

Popular North Plymouth eatery back in business



The 3A Café and Bakery reopened in North Plymouth Friday thanks to new owners Ricardo Jardim and Jackie Andrade, who call their customers family.

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The new owners of the 3A Café are familiar faces in North Plymouth, and they can't be more excited to welcome back customers they consider family.

Ricardo Jardim and Jackie Andrade appreciate their customers and hated being away from them the two months the café and bakery had been closed before reopening Friday. "I was very upset when they said they were going to close," Jardim said. "The customers were upset, so I was upset, too. So we decided to open again."

It took Jardim all of one day to realize he couldn't work for anyone else, and he and Andrade started making plans.

When Jardim and Andrade came to the United States in 2001 from their native Brazil to travel the country, they didn't plan to stay.

"We loved the country so much we decided to stay here," Jardim said.

When Jardim started working at the 3A Café in 2002, he was the dishwasher and has since taken on the roles of deliveryman, cook and now co-owner. Andrade started off washing dishes and has since worked as a waitress, assistant to the baker and is now baker and co-owner.

The 3A Café is known for its homemade breads, and Andrade will carry on that tradition. They also make homemade dressings and believe in using fresh ingredients. Greek food will continue to be featured on the menu, since he learned to cook it at the 3A. Jardim said they plan to offer more specials, including pasta dishes and fruit salads, such as his grilled chicken, mango and strawberry salad.

They will also offer a kids menu to accommodate families, add limited home delivery in the North Plymouth area and provide limited catering services.

The couple agrees it feels good to be back. They missed their customers most of all. Some stop in two or three times a day.

"It's important for us to see everyone," Jardim said. "It's like a family."

The 3A Café is open 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays. Breakfast is served ALL DAY every day and lunch served starting 11:00 a.m.