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Hidden Gem: Sweet Street Candies and Goodies in Lombard

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A candy buffet. It sounds like something right out of a child's fantasy, but the notion actually exists at Sweet Street Candies and Goodies in downtown Lombard.

Co-owner of the candy shop Tony DiGiulio says candy buffets are a cheaper alternative to dessert tables at special occasion events. Instead of offering cakes, pies and cookies, an assortment of candy can be served to fulfill guests' sweet cravings.



Mike Bakatselos looks over his choice of candy at Sweet Street in Lombard Friday October 2, 2009. Sweet Street serves a variety of candy as well as chocolate. STAFF PHOTOS BY ERICA BENSON

The candy shop will have a booth promoting their candy buffet concept at the Navy Pier Bridal and Fashion Show and Expo on Oct. 18.

"It's becoming more and more popular," DiGiulio says, emphasizing the variety of candy the shop carries to make for an impressive buffet spread. "We didn't expect it to take off the way that it did."

DiGiulio with co-owner Belinda Mahon re-opened the candy shop earlier this year, after the previous owner closed Sweet Street Candies after seven years in business.

"We didn't want the dream to die," DiGiulio says, with the dream being affordable candy in the local community.

Sweet Street Candies offers nickel candy, as well as fudge, sour candy, popular candy bars, jawbreakers that are bigger than an average human's mouth and nostalgic candy, like Charleston Chew and Chick-O-



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Stick. The shop even offers a special Australian licorice called the Kookaburra licorice. "It tastes like you're biting into a piece of fruit," DiGiulio says.

Aside from candy, the shop also sells nachos, Crush and Green River pop bottles and small trinkets and stuffed animals that can be incorporated into gift baskets.

With a sign in front of the shop reading "Halloween Candy," Sweet Street is stocking up on its candy corn and taffy for the season. Pumpkin pie taffy, caramel apple pie mix taffy, orange and black peanut butter kisses and other taffy flavors are currently available at the shop.

Liz of Lombard, who cared not to give her last name, visits the shop every two weeks for her regular order -- chocolate malt balls and chocolate-covered almonds. She values having the candy shop in the neighborhood.

"They have a good variety of candy here," she says, looking over the shelves. "The candy tastes good, and it's fresh."



A variety of candy at Sweet Street in Lombard includes the old fashioned Mary Jane.

Sweet Street Candies and Goodies

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WEB SITE: sweetstreetcandies.com

WHY YOU SHOULD GO Two words -- nickel candy. And aside from the nickel candy, Sweet Street Candies and Goodies also offers fudge and chocolate treats at affordable costs.

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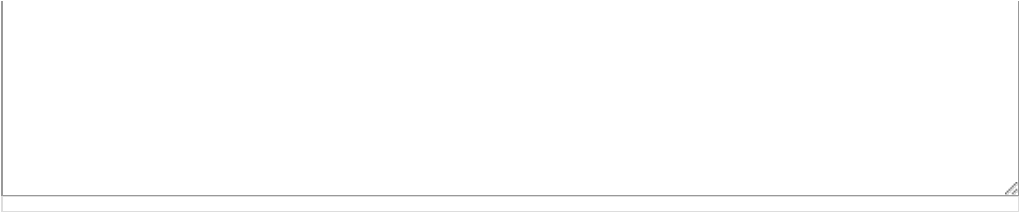
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