

# Greenley's cont.'d.



■ Tammy Grieve, long-time employee at Greenley's, is the proud new owner of the business and hopes to re-open the store on April 21.

Audra Kent photo

book readings and book signings by local and national authors. She'll also help to organize guest authors for the library Brown Bag Lunch.

"They get a lot of people," said Grieve.

And Grieve has already re-hired Helen, Pat and Carol - three of the old staff.

"It's great to have them because they know the customers and the business," said Grieve.

Together they will continue to do special orders for customers, and will offer access to a used books website for a small fee.

In Grieve's opinion, every community needs a local bookstore - with an inventory that includes local books by local authors. She is also a big supporter of downtown Belleville.

"I like my local places that I know. I like to walk into a restaurant where people know my name.

"Richard Davis, Darla [Miller - That Special Touch], the restaurants and Mark Rashotte are all making a difference," said Grieve.

"Growing up here, we didn't have a mall. Downtown was the place to go," she said.

Current events, like Winterfest, add to the draw.

"People have such a good time. It ceases to be only about shopping. It becomes a whole experience," she said.

The new old Greenley's Bookstore will re-open on April 21 (April 28 is the back up date). The phone and fax numbers will remain the same as will the email address. Plans for a website are in the works.

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