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Maureen's Kitchen to open for breakfast Dec. 18

Maureen Callahan has been cooking for a long time.

She learned her way around a kitchen at an early age, baking with her mother, Nona, as a child.

Right out of high school, Callahan worked at a pizzeria in Lincoln.

"It was one of those where we tossed the crust in the air and everything," she said.

Callahan's pizza crust has evolved over the years to include her highly requested cinnamon rolls and much more.

She has cooked at the Randazzle Cafe in Gothenburg, the school in Brady, the Hitchin' Post and most recently the Get-N-Go.

Next week, she's starting a whole new adventure that fulfills a long-time desire.

Maureen's Kitchen will open in the old restaurant building at the corner of Market and Commercial streets for breakfast at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, offering a full menu of morning items as well as baked goods.

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And, certainly, cinnamon rolls.

“I’ve always wanted to do a bakery,” she said. “And it hasn’t been that long ago that my daughter said, ‘Mom, I really want to work in a bakery with you.’”

Holly Callahan’s dream is about to come true, and then some.

Callahan and good friend Anita Shrum are business partners at Maureen’s Kitchen and Holly will get to help out some.

Shrum said her cooking isn’t as well known as Callahan’s but she’s ready to give it a whirl.

The two have been friends for years but became close while working together at the grocery store.

They realized that a breakfast and lunch restaurant suits both of them well and is just what the little town of Brady needs.

Maureen’s Kitchen will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Customers will have a full menu of choices for breakfast, including homemade hash browns.

“Nothing we do will come from a box,” Shrum said. “It’s all from scratch.”

The same goes for lunch, they said, which will be a daily special rather than menu choices.

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Maureen's Kitchen will also sell deli items such as sandwiches and party trays with meat and cheese, as well as a variety of baked goods ranging from brownies and cookies to, of course, cinnamon rolls.

Callahan said she will take special orders for parties and the duo hopes to one day get into catering.

Callahan and Shrum have been hands-on in the remodeling process of the old restaurant building over the past month.

They've not only deep cleaned the place but put up walls, painted and rearranged as well.

"It's a whole new place," Shrum said.

The entrance to Maureen's Kitchen is on the north side and the business takes up only the back half of the building.

The front, Callahan said, will eventually be rented as party rooms.