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## HERRING BAY MERCANTILE

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### The Three Bears ...The New Guy on the Block

by Mary Glover



Featured this week is a new business in town. Perhaps you may have already visited this store and had a latte, cappuccino or a delicious breakfast? The Three Bears Coffee and Gift Shop is open for business. Carole and Corky Myers lease the space for The Three Bears, but they own and operate the [Alaska Tree Tops Lodge and Alaska Tree Tops Fishing Charter](#).

What is remarkable about this new business is that it is managed and staffed by teenagers. The Manager of the shop is Tim O'Leary. Tim is going to be a senior this

People of all ages were in and out of there all the time. Then the O'Learys sold the building to Karen Truitt and her husband. Last summer a business called the Hot Herring was in operation as a coffee shop and ice cream shop. However, this past spring, Karen's husband did extensive remodeling and took out a large amount of concrete that supported the washing machines, thus affording a larger space for more tables and chairs.

A daily special is artistically posted on an easel as you

coming school year at Susan B. English School. Tim manages three full time employees and one part-time employee. All of these young adults ages range from 16 to 19 years. The employees are: Joy Smith, Katie O'Leary; Dustin Baines; Jasmin Henry; and, of course, Tim O'Leary, Manager. (Tim and Katie used to work for their parents when the same location was the Sweet-n-Clean and they learned valuable work skills giving them the experience to be successful today.) When interviewing Tim, he said his goal was to have the "friendliness of the former Sweet-n-Clean and to make the experience for their customers the best possible." Tim invites people to come in and sit down and chat a while and just enjoy themselves with good food to eat in a friendly atmosphere. Tim said, "We love our job and the employees come on their days off just to talk. This is my only problem."

*A little history ...*

This business location used to be an ice cream and laundry/showers run by Peggy Boscacci. Then Tim and Lisa O'Leary bought it and ran the Sweet-n-Clean. It was a fast food/ice cream place where you could get showers and wash/dry your clothes at the same time.

walk into the shop. They offer breakfast all day long and are open seven days a week from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. If you need to telephone The Three Bears, the number is 234-4141. They feature Cascade Glacier Ice Cream. It is absolutely delicious ice cream! They have apple pies, pecan pies and other bakery specialty goods that are flown in fresh from an Anchorage bakery. You can get milk shakes and *brownie à la mode* or a *pecan bar sunday*. Soups and quiche are also offered. Also ask for The Three Bears coffee punch card – buy 10 and get one free!

In addition to the eatery part of the store, Carole Myers carries several wonderful lines of great clothing of excellent quality (Christine Alexander, Swarovski and Bling Bling). Colorful bags and Crocs are also for sale along with many other items that make useful gifts or just something great to own. They are also carrying Arbon Cosmetics as a new line. For a small town, this is just another one of our top notch stores that is fun to support. However, the newest line is the red tank tops and red T-shirts displaying the "Coming Home" logo for this 4th of July festivities.

Congratulations Tim and staff, you are doing a great job!





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