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Angeline's Bakery marks 20 years in Sisters

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Sometimes, a small turn in the road can set your course for the rest of your life.

Angeline Rhett didn't start out back in the mid-1990s to be a baker and an entrepreneur. She was a seasonal worker fighting fire and trying to find a path to a career in cartography. But because she wanted to stick around Sisters for a while she made a couple of small, "temporary" moves that turned out to have some momentous consequences — and led to the establishment of what has become one of Sisters' signature businesses.

To stay in Sisters, "I pretty much worked eight trillion jobs," she told The Nugget. That included Mountain Supply, Seasons, J-Bar-J and Hoodoo. There was a little bakery in town owned by a couple of snowboarders. It was never open, so Angeline leased some counter space from them and began to make sandwiches and goodies to take to merchants stuck behind their counters in local businesses. She became a bit of a fixture, walking around town carrying a basket full of yummy stuff, or pulling a child's red wagon.

In 1996, the owner of Northern Lights decided to move back to California.

"They wanted to know if I just wanted to take over the space," Angeline recalled.

She decided to go for it, got some scrap materials from Hoyt's to do a little remodeling, and on January 7, 1997, she opened for business.

"I opened it myself and seriously thought, how hard could it be?" she said.

She soon found out that bakers' hours are early and entrepreneurs' hours run late. She needed to hire some help.

"I was busy from the start,"

She had a hit on her hands, but Angeline wasn't planning on making a career out of being a baker.

"For the first few years, I didn't think this is what I'd be doing, that I'd be staying," she said. "I never thought that I'd actually stay here."

But as life does, things happened. She got married in 1999. In 2000, she remodeled and expanded the bakery and opened a courtyard, where she could indulge her passion for live music.

"Once I expanded, I was kind of committed," she said.



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Angeline has been creating healthy and tasty baked goods for 20 years.

"I started thinking of my business as a career."

That meant getting serious about learning to operate a small business, and Angeline took COCC courses that helped her learn to control her numbers, set goals and plan. She also grew more and more committed to providing healthy — and tasty — options for folks in Sisters.

She's a significant employer in Sisters — eight on staff through winter and as many as 20 in the summertime. She has enjoyed seeing staff move on to "live cool lives." And she's worked hard to maintain the balance necessary to leading a cool life herself.

"At 20 years, I'm just kind

of creating my perfect day," she said. "I like to go down to The Belfry (the music venue she created out of an old church) and sand the floor. I also like to make some food at home and read a book, so I'm trying to figure it out. I've got it pretty good."

She also recognized that it is the Sisters community that has given her unexpected career wings.

"I would never have stuck with this if it hadn't been in *this* community," she said. "This community has really kept me here and kept me in the game and kept my feet on the ground."

Angeline's Bakery & Café is located at 121 W. Main Ave.

