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Starting a new business in screen printing was “kind of a fluke” according to Ashleigh Noyes who owns Studio Designs (formerly Locker Room) with her husband, Jason.

The couple has completely renovated a small brick building at 110 East Third, right behind Valley Bank, where shirts are printed and they are working on setting up a store.

Ashleigh said all of the pieces fell into place after she saw on Facebook that the Locker Room was for sale. Previous owners Carla and Josh Taylor had run the business a year after acquiring it from Connie and Tim Pofahl.

Ashleigh said she casually mentioned to Jason that the business was for sale and his response was, “So,—do you want to buy it?”

“The next thing I knew we were looking at it two days later and took over the following day!” said Ashleigh.

A day after that she learned how to print shirts.

Unbeknownst to Ashleigh, Jason immediately began scouring the area where they could set up a new store front rather than run the business out of their home as the Taylors had done.

He called her a few days later and said, “I have a surprise for you,” and drove her to the new location. The couple spent all of their free time making changes to accommodate their new business.

“It was an adorable building to refurbish,” she said, and it was an opportunity to make use of an old city landmark.

The building now has a logo on the large window facing north, black and white 12-inch block tiled floor, a black desk, black shelving unit and black armoire to display shirts, along with a large collection of screens ready to do print work.

Wanting a fresh new name to go with their new business, the couple chose Studio Designs to encompass everything they wish to do beyond screen-printed-shirts, which includes embroidery

orders on such items as hats or duffle bags, they also carry sweatshirts and baby clothes.

Since taking over in mid-November, over 20 print jobs have come along, and Ashleigh has several jobs lined up. With spring soccer and summer ball approaching, she anticipates a busy schedule.

She handles the screen printing and Jason helps out where he can. As it gets closer to spring, he will be less helpful because his Noyes Irrigation business will ramp up and he will spend most daylight hours working on pivots.

Ashleigh will eventually establish some regular hours on weekends or evenings.

"For the time being, if my vehicle is there, I'm there," she said, inviting the public to come in and check out the inventory.

"Come see what's available—we can print almost anything," she said.

The busy young mother is also a Girl Scout leader and writes a weekly cooking column for The Grant Tribune-Sentinel where she works full time as office clerk and advertising manager. She will continue those duties while running the family's new part-time business, also juggling time at home with four-year-old Landon and five-year-old Alexa.