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NEWS

Knots & Bolts opens downtown

By Jason Staker/News Editor

TRAER – On Aug. 8, 2008, Suzanne Earley opened Knots & Bolts at 549 Second St. in Traer.

Earley had operated her quilting business out of her home for several years, but was looking to move out of her house and into a separate space. After finding the open retail shop in downtown Traer, she decided to add a few retail items to sell to fellow quilters. From there things began to take off.



Suzanne Earley opened Knots & Bolts at 549 Second St. on Aug. 8, 2008.

Photo by Jason Staker

“It kind of exploded with the inventory,” Earley said. Her shop offers a variety of yarns for knitters and crocheters, as well as notions, hooks, fabrics and patterns for crafters of all levels.

“The country is seeing a revival of interest in handcraft products,” Earley said.

Inside Knots and Bolts shoppers will find just about every tool they need to complete a project at home. A room in the back of the shop with comfortable rocking chairs also provides a place for people to come in and work on their crafts. The local knitting group, Needleworks, has already stopped by to host their weekly gathering in the space.

Earley says if anyone can't find the tools they need in her shop to simply ask, she can often order different items.

“Don't assume what you see is it,” Earley said.

In the future Earley hopes to begin scheduling classes in knitting and quilting, perhaps adding some children's courses as well. Hours at Knots & Bolts are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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