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BRONZE BEACH BEAUTY & TANNING SALON - Owner: Kimberly Ries

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So, Kim, when did you buy the Bronze Beach Salon? "I bought the salon in February of 2012 but I actually have worked doing nails since 2008!"

Who are the main players at Bronze Beach? "I own the business, but there are nine beauty professionals that work here and I could not do it without any of them! It takes all of us to run our business."

Why do you work, live and play in La Pine? "For me, it is all about our terrific summers. We all love the outdoor activities that there are available to all of us during the summers."

What is the potential for growth for your salon? "Since there are new people moving into our area every day or so that need to find a beautician and Bronze Beach is ready to help our new residents and we want to reach out to them. We also hope that our referrals will continue to help build our business. When people are satisfied they tell others and the potential for more customers grows with every referral!"

What is your business's greatest challenge? "Keeping up with the ever changing trends and techniques in this beauty industry is the main challenge we all face."

What is the biggest highlight of your career? "I would have to say that right now, owning Bronze Beach is my career highlight! I feel very blessed to work with all of these fine ladies."

What do you do to relax? "I love to garden. I know, I know. Wrong area for that! It's a challenge but for about three months of the year when my yard looks great!"

Tell us something about yourself that few people know about: "I have been working in the beauty industry for 21 years now, but, I am a cowgirl at heart. Back in 1984 I qualified for the National High School Rodeo Finals in Team Roping and Break Away Roping from my home state of California."

In terms of volunteering in the community, what is your personal contribution to the community? "We are happy to support the Chamber of Commerce and personal contributions at schools and church."

What are your plans for the future? "If there is one thing I have learned about this economy, it is to take things one day at a time. Sometime in the future I would love to have a place to hold weddings and parties. I would even like time to stay home and play in my yard!"

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