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Her grandmother planted the seed.

But it was years and plenty of experiences later when the seed began to grow.

Judith Larsen, more commonly known as the Village Pie Maker, was in her 40s when she launched her livelihood from a tiny bedroom in Sumner.

Today, the pies are sold in Gothenburg and at other Nebraska businesses and restaurants.

Distributor giant Cash-Wa Distributing picked up the Village Pie Maker account more than a year ago and transports Larsen's product across 11 states.

Larsen said she never grew up saying she was going to be a pie maker.

"I was going to be a writer," she said in a newly remodeled building in Eustis that employs 22 workers.

In fact, Larsen flunked home economics while growing up in Greeley, CO, even though she learned the art of pie- and cinnamon roll-making from her grandmother.

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