

Bend woman hopeful $10-million PCH winner

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It may sound like a commercial, but its true â€“ a Bend woman is one of only 210 people who could be surprised next Wednesday by the Publishers Clearing House Prize Patrol with roses, balloons and a check for \$10-million.

Jodi Farm will know next Wednesday whether she will walk away with the large prize. She has officially notified yesterday that she has won at least \$1,000 â€“ and that if she is the \$10-million winner the prize patrol will be ringing her doorbell unannounced on February 28 with television cameras in tow.

Farmâ€™s family owns and operates Gingerbread Mountain out of their home, offering top quality hand-crafted products. According to the companyâ€™s web site, Jodi taught herself to crochet when she was nine and took up macramÃ© at 14. She made her first quilt, entirely by hand, at age 16 â€“ then moved on to include candles, dolls, and other hand-made items.

Farm was diagnosed with Meniereâ€™s disease (a disorder of the inner ear affecting hearing and balance) about eight years ago, and she and her 21-year old son Sean were both diagnosed during the summer of 2006 with rheumatoid arthritis. Farmâ€™s web site says her medical conditions sometimes force her to take breaks, but between flares she â€œpours her heart and soulâ€• into the sewing and creating she loves so much.

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