

Candy shop owners extend business to Crescent City

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Just a few short years since taking over the Whale's Tail Candy & Gifts at the Brookings Harbor, Amy and Andy Sale are opening another shop in Crescent City.

The business owners are bringing their handmade fudge and chocolates, saltwater taffy, ice cream and more to their new location between Safeway and the movie theater in Crescent City.

The couple says they are bringing a much needed niche to the community.

"We saw the success we were having in Brookings and we wanted to extend it to a new community that didn't have a lot of the products that we offer. So we started looking around," said Amy Sale. "We decided this would be the best place to start."

Whale's Tail Candy and Gifts in Crescent City features all of the goodies available at the Brookings store, and a little more.

"It's a little bit bigger store so we have more flavors of taffy - which puts us up to about 45 flavors of taffy," Amy said.

A new chocolate and fudge case is also set to arrive soon – so they will also be selling more varieties of these handmade goodies.

"There's nowhere else that does chocolates and fudge in Crescent City and it's a coastal town – so we thought it would be great for the community," Andy said.

The business owners make their own chocolate with a large tempering machine that can hold 17 pounds of chocolate. They also hand make their fudge a single batch at a time.

"There are other places that use a mix and add flavoring to it. But for us we make each individual fudge – and it tastes phenomenal," Andy said.

Another reason the business owners think Whales Tail Candy and Gifts has been so successful is the variety of nostalgic candies that they bring in – from Zots and Astro Pops to candy cigarettes and Abba Zabbas – "things you can't really find at the store anymore," Andy said.

The retro "old-school" candies are enjoyable for everyone.

"It doesn't matter how young or old you are – it's a fun experience," Amy said.

Whales Tail Candy and Gifts also offers locally-made gift items from a variety of artisans at both of their locations.

The new Whale's Tail Candy & Gifts is located at 391 M Street Crescent City, CA 95531. The phone number is (707) 460-1747.

The Brookings location is at 16350 Lower Harbor Rd. Suite 204. They can be reached at (541) 469-5750.

Both stores are open 7 days a week 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.