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Dawn Mitchell operates a successful seafood business.

Keeping it fresh in Bend fish shop

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Dawn Mitchell didn't have any plans to get into the fresh fish business when she left her 15-year job as an administrative assistant in Bend.

But when trolling for a new job proved more frustrating than she'd anticipated, she took the bait that was dangling in front of her — the opportunity to take on a seafood business. The owners of Precious Cargo Seafood Co. showed her the ropes, and now she's hooked.

"I have learned so much — and there's so much to know," Mitchell told *The Nugget*. "I love it — and my customers are so nice."

Precious Cargo Seafood Co. has a storefront at 63356 Nels Anderson Rd., Suite 4, in

Bend, but the store location is the least important aspect of the business. Precious Cargo offers high-quality, flash-frozen seafood from local and international fisheries. Precious Cargo's products are frozen at sea directly after being caught to preserve the fish's quality and taste.

How the fish is caught and how it's handled are critical to quality and taste, and that's Mitchell's focus. It's all 100 percent wild and flash-frozen. She's open six days a week and with a couple of days advance notice she can fill all kinds of special orders.

"I keep my prices as low as I can," Mitchell said. "I have a huge selection that you can't get anywhere else."

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six months last year as an exchange student in Austria.

"Since I went to Austria, they (school officials) thought I would be proficient enough," he said.

Hedemark says her former student has "intuitive language skills" and has developed his ability through hard work. She credited his time in Austria and travel to other European countries for polishing his conversational German.

Hedemark added it's good to see young people from "little old Sisters Oregon" pursue their dreams. Robillard is one of several in that regard, she said.

The son of Tammy and Michael Robillard won't get to choose many of his courses because the York program specifies a rigorous curriculum. He applied to the University of Oregon as a backup plan, and was accepted, but will bypass Eugene for the medieval city where York St. John University is located.

"It's rich in history," Robillard said. "I'm very excited about finishing high school and going. Everything about this school I fell in love with."

That includes relatively small classes at the



PHOTO BY STEVE KADEL

Devin Robillard has chosen a university in England for his post-Sisters-High-School education.

university with 6,500 students. Robillard envisions a possible business career some day, but said it's too early to pin down his goals. He developed an interest in business by working for a pet-grooming business in Sisters.

Robillard lived with a host family during his stint in Austria. He got along very well with them, he said, but will be living in a dormitory in England. That takes some of the apprehension away because he isn't worried about what a new host family will be like.

SHS teacher Matt Bradley helped Robillard with his application statement for the York university. When he is finished, Robillard will have

a bachelor's degree in both German and business.

He graduates from SHS in June, then will fly to England to begin the college program September 6. His father and grandfather will accompany him to York to see him off, and Robillard will return to Sisters during summers. Robillard's parents are supportive of his long trek for post-high-school education.

"They're happy for me because it's what I want to do," he said.

Robillard will give his new environment a tryout with an eye toward possibly living abroad afterward.

"Germany is a strong economic power in the EU," he said. "I could see myself living in Europe."

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