

Pieces of Time expands in downtown Fairfield

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FAIRFIELD — Kristi Kuehl for the second time in little more than a half-year is about to have a grand opening downtown for her Pieces of Time business.

This is a bigger Pieces of Time at a new location, in the old Food Fair market building at 735 Texas St. The grand opening is to be June 14. Meanwhile, the old Pieces of Time at 750 Texas St. will become Pieces of Time Too.

“My business has exploded,” Kuehl said.

The Treasure Chest consignment store had been in the old Food Fair building. It’s moved across the street to 832 Texas St.

So the downtown business shuffle is underway, with two familiar stores ending up at new locations.

Kuehl takes beat-up old furniture that might have ended up in the junk heap and gives them new life. She paints them with chalked paint, resulting in colorful looks. Her store contains everything from dressers to tables.

Pieces of Time Too at 750 Texas St. will feature seven local artists who paint furniture.

“Very similar to what I do, they’ll just be on a smaller scale,” Kuehl said. “This gives them the opportunity to be in a store, rather than working out of home.”

Kuehl only a year ago ran her business out of her home. She opened Pieces of Time in October 2013 and now is moving into a storefront with three times the showroom space and among the highest visibility in the downtown.

One weekend, she sold 13 pieces of furniture in two days. She has more than 9,000 Facebook followers, allowing her to keep her patrons in other regional cities up to date on her latest offerings.

“It’s so surreal,” Kuehl said.

Kuehl also sells Shabby Paints chalked paints and gives lessons in her store. Once a month, she teams up with Rock Creek Vineyards in Green Valley to give a class called Painting and Pinot.

When looking for more space, she initially considered opening a store in Napa. But then the old Food Fair space became available.

Meanwhile, The Treasure Chest at its new location will continue to offer all sort of items, from jewelry to furniture to toys to purses.

“Same store,” The Treasure Chest owner Brian Lorenz said.

A bunch of new items have come in and the store is always looking for more items to sell on consignment, he said.

It’s a new location that’s close to the old location.

“We wanted to stay downtown,” Lorenz said. “We like it here. We’ve had some success down here. We enjoy doing business here.”

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