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**Thursday, July 21**
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High -- 92 Low -- 53

**Sunday, July 24**
Clear
High -- 93 Low -- 53

**Monday, July 25**
Clear
High -- 93 Low -- 55

**Tuesday, July 26**
Clear
High -- 93 Low -- 57

**Wednesday, July 27**
Clear
High -- 93 Low -- 56

Following are the high & low temperatures, and rainfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

July	High	Low
8	68	55
9	64	51
10	64	49
11	81	44
12	82	46
13	88	47
14	90	50

July Rain: .51" YTD Rain: 88.11"
Average Yearly Rain Total: 72.00"

Rock shop hits decade in Valley

By Dan Klapheke
IVN Staff Writer

Ten years after opening, a small rock shop in Selma is going strong and the owners are very grateful.

Louis and Carol Swisher, owners of Crystal Kaleidoscope, opened shop in 2006 after moving from the Lake Tahoe area. Before, the couple had three shops in Lake Tahoe, Santa Cruz and Carson City. But Louis said they dropped it all to pursue a simpler life, and they had a list of what they wanted, including proximity to a hospital, decent traffic for business and scenery.

"This had everything on the list," Louis said of the Illinois Valley. "It had the beauty we wanted; it had the kickback type of people we wanted. It's very eclectic here."

(Photo by Dan Klapheke, Illinois Valley News)

Louis (right) and Carol Swisher working with a customer at Crystal Kaleidoscope. This year marks a decade in the Valley for them.

Louis said he got into the rock business by following his passion. He once worked a suit-requiring casino job, but wanted to own his own store. As he mulled over what he wanted his store to be, he looked to his roots.

"I finally decided, 'Well I'll just do things I liked when I was a kid,'" Louis said. "I liked kaleidoscopes and I liked rocks, so that's what it is. It's just everything I liked when I was a kid."

Louis saved up and opened his first rock shop in Santa Cruz. It was a fraction of the size of the current Selma store, but it was a start. Word spread as his popularity grew, but Louis said he lost everything in a 1989 earthquake.

"I went from having a store to having \$200 in my pocket," Louis said. He rebuilt the store from square-one and eventually expanded to Lake Tahoe, where he lived for 30 years. He met and married Carol 16 years ago, and together they opened up another shop in Carson City that Carol operated.

Carol's been around rocks her whole life; she said her grandmother was a stonemason and jewelry maker, and she remembers going to her first rock show when she was 8 years old.

"I still have my same rocks that I got there," Carol said.

Despite downsizing and closing three stores, Louis said the Selma store does better than any of the others ever did. They're busy year-round, with summer bringing the most traffic, but the winter months have picked up

in recent years, Louis said. Crystal Kaleidoscope gets a lot of repeat customers that come every year, as well as plenty of first-time visitors.

"You think that you're educating the kids on the rocks, but you're also educating the parents," Carol said. "And it doesn't matter what age. They're still learning, and that's what makes it fun."

Crystal Kaleidoscope's rocks come from all over the world, Louis said, and the only continent the store doesn't carry rocks from is Antarctica. Each rock in the store is handpicked by Louis and Carol at an annual rock show in Tucson, Arizona. The show is January and February, and this year the Swishers brought back 17,000 pounds worth of stones.

"It's a little different than most stores," Louis said. "We don't order out of catalogues."

After the rocks are transported from Tucson, they have to be hauled into either the store or the 1,100 sq. ft. back storage room. The 17,000 pounds will be Crystal Kaleidoscope's inventory for the next year until Louis and Carol go back to the show.

"The good thing about rocks is they don't have a date on them," Louis said.

Amethyst is usually the store's top seller, Louis said, as well as the jewelry. The more unique items include

fossils--including dinosaur footprints and a dinosaur egg--meteorites and the handcrafted kaleidoscopes made by 20 artists around the country.

"If you come in and ask us for something, we very likely might have it," Louis said. "The variety is what we go for."

Crystal Kaleidoscope is open daily from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The Swishers don't advertise or have a Facebook page, but can be contacted at (541) 597-4300. Louis said they have no need to advertise, as word of mouth has taken care of that.

"I don't care how much you advertise, I don't care how much yellow pages, internet--I don't care about any of that," Louis said. "Word of mouth is the bottom line."

What Louis and Carol said they care about most are people, which they show in trying to be fair and personable with customers. They also said they love the community.

"We are so lucky to live in this valley," Louis said. "We are very lucky to live here, and we are very grateful that we are here."

And the community doesn't have much of a choice but to like them, Louis said.

"We told people when we moved here, 'We really hope you like us, because we're not moving,'" Louis said.



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