

Mother-daughter business Rancho Road Bakery takes off

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WALLOWA COUNTY — Do you have an anniversary coming up? There's a cookie for that. Have a birthday around the corner? There's a cookie for that. Wedding? Yep, there's a cookie for that, too.

No matter the occasion, Rancho Road Bakery, a new mother-daughter bakery in Wallowa County, can probably provide you the cookies to commemorate the occasion.

Debi Warnock — the mother — and daughter Deidre Schreiber, started the business, named after the road they live on, about three months ago. It all started when Schreiber, who attends Eastern Oregon University, was home

for Thanksgiving break and, with a lot of time on her hands, baked about 300 gingerbread men that were scattered on the counter throughout her mother's kitchen, Warnock said.

"After she went back to college, I thought, 'Hey, do you think ...?'" said Warnock.

And the cookie-baking business was born.

"Who would have thought this community needed so many cookies, but they do," she said.

Warnock works full time as the OSU 4-H and Family, Community Health agent, and Schreiber is a full-time student. The bakery is not a full-time endeavor for the women.

"We do it because we like to make people happy with cookies," Schreiber said.

Schreiber has worked at



Debi Warnock/Contributed Photo

A plate of Oregon cookies made at the new Rancho Road Bakery is shown.

a bakery and Warnock has taught, by her estimation, "hundreds of kids in this county how to bake."

They recently moved to a house with a larger kitchen.

"Truly, our kitchen begs to be baked in," she said.

Schreiber said she "likes to experiment and learn different techniques and getting to enjoy the end product. It's a stress reliever."

Schreiber was in 4-H for 12 years and participated in the 4-H cooking club.

"Who's not happy eating a cookie?" asked Warnock. For her, she says, it is a relaxing, creative outlet.

Among the cookies are sugar cookies decorated with royal icing, a type of icing that is used in decorating baked goods and is

harder than regular buttercream or powdered sugar frostings. The duo said they spent quite a while perfecting the recipe.

They say they have made cookies for weddings, bridal showers and baby showers, birthdays, barbecues, Easter, Bible study groups, graduations and branding parties. Schreiber explained that the cost of the cookie partially depends on the size, number of colors used, whether there is an air brush technique used or she uses a projector. She cited the FFA cookies she made for the state FFA officers as an example. The FFA emblem is intricate and there are several colors involved in each cookie.

They have made Valentine heart-shaped cookies,

shamrocks and beer mugs decorated with green, foamy, white icing for St. Patrick's Day, tulips and eggs for spring and the list seems to go on.

Their most popular cookie thus far? Ear tag-shaped cookies that have been ordered for several branding events. There have even been Weeds of the West cookies for someone who is a pesticide applicator.

A popular cookie has been "the Dipper," a small cookie that is dipped in buttercream icing. Rancho Road Bakery also makes what they call their "Rustic Ranch" cookie that Warnock describes as, "a huge, almost half-pound chocolate chip, dark chocolate and peanut butter, cookie."

For spring and summer, they will be trying strawberry and lemonade cookie varieties.

Although there is not that much sugar in the cookies, Warnock said they easily go through 50 pounds of flour in a month and a lot of powdered sugar.

Quality control has been in-house with Warnock's husband, Charlie, and her son, Devin and Schreiber's boyfriend, Matt, all making sure nothing goes out that isn't top of the line.

They like to have a week's notice for orders especially if the cookies involve different techniques or multiple colors; costs vary. If they can, they will try to accommodate people's requests for cookies, with shorter lead times.

"If we can, we'll fit them in," said Schreiber.

Orders can be made by texting, through Instagram, calling or messaging, and can be delivered within the area or picked up at agreed-upon locations.

Although there are no plans in the works for a brick-and-mortar location, Rancho Road Bakery has plans for a Cookie-of-the-Month project with themed cookies and to set up at the Wallowa County Farmers Market. They have also experimented with themed kits, which include the baked cookies along with the frosting and decorations for people to do their own decorating.

Schreiber summed up their baking endeavor in one short sentence. She said Rancho Road Bakery is "local cookies for local people."

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 - Conducted
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 - A third of tri-
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 - Time in history (... + all 3 in this one)
 - Formal deal
 - Forearm bones
 - Ran into (all 3 letters in this answer ...)
 - Mishmash (... + the first 3 in this one)
 - Plum's center
 - Highest peak in Alaska
 - Highlander (rhymes with "Braille")
 - Hacienda brick
 - ___ box (Japanese lunch)
 - Certain football player (the last 3 letters in this answer ...)
 - Clash with foam ammo (... + the first 3 in this one)
 - Orange, but not apple
 - Submit taxes online
 - 2012 film that won Best Picture
 - Drop in
 - Hack (off)
 - Overnight sensation's trajectory (the last 2 letters in this answer ...)
 - Salt Lake City student (... + all 3 in this one)
 - St. Teresa's Spanish birthplace
 - Humorist Lebowitz
 - Rapper ___ Nas X
 - Ending a relationship, or a theme hint
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 - Fire remnant
 - Fix, as a hair bow
 - Blow away
 - Honey Smacks frog
 - Very proficient

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 - Take a load off
 - Not at all proficient
 - Vaccine fluids
 - Sam of Sam's Club
 - Short flight
 - Spousal ___
 - Pennies: Abbr.
 - Invites to the penthouse
 - Angola's capital
 - Hold the attention of
 - Semi fuel
 - Massage target
 - Sign out
 - Calf-length skirt
 - English prep school
 - Apply gently
 - Secluded valley
 - "___ kleine Nachtmusik"
 - Buddy
 - Floor model
 - "Keep your shirt on!"
 - Card that beats a deuce
 - Not to mention
 - Chris of "The Good Wife"
 - Become limp
 - Lotion additive
 - Single exercise
 - Sushi eggs
 - Flowering shrub
 - Critic's write-up
 - Front piece on a car
 - Image-building group
 - Brought into being
 - Wrapped, as an ankle
 - Like a groom-to-be
 - Taj Mahal's city
 - French friend
 - Late SCOTUS great
 - Casual shirt
 - Absorbed, as a loss
 - Toy's sound?
 - Group of exercises

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