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'Kewl Thangs' offered at new retail shop in Hoopeston

No, the sign does not say "Kewl Thongs."

It says "Kewl Thangs" and it is Hoopeston's newest business, owned by Elaine Jeffers and her husband, Don.

Kewl Thangs features key chains, pocket watches, dart boards, bobbing head cows, glass chess sets and hologram necklaces but the majority of its stock is weapons such as knives, sword canes, swords, battle axes and morning stars.

Several people have asked about the sign in front of the business, thinking it says "Kewl Thongs." "We don't sell those," Elaine Jeffers said.

The couple "wanted something to do on weekends," Jeffers said. "We were sitting up late one night and this just kind of hit us."

Her husband spends hours each night on the Internet looking for new pieces for the shop.

Jeffers said the name was chosen because she's a computer buff and "kewl" is "cool" in Internet lingo and because, as a former southern Illinoisan, she says "thangs. It's the way I talk," she said.

The store opened July 6 and has drawn interest from local residents who come in to see - and buy - the wares. "It's cute to watch the men talk about their wives when they see the battle ax," Jeffers said. "They've all had the thought that (their wives) would like to have that."

Because state law prohibits selling the weaponry to anyone under age 18, Jeffers is careful about carding potential customers who may not be of legal



Photo by Lourdine Florek
Elaine Jeffers of Kewl Thangs displays a sword cane available at the store, which also features knives, swords and many other items.

age. "I carded a 25-year-old the other day and he was real put out but to a 50-year-old, a 25-year-old looks under 18," she said.

Jeffers is a stickler for following that law. "I don't want to upset parents," she said. "If a parent comes in with a child and wants to buy something, that's fine. Parents have to have the final say."

Although just opened, the couple already has plans for expanding the size of the business and its product line. A doorway will adjoin the existing shop to a

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Across

23. Silent

1. Coffeehouses

24. Chopping tool

6. Makes one's mouth water

26. Yawns

12. Fragrances

27. Bolted : 2 wds.

14. Arthurian paradise

29. Play, in a way

15. Layer or coat

32. Awkward, silly persons : slang

16. Seventeen-year locust

36. Practical joke

17. Aid feloniously

37. Start of Hamlet's siloquy : 2 wds.

18. Labor

38. Become torn

20. Tibetan beast

39. Simple as ____

21. Peccadillo

40. Hebrew weight

22. Religious body

bedroom,

See KEWL on other side

41. Source of harm

42. Stirred up

44. ____ cake

46. Present free

47. Evaded a direct answer

48. Simmered

49. Overgrown, as land

Down

1. 18th-century bonnet

2. Lawrence of ____

3. Rouse ; incite

4. Issue

5. ____ Juan

6. Saying nothing

7. Hurtful thing

8. Son of : Scot.

9. Bring to attention : 2 wds.

10. Up to now : 2 wds.

11. Plumbers' tools

13. Cotton fabric

19. 8-sided figure

22. Delusive trick

23. Irish county

25. Main point

26. Violent wind

28. Terre Haute's river

29. Pottery fragments

30. Also : 2 wds.

31. City near Milwaukee

33. Reddish-yellow

34. Gave a tint to

35. Rapid

37. ____ over, helped through a need


40. Apportion

41. Foretell

43. 'Where ____ ends tyranny begins'

45. Church bench

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