

## **Small Business Success Story: Colstrip Floral Center: New Owners & Grand Opening**

Terry and Jon Currier, long-time residents of Colstrip, now own the Colstrip Floral Center at 19 Woodrose. After many months spent planning and securing financing the Currier's will host a Grand Opening of the Colstrip Floral Center on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

"I've always loved being creative and working with plants and flowers. This gives me the opportunity to do what I love and be a part of my customer's most treasured moments," states Terry when she opened in early October. "I hope everyone will come join us for the Grand Opening. We have some really neat things planned for the store including a coffee corner and new gift ideas."

Colstrip Floral Center has a wide selection of flowers, gifts and plants. Due to popular demand, they have started making candy bouquets and have a number of beautiful floral arrangements made up at all times for your convenience. They will assist you in picking out the best possible choice for your floral or gift needs. Terry will go out of her way to make sure you get the gift you want and they have had some interesting requests like purple pumpkins and cabbage flowers. Colstrip Floral Center can take your floral order and make sure it is delivered nationwide for no additional charge.

Terry and Jon worked with the SouthEastern Montana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) while they were looking at buying the business. Through the SBDC, Terry was able to write a business plan, do financial planning/budgeting and secure the financing she needed to buy the business from long-time owner Tom Crippen. "Terry worked so hard over the last few months and has already made a big impact on how the store looks," says Blayr Barnard, SBDC Director. "She has a new website ([www.colstripfloralcenter.com](http://www.colstripfloralcenter.com)) and has brought in new lines of giftware like handmade wood bowls. You should go by to see the beautiful new yellow wall and poinsettias if nothing else."

The Colstrip Floral Center will be having their Grand Opening on the same weekend as the Christmas Bazaar so while you are out and about in Colstrip, come by to win door prizes, admire the poinsettias, check out the Holiday arrangements and meet the new owners (refreshments provided). Colstrip Floral Center is the white house the corner of Woodrose and Water – across from Rye Park. For questions or to order flowers contact: 406-748-3333 or [floralcenter@gmail.com](mailto:floralcenter@gmail.com).

If you would like assistance with your start-up or existing business, please take advantage of the no-cost, confidential small business assistance that the SBDC provides. Blayr Barnard can be contacted at 406-748-2990 or [sbdc@bhwi.net](mailto:sbdc@bhwi.net).