

Shop for Mama at Dollie Llama

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Three generations of local ladies have pulled together to open a new gift shop in Goldthwaite. Located at 198 A Hwy 84 W, Dollie Llama is owned by Carolyn Tamplen.

She had been creating custom T-shirts for awhile, and her daughter, Alicia Smith, creates wooden craft pieces.

Alicia's daughter, Shauna, encouraged them to open a gift shop, they said, and the name — Dollie Llama — was Shauna's idea, because she loves llamas.

They found their current location, just past Lawson Implement on the right of Hwy 84 heading toward Brownwood, and the rent was reasonable, Carolyn said. So they went for it.

So far, they are pleased with how the business is going, and they are look-

ing forward to adding more products as they go along. They are always interested to hear what patrons would like to see on their shelves. They also want to carry unique items that are not found in other shops, Carolyn said.

"We try not to compete with the other shops," Carolyn said.

They have Carolyn's T-shirts and bows, Alicia's wooden wall hangings and decorations, various jewel-

ry, Cici beanies, Lilly B's merchandise, handbags, soaps and lotions, and more. Most of their items are made locally.

Carolyn said they are willing to personalize items as

well. You can check out their wares on their Facebook page as well, by searching The Dollie Llama Gift Shop.

Carolyn can be reached directly at 254-449-2856, and Alicia at 325-642-2822.



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