

Business in the Spotlight—October 2009

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Veterinary Health Center
Date Established:
January 25, 2005
Business Description: Veterinary Hospital and Animal Health Supply

After graduating from Kansas State University, we both worked at the Norton Veterinary Clinic. In 2004, the facility became available to purchase. It took about eight months to work through all the details.

We chose to start our own business because we wanted to be in charge of our direction as a veterinary facility. We needed to be able to make decisions that would benefit both the animals and

clients that we serve in this area, and Norton was in need of a good, quality veterinary service.

When we were looking for places to practice, we selected Norton because the community was very welcoming and was also close to our families. Sarah is from Herndon and Aaron from rural Kingsdown. We are both farm kids and it is very important to us to raise our family in a rural community with morals and values. The fit for us was ideal. We were very blessed to find such a great location.

Our greatest success has been the relationships we have formed with our clients and patients, as well as our staff. Our ultimate goal is to achieve servant leadership. Everyday we strive to lead by character while helping others meet their own goals.

Learning the ropes of being business owners has been our greatest challenge. There are many things we learned in our first year of business, and we are still learning things that we did not learn in veterinary school.

The main thing we would do differently is to gain a strong foundation of business organizational principles prior to starting up a new business.

Our vision statement at Norton Animal Health Center is: Compassionate, quality care of our patients and owners based on a solid moral foundation achieved through the gifts endowed to us by our creator.

With this foundation we see a great future in store for us and our clinic. We have plans to expand our facilities in the future to enable us to offer a broader and more efficient range of services. These include equine treatment and holding areas, and we plan to remodel and enlarge the main clinic buildings to allow for more efficient flow of business and added services.

As far as the future of the business economy of Norton County, we see stability. Norton has a lot going for it and the possibility for continued economic growth is very real.

The most rewarding aspect of being a business owner in Norton County is the rural lifestyle, family oriented atmosphere and good, down to earth clientele.

Our advice for other business owners is to have integrity, lead by example and treat others (clients and fellow business owners) as you want to be treated.

Department

(Continued from Page 1) that public health departments recognize the need for national standards and understand their value. With accreditation status, public health departments will be able to demonstrate increased accountability and credibility to the public, funders, elected officials and other stakeholders."

Norton County Health Department will receive technical assistance for accreditation and quality improvement, funding to support quality improvement projects and funding and to cover the costs of providing detailed feedback to Public Health Accreditation Board. The beta test will begin in the fall of 2009 and conclude at the end of 2010. The National Association of County and City Health Officials will provide technical assistance to the department.

"We are pleased to be part of this ground breaking program," said Dr. Maurer, Norton County Health Department medical di-

rector. "We recognize that this is a unique opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of our services and also showcase the high quality programs and services provided by the Norton County Health Department. We are proud to have a hand in shaping the national accreditation program and advancing the quality of public health," he said.

"Local health departments protect people and keep them healthy," said Robert M. Pestronk, executive director, National Association of County and City Health Officials.

"Our Association is pleased to partner with Public Health Accreditation Board, local health department test sites, and other national organizations to establish a national accreditation program that will help shape the practice of public health in America. A national accreditation program is one important step towards continuously improving local health

department public health practice that protects people and creates the conditions in which health is the natural outcome."

In addition to NACCHO, several other leading national public health organizations have partnered with Public Health Accreditation Board to support the test, including the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Association of Local Board of Health, the National Indian Health Board and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

In order to ensure that they represent a broad cross-section of the U.S. population, the health departments selected to be part of the test vary in size, structure, population served, governance, geographic region, and degree of preparedness for accreditation. For a complete listing of the 30 test sites, please visit <http://www.PublicHealthAccreditationBoard.org>.

Guards

(Continued from Page 1) The 287th Sustainment Brigade took part in Operation Iraqi Freedom 9.

They departed Kansas after a ceremony held at the Masonic Center in Salina on Sept. 26 last year.

The unit's first overseas stop was at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, where the men worked for two weeks, and where Spc. Schulte was promoted to Sgt.

The unit then moved into Iraq itself on Dec. 2, where it served out of Contingency Operating Base Adder for the next 10 months,

providing logistical support and services for all of southern Iraq.

The command of the logistics operation controlled by the 287th was transferred to the 36th Sustainment Brigade (a Texas National Guard unit) in a ceremony at Camp Adder on Sept. 19.

During the ceremony, Col. Robert Schmitt, commander of the 287th Sustainment Brigade, praised his soldiers for their hard work and dedication.

"The soldiers who have worked for us have done an awesome job," Col. Schmitt said.

He said the key role in logistics

in southern Iraq meant that about 80 percent of all fuel moved through Iraq came through hubs controlled by the 287th, and the convoys run by the 287th covered over 3 million miles during their deployment.

The unit worked closely with Iraqi civilian and military leaders, helping with the rebuilding of a much needed water pump house, a reading program for Iraqi children and the channeling of school supplies from students at Steadley Elementary School in Carthage, Mo., to an Iraqi school.

Pick-Em

(Continued from Page 1) Boller, Tom Baumann, Criselle Thomson, Lane Gruwell, Douglas Daniels, David Riemann, Robert Blecha, all of Norton.

Incorrect on four games were: Nish Millan, Goodland; Ann Becker, Lenora; Chris Lowry, Rodger Stutterheim, Linda Covington, Bob Covington, all of Alma; Sandy Husted, Brenda Beutler, Jacob Green, Misty Nuzum, Diana Smith, Tom Davis, Naedean Whitney, Craig Foley, Jeris Norman, all of Norton.

Missing five contests were: Christal Rose, Arapahoe (defending season champion); Kenney Leiker, Hays; Jim Ninemire, Lenora; Sandi Winchell, Ja'Nee Moore, Jasmine Covington, all of Alma; Don Cass, Beaver City; Rick Green, Wilma Wiseman, Ken Gregoire, Rodney Stapp, Abby Rice, Janine Gruwell, Dustan Daniels, Karen Cozad, Monica Wilson, Ryan Blecha, all of Norton.

Six losses were recorded by Dorothy Shearer, Dale Shearer, both of Edmond; Julie Hilburn, Alma; Deanna Gallentine, Dalton Miller, Linda Matson, all of Norton.

Regina Beikman, Baylee Miller, Eleanor Jensen, all of Norton, each missed seven games. Octessa Gaskin, Norton, was incorrect on eight contests and Brook Baird, Long Island, missed nine.

This week's entries
The sixth week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Saturday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college games.

Extra entry blanks for every member of the family are available from any of the sponsoring businesses.

Only one entry per person per week is allowed and entry blanks must be from either the newspaper or from sponsors.

No copies or faxes are allowed.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

Scores of last week's games
Norton 36, St. Francis 0
Cheylin 40, Northern Valley 16

Natoma 36, Logan 6
Hill City 52, Stockton 6
Oberlin 54, Trego 12
Smith Center 16, Ellis 10
Kansas State 24, Iowa State 23

Arkansas 47, Texas A&M 19;
Oregon State 28, Arizona State 17

LSU 20, Georgia 13
Stanford 24, UCLA 16
Auburn 26, Tennessee 22
Miami, Fla 21, Oklahoma 20

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