Nino's Bakery & Cafe Named 2026 Best of Florida Regional Award Winner

PUNTA GORDA, FL, UNITED STATES, September 21, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Nino's Bakery & Cafe, a family-owned Italian bakery and cafe on Cooper Street, has been named a 2026 Best of Florida Regional Award winner. The recognition honors the bakery's longstanding commitment to scratch-made pastries and breads, along with a customer experience that keeps regulars coming back six days a week. Known for cannoli piped to order, rainbow and butter cookies, croissants, bagels, daily-baked breads, and pizza, Nino's has built a loyal following one bakery case at a time. The bakery also bakes and delivers fresh bread six days a week to cafes and farmers markets throughout the region, extending its reach well beyond its Punta Gorda storefront.

That range reflects a broader philosophy at Nino's: quality ingredients and family recipes matter more than shortcuts, no matter how busy the shop gets. Real butter and unbromated flours go into everything that comes out of the oven, while the wholesale side of the business puts Nino's breads on breakfast tables and event spreads across Charlotte County and beyond. That consistency, paired with genuine community ties, has helped turn first-time visitors into longtime regulars. "It means everything to be recognized this way by the community we've spent so many years serving," said Theresamarie Clarke of Nino's Bakery & Cafe. "We started as a small neighborhood bakery, and staying true to that feeling is what keeps people walking through our door every morning."

Now, Nino's is preparing to bring that same from-scratch food to Port Charlotte with the opening of Nino's On The Go inside the Chevron gas station. The new grab-and-go concept will feature the same items made at the Punta Gorda bakery, packaged for customers who need something fresh without slowing down. As Nino's looks toward its next chapter, the focus remains on consistency, scratch-made quality, and a genuine welcome. Longtime fans have often called it "Florida's Hidden Gem," and the 2026 Best of Florida Regional Award gives that nickname a little more weight. For Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte, and the wider region, that is a sweet distinction worth celebrating.

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