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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!"***

## **CLEM KADIDDLEHOPPER'S CLEANING SERVICE**

**Owner: Clem Stechelin**

**So, Clem Stechelin, when was your business founded?** "I started working one year ago as the cleaning business. I decided to add this because I had been working with Home Federal Bank and they were preparing to close, I needed more work and so this was the logical step."

**Who are the main players at Kadiddlehopper's?** "It is me for the cleaning business and my wife will help with secretarial items."

**Why do you work, live and play in La Pine?** "My wife, Jodi, and I have been here since my daughter-in-law, Lisa Steffey, and step-son, Chance Steffey, moved to La Pine. (Lisa and Chance were responsible for our new Community Clinic being founded two years ago, June. Before that they owned the La Pine Community Clinic). We followed them here, and now we are here to stay!"

**What is the potential for growth for your cleaning business?** "I would like to keep it fairly small but, eventually I would like to have 1-2 employees. We concentrate on local small businesses. Paulina Peak and City Hall are two of our current customers."

**What is your business's great challenge?** "Letting people know that we are here to help is the most difficult aspect of starting any business."

**What is the biggest highlight of your career?** "I was a meat cutter all of my life and had a business in Springfield for 25 years. I was approached by some of the hunters who came in. Then we did a video for all hunters at Wilderness Sound Production. The owner, Larry D. Jones, is a nationally known Bow Hunter. We developed a jerky seasoning that was well liked by our customers. After retiring, we wrote the book and started to sell the seasoning. The seasoning product is Clem's Oregon Trail Jerky Seasoning and the book is called "The Perfect Batch" (regarding jerky and sausage). For more than ten years, we traveled to sportsman shows. Now we do mostly local shows like the recent Christmas Craft Fair right here in La Pine, selling and promoting our line. We now offer a commercial drying screen for drying fruits, vegetables and jerky!"

**What do you do to relax?** "We have a fun business, and I have met scores of wonderful people and we enjoy traveling and meeting new folks."

**Tell us something about yourself that few people know about:** "Because of our extensive travels to different shows, I have met artisans and writers. I ship our products all over the USA. Even our local Bi-Mart has my Clem's Oregon Trail Jerky seasoning in the sporting goods section."

**In terms of volunteering in the community, what is your personal contribution to the community?** "We have joined the Chamber and we are busy working with my church, Living Waters Baptist. We give to the mission in Mexico and now help support an orphanage in Colombia. We also collect cans for the youth group."

**What are your plans for the future?** "Nothing," he joked. "I leave future plans to my wife, Jodi!"

**What advice would you give to community leaders?** "I want to say that I am so pleased with La Pine as a place to live. Last night I was coming into town and I saw the Triangle P (Centennial Park) and saw that it was decorated for the holidays. It is such a nice entrance. I wish we could do the north end the same way. By the way, L&S Gardens did a great job on that little park and lighted sign!"

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