

# Muffy's: These Shoes (and Boots) Are Made For Walking

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models available in stock, and even more available through the catalogue.

And they have a new item, baby booties that are being hand-crocheted by a local Vernonian, Linda Clark. She is making the booties in a saddle shoe design and is working on tiny crocheted cowboy boots.



One thing Muffy's doesn't carry yet are cork boots. "Hopefully, when the logging business comes back, we'll carry those too," says Allen.

Muffy's continues to do a lot of mail-order business from their website. They have supplied shoes for numerous Hollywood and Broadway productions, and even have on display a pair of their saddle shoes that Reese Witherspoon wore in the film, *Pleasantville*.

The inside of the shop, a work in progress according to Muffy, is a mix between a retail outlet and a museum. Allen and Muffy have collected anything and everything related to saddle shoes-- from posters, to photographs of celebrities wearing the famous black



and whites, to Barbie dolls from the fifties sporting saddle shoes. Allen and Muffy even have a pair of saddle shoes that were owned and worn by Marilyn Monroe,

although that collectible is kept locked up in a safe. "The building was vacant for about twenty years," says Muffy. "When we moved in, it didn't have heat or electricity. So it's definitely been a big project. And this location has just worked out so beautifully for us. We love being in downtown



Vernonia."

Muffy and Allen also own a huge collection of vintage clothing that will hopefully find its way out on display sometime in the future.

Muffy's has somewhat limited hours. They plan to be open on Friday and Saturday afternoons, but they are usually in the storeroom filling mail orders most afternoons. Both Allen and Muffy are well versed in the art of shoe sales, so they will be sure to help you find what you need. "If the door is unlocked, we're open," says Muffy. "And if someone needs something, they should call. We're always happy to open up for a customer."

So whether you're looking for classic saddle shoes, a modern variation of the old standard, or boots, dress shoes or a fancy fashion statement, don't walk on by-- stop by Muffy's.



Muffy's is located at 950 Bridge Street and can be reached at 503-429-5050. Their website address is [www.muffys.com](http://www.muffys.com).

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