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Garden Patch Café fills void left by closing of Herry's



Standing ready to serve on Monday afternoon (March 18) are (from left) Katie Hinson, Wendy Woods, Joy Ahlstrom and Lori Roberts. (Not picture is Tina Nutter). Monday was the official first day – Grand Opening, with a ‘soft opening’ that was on Friday (March 15).

Story and Photos

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CHIEFLAND – With the closure of the thrift store and other aspects of Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast, there was in Chiefland, another loss -- Herry's Café.



The Garden Patch Cafe sign is above the location. It shows the telephone number as well.

Herry's Café was a fundraiser for that now-defunct hospice.

Wendy Woods revived those delicious breakfasts, soups, salads and sandwiches, which many diners came to know and love when they would visit Herry's.

And her eatery – the Garden Patch Café – has snacks and desserts as well.

Located at 116 Rodgers Blvd. (in the Save-A-Lot plaza across U.S. Highway 19 from

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Chiefland High School), the Garden Patch Café is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and it is open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Garden Patch Café is closed on Sundays.

There are tables and chairs similar to the former small café that used to be located essentially across the street from the plaza with Dr. Bill Martin, the orthodontist, and Palms Medical Group in beautiful downtown Chiefland.

The Garden Patch Café also has two conference rooms with seats for six and seats for eight respectively. These can be used by first-come, first-serve – unless they are reserved in advance.

The Save-A-Lot plaza might be considered beautiful midtown Chiefland.

The menu includes breakfast sandwiches, a breakfast burrito, bagels, croissants and more. Patrons can have choices of breads, meats and cheeses.

The best method to discover the finer points, there, is to visit.

There is a whole garden salad, a half garden salad, a stuffed tomato, a soup of the day and more.

In regard to sandwiches, the diner can order their choice of breads and cheeses, and get the sandwiches cold, toasted or pressed.

The sandwiches include the Garden Patch BLT, Garden Patch Reuben, the Garden Patch Italian Sub, the Garden Patch Club, Ham or Turkey sandwiches, the Garden Patch Cuban, and a chicken sandwich and a chicken wrap.

Snacks and desserts include pasta salad, potato salad, a bag of chips, pudding cup, muffins (banana, blueberry, chocolate) a cinnamon roll and pies.

After 2 p.m., there are banana splits, ice cream and milk shakes (chocolate, strawberry and vanilla).

Woods said that when Herry's closed she heard the call for a replacement. She hired the same crew of great workers, with one addition.

Joining Woods are Joy Ahlstrom, Lori Roberts, Katie Hinson and Tina Nutter. They are the Garden Patch Café team. Hinson is the only worker who was not at Herry's.