

# Jewelry store a family affair

By Sharon Corcoran

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From crops and irrigation to diamonds and gold, Sharon Mann has seen a drastic change in her family's business.

The former "city girl," who moved to the farm after marrying her high school sweetheart, moved back to town after buying a jewelry store 11 years ago.

Nearly 40 years of farming took their toll, Mann said, so she and Darrell bought the store 11 years ago from Bill Coen.

"Due to Darrell's health," she said, "we were looking to get out of farming, but we were nowhere near ready to retire."

Coen trained Darrell, Sharon said, and he does the repairs. She takes care of the ordering and selling. At first, that just meant jewelry, but the store has expanded to include gift items and home decor, and it employs four people besides the Manns and their family.

Sharon said they added a gift line five years ago with help from their daughter-in-law Julie, and they bought the gift side from her three



Arfy is known as the "guard dog" at Mann's Jewelry.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran  
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years ago.

Whether farming or running the store, Sharon said she has found that her work is a family affair.

Farming was a full-time job for the whole family, she said. They raised

wheat, sugar beats, corn and pinto beans and had to lay pipe for irrigation without the center pivots that are so popular now.

"Farming was definitely a family affair," she said, "and this is, too."

"The family pinch hits."

Besides Julie, wife of the Manns' late son Craig, daughters Dana Murray and Joni Guyer also help out. Son Brad works for S&T Communications in Dighton.

Sharon said she was born and raised in Goodland, and Darrell was raised on a farm near Ruleton. Her father was Leonard Stephens, the Studebaker dealer, and Darrell's parents had a dairy farm.

"I was a city girl," Sharon said. "He married me and moved me out to the farm."

She said they moved into Goodland two years after buying the store. It was too much to take care of the place and drive, she said.

The family won't be moving from

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Sharon Mann (right) sized a ring for a customer.



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Sherman County any time soon. Sharon said after raising their family here, they have no desire to leave.

"It's always gonna be home," she said. "Besides, most of our grandkids are here."

She and Darrell have 12 grandchildren, the oldest of whom is married, and they enjoy going to their activities.

Though the Mann family has

worked together and is close-knit, their lives have not always been smooth sailing. Craig died of cancer four years ago in September, Sharon said.

"It was awful," Sharon recalls. She'd rather talk about the jewelry business.

She said her favorite part of the job is working with people. It's an interesting business, she said, and having good help has made her job easier.

The store's part time employees are

Lauren Parker, who helps with repairs, Jane Philbrick, Deb Smith and Marsha Schilling.

Sharon said she and Darrell have learned a lot through experience in the jewelry business, by "trial and error," and they enjoy the business.

"It's been a very interesting experience," she said.

The store has been in Goodland at least 69 years. It had been owned by the Mulheims since 1935, Sharon said, and Coen bought it from them.

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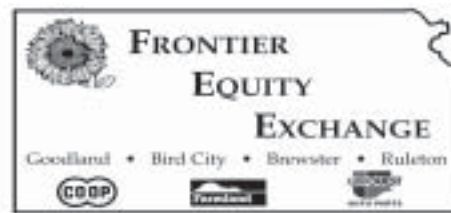


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