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"LA PINE ROCKS!" CHAMBER CONNECTION

"We are the hub of the business community, promoting commerce and tourism making La Pine a vibrant community to work, live and play!"

THE CANDY JAR • Owner: Jennifer Horn

So, Jennifer, when was your business founded? "We established The Candy Jar on July 19, 2009. It is a first-time business for me and I am lucky enough to be able to use my mother's recipes. She is a great candy maker and it seemed natural to me to be able to offer her goodies in a retail setting."

Who are the main players at The Candy Jar? "This is a family business. Mostly it is me, but my Mother, Colleen Horn, comes in and of course, my husband, Scott Henderson, helps here or at home with the children when he needs to!"

Why do you work, live and play in La Pine? "I am basically a La Pine native, since I moved here in 1977 at the tender age of three. When it came time to settle down, this was home. I was in La Grande at Eastern Oregon State University and came home where I met my husband at the Frontier Days. He is also from La Pine and we realized that we rode the same school bus as kids. Where else would we settle?"

What is the potential for growth for your candy business? "Actually, watching the business grow is a real plus. Going into the business cold, we hoped for community support and we believe we have got it! We have already added the ice cream freezer and other products and we are looking forward to offering more delicious treats for our customers in the future. We are also having an After Hours for Chamber members on December 8th to kick off the Christmas Bazaar weekend and the Light Parade. So be sure to be here for a sweet evening together."

What is your business's great challenge? "Time. I am a busy mom, and we are structuring what we do so we can stay debt free. During these economic times, we plan carefully and expand when it is justifiable."

What is the biggest highlight of your career? "Adding the few new extra products like ice cream and seeing how well we are doing with everything is a real highlight!"

What do you do to relax? "Ha! Ha! Relax? The family enjoys the out-of-doors and being together, even though there are demands on both of us."

Tell us something about yourself that few people know about: "I worked at the kid's club at the elementary school and then I was out of work. My husband went through a layoff, too. We decided how to use something we both loved in order to do something for our community - and here we are!"

In terms of volunteering in the community, what is your personal contribution to the community? "We are new to the Chamber, but we have worked with our children at school and I am a Board Member for Rising Star Preschool where my youngest attends. I am very passionate about children getting a quality education!"

What are your plans for the future? "We want to offer more new products and more fun!"

What advice would you give to community leaders? "Keep moving in the right direction. Support the LPRD activities for the community and support the small businesses in La Pine so we continue to grow the economy here."

Do you have a mission? "We always go back to: Life is sweet! It can be dark and gloomy, but you can always find a "Sweet Spot!"

The Candy Jar is surely a Sweet Spot!

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