

Your Store marks 30 years in Sisters

By Jim Cornelius
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Chances are, if you've been to Sisters any time in the past three decades, you've walked through the doors of Your Store.

The shop at 121 W. Cascade Ave. is a go-to spot for a T-shirt or sweatshirt commemorating the area and for Outlaw logo wear. This summer marks Your Store's 30th year in business.

The store was originally founded in Redmond by Bonnie Jacobs-Halosek and Neal Halosek with the unique selling point of having all of its inventory priced at \$10 or below. The concept was high-volume, low-margin.



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Catherine Hayden of Your Store. The shop has been providing souvenir clothing items and Outlaws gear to locals and visitors alike for decades.

focus to resort communities, and now maintain three stores — in Sisters, Sunriver and Seaside.

They also took on their own printing on shirts.

The most popular items in Sisters feature the mountains and print that references Oregon — often souvenirs of a trip to this beautiful part of America.

“We offer families an affordable souvenir item. In general, our best-selling item is a pull-over hood,” Hayden told *The Nugget*.

The business continues to be a family affair. Catherine's parents operate the Seaside store. Jake Turpin is the master screen printer, and Cara Hudson is the business manager. The family prides itself on providing jobs that pay better than minimum wage and offer benefits.

Catherine says that her favorite part of her job is the design of products. At this time of year, the toughest part of the business is keeping up with demand. “We restock every week,” she said.

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“We started off as a women's boutique,” said the Halosek's daughter Catherine Hayden, who manages the Sisters store. “At one time we had 30 stores across Oregon.”

As big-box stores made inroads into small retailers' markets, they shifted their

Dealing from fresh deck on social gaming

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Anyone who looked could have found (social) gambling at an establishment in Sisters. They probably wouldn't have even been shocked.

It was, however, technically not allowed.

Last week, the Sisters City Council shuffled the deck and dealt again on that issue, approving an ordinance granting businesses the right to run social gaming in their establishments and for patrons to participate in the gaming.

In the 1940s, Sisters had a social gaming ordinance but, when the Oregon state lottery was established in the 1980s, the old ordinances that cities had in effect were eliminated. If a city wanted to allow social gaming, a new ordinance was required. Sisters' council back then held an advisory community vote which indicated that a majority of the citizens who voted

didn't favor social gaming.

Times have changed, and there is a group of 20-35 people who regularly meet for poker upstairs at Sisters Saloon and Ranch Grill every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Owner Aaron Okura suspended the games when it was discovered that Sisters had no ordinance allowing social gaming.

The City drafted and Council approved an ordinance permitting social gaming in Sisters, joining the ranks of the other Central Oregon cities. The Wednesday evenings are a \$20 buy-in poker tournament. Okura doesn't run the poker games and the saloon doesn't receive any poker-generated funds. He simply hosts the tournament.

A community tradition is now officially sanctioned by a City ordinance. Establishments wishing to operate social gaming must pay a \$100 annual fee to the City for a gaming license.

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