

Get your funk on with screenprint clothes

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Jeff Funk places the screen on top of the light box to burn the image onto the screen.

The Funks are funking up T-shirts around the area.

Jeff Funk and his wife, Sherri, have turned their one-room apartment into Funky Screenprinting, a home-based family business screening T-shirts, polo shirts, shorts, sweatpants and sweatshirts. The business started in May 2007 and has taken off to a great start for the Funks as they have made custom shirts for Walk This Weigh for Texas and Beaver counties, Cactus Jack's, Typhoon Illusion car wash, a 50th wedding anniversary, kids football camp, volleyball camp as well as pending orders.

The Funks use the Corel Draw computer program that enables them to utilize many different graphics, designs or fonts.

"It's a lot easier if we do the graphics ourselves, but if someone brings us a logo that they would like us to use, we can do it that way also," Funk said.

The prices start at \$5 for a white or ash T-shirt with a single-colored logo. Colored shirts with more complex designs colors are \$1 more per color and they require a minimum of 10 items per order.

They can customize your business, organization, school or team. It's a multi-step process. First, they take your logo, put it on film paper and make a picture of it. Then they take those transparencies and put them on the light box and cover them with weight. Next, they take a pink screen, put it on the light box and turn on the black lights to shoot the screen. Those screens are taken outside and blown off with the hose, leaving just the transparency. Now, the T-shirt or item to be decorated is placed over the base sleeve and the screen is brought down to apply paint to the clothing. Paint is squeegeed on, leaving the print on the item. The final step is running the piece of clothing through a 900-degree dryer to make sure the paint is completely dry.

"By the time the shirt comes out of the dryer, it's smoking," Funk noted.

“We feel that the business is taking off great and we are excited to be serving our area,” he added.

Sherri, who is originally from Blanchard, Okla., had a good family friend who was already in the screen-printing business and they had the opportunity to see how the business was run. They said that they thought: “Hey, that would be interesting and a lot of fun to do something like that.”

The opportunity came their way when their family friend decided to upgrade his equipment and offered to sale his extra equipment to them.

“We thought about it and decided that this would be a great business to start in Guymon,” Jeff said.

Sherri added, “We didn’t think that there was anything like this around here. This is something that we can do together as a family in the evenings and on the weekends.”

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