn Health Center on April 13. Legacy Medical Group has drive-thru testing sites in Northwest Portland and Woodburn, with results available in one to two days.

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ment said. "Upon learning of the pending operation of a COVID-19 Isolation Shelter, City officials reached out to Marion County seeking additional information specifically related to public safety impacts and mitigation, potential land use issues and the need for public outreach and input prior to operating the facility."

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