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EATS OF THE WEEK

‘PIZZA THE WAY YOU LIKE IT’



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Owners Mayco Martinez, left, and Kira Sakinis pose for a photo Sept. 10, 2025, in front of Artesanos Pizza, a new food truck serving Mexican-style pizza in the Bloomington-Normal area.

Mexican-style pizzeria on wheels feeding B-N foodie scene

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BLOOMINGTON — A new food truck is bringing its Mexican-style pizza all around Bloomington-Normal. Mayco Martinez started Artesanos Pizza along with his brother, Diego Martinez, and girlfriend, Kira Sakinis. Mayco Martinez and Sakinis are the co-owners, with Sakinis also serving as manager and Mayco as the main cook; Diego is also a chef. Sakinis met Mayco Martinez while

working at The Original Pancake House in Normal, and after Sakinis learned of his dream of owning some kind of eatery, she wanted to help make it happen. The Martinez family has run a business under the same name and logo in Mexico since 2019, but the brothers wanted to bring those recipes and expand the name in Illinois. All of their ingredients and recipes originated from Mexico.

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VIEW: To watch a video interview with the owners of Artesanos Pizza, point your smartphone camera at the QR code and tap the link. [NEWSVU](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Normal permits more pets in homes

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NORMAL — Normal residents can now have three animals per species in their homes after town officials amended the pet ownership ordinance. The Normal Town Council on Monday approved the amended ordinance to increase the limit from the previous “Noah’s Ark rule” of two. While the town staff has heard more comments from residents who wish to keep a third dog or cat, critics worried increasing the number of allowed pets would increase problems. They said the town needs to address nuisance animals and their owners. Supporters of the change said the town is preserving its ability to enforce animal welfare, noise, leash and other restrictions. The town noted restricting the number of dogs, cats and certain other animals on residential property is common

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POLITICAL VIOLENCE

Politicians face security concerns

STEVE PEOPLES AND MIKE CATALINI
Associated Press

MORRISTOWN, N.J. — Even before the killing of Charlie Kirk, Gov. Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania struggled with the emotional toll of political violence. Just five months ago, someone broke into his home and set it on fire as Shapiro, his wife and children were asleep. Since then, Shapiro, a likely 2028 Democratic presidential contender, was forced to confront the vexing questions now consuming elected officials in both parties as they face the impact of Kirk’s assassination on their own public lives. “The emotional challenge for me that’s been the hardest to work through is that, as a father, the career I chose,

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