

Morkes Chocolates opens in downtown Huntley after move from Algonquin

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HUNTLEY – A chocolate shop that offers various sweets and freshly made donuts each day opened within downtown Huntley to fanfare this week, the owner said.

Customers throughout Huntley have steadily visited Morkes Chocolates, taking advantage of the shop's outdoor patio seating, since the chocolate shop opened its doors at 11801 Main St., owner Claudia Kendzior said.

"It's been great," Kendzior said. "We've been really welcomed by Huntley."



Morkes storefront in the new Sawyer Kelley Mercantile building, Huntley.



A wide variety of chocolate creations are available at Morkes.

The shop is the first occupant of a new 5,400 square-foot commercial building built at the former Sawyer-Kelley Mill site in downtown Huntley. The building project should help the village kick off its broader downtown overhaul, which is well under construction, Huntley officials have said.

The Morkes Family has operated a storefront in Palatine since the 1960s,

offering specialty chocolates.

Kendzior independently owns the Huntley store with her husband, Rick. The Kendziors' move to Huntley comes after they operated a Morkes in Algonquin for nearly seven years.

Along with its signatures truffles, caramel squares and other sweets, Morkes Chocolates in Huntley brews coffees, from espressos to mochaccinos, and makes donuts fresh each morning, Kendzior said.

Equipped with free Wi-Fi, the store features both outdoor and indoor seating. A party room located in the back of the store for families and even businesses can be reserved up to two hours at no charge, Monday through Friday, Kendzior said.

"It's my vision to offer a place for

people to come and relax," she said.

The new shop operates from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.



Shop owner Claudia Kendzior serves up fresh donuts and cookies.