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Lincoln's 'chocolate-chip caches' could tempt Cookie Monster

By Chris Burbach
Daily Nebraskan Senior Editor
If Cookie Monster knew about our fair downtown's chocolate-chip caches, he wouldn't be messing around on Sesame Street; the loveable blue fur-ball would hightail it to Lincoln.

No less than four cookie shops sell their wares in downtown Lincoln — Cookies n' Cream, the Cookie Company, Do-Biz and Mister Cookie. The Cookie Company and Do-Biz have been around for a while, while Cookies n' Cream and Mister Cookie are the new kids on the cookie-shop block.

Mister Cooke, 240 N. 14th St., is a 2 1/2-month-old family business specializing in homemade cookies and atmosphere. It's owned and operated by Mike and Virgie White, who got into the business because Mike likes cookies.

"The problem I had was I couldn't go anywhere and buy a

cookie that tastes homemade — I tried all kinds but they all had a certain bakery flavor," Mike said. "So we decided to open a cookie store."

The Whites use all their own recipes to create "a cookie like Grandma would make at home," Mike said. They either made up the recipes themselves or got them from other family members.

Virgie and Mike split the duties at Mister Cookie in a rather unique way.

"We're each responsible for half of the doughs," Mike said. "She can't do my doughs and I can't do hers."

The Whites' specialties are yogurt cookies and snicker doodles. Mike said the yogurt cookies are peculiar to his store. Mister Cookie also sells cookie baskets for gifts, dough by the cookie or half pound and decorated cookies.

They've done several decorations, Mike said. One which stands out in his mind is a 12-inch diamond-shaped birthday cookie

he decorated for a UNL sorority. Another decoration was so bizarre, Mike said "I wouldn't even tell you about it."

The big diamond cookie cost \$6.25; that's the very top of Mister Cookie's price scale. An individual cookie costs 55¢.

Mister Cooke offers seating and sells hot sandwiches in addition to their cookie and beverage menu. It's located in the former home of The Gazebo. The Whites have remodeled with a rather simple decor, featuring a showcase and a railroad depot bench which both date back to the 1800s.

Cookies n' Cream opens officially today along with the rest of Le Metro Food Court in the lower level of the Atrium. Run by Al and Linda Naticchioni, it features a "gourmet thick and chewy" chocolate-chip cookie. In addition to the cookie menu, Cookies n' Cream will sell cinnamon rolls, soft serve yogurt, sherbets and a variety of beverages.

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'Country' shows a tragedy Midwesterners know too well

Review by Chris Welsch
Daily Nebraskan Editor

The story in "Country" is all too familiar to many Midwesterners.

In fact, the story's familiarity might soften the impact of its tragedy. Anyone who has spent any time in the country or in a small town knows stories just as tragic.

The star of the film, Jessica Lange, came up with the idea for "Country." She wanted it to be an editorial picture of sorts — she wanted "Country" to bring attention to the small family farmer's situation.

To an extent, the movie succeeds. It is moving and depressing and makes a lot of people in the theater cry. But too much tragedy is crammed into the plot. It may be too melodramatic.

Lange plays Jewell Ivy, a simple

woman who fights to save her farm from the government and her family from falling apart. Sam Shepard plays her anguished husband.

Any farmer in Nebraska knows at least some of the problems the Ivys faced. The Ivys' farm is beset by natural disaster, then financial disaster. The Farmers Home Administration is portrayed as the bad guy. Every time the FmHA administrator creeps onto the screen, the "heavy" music starts up.

Like many small farmers, the Ivys can't break even. They have thousands of dollars in delinquent loans, and although the net worth of their land and equipment is more than \$300,000, they are living on about \$6,000 a year.

The FmHA forecloses. The family is shattered. Gil becomes a despondent drunk.

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