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The Manning Exchange

Where Past & Present Meet

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What's Great About Manning...

This week we'll feature two new businesses in Manning. The Manning Chamber of Commerce welcomes all new entrepreneurs with a free first-year membership. The Chamber not only assists local businesses through promotion, it holds monthly meetings where business leaders can share ideas with each other and discuss ways to promote the community.

Through these memberships and fundraising events they hold, the Chamber has provided tens of thousands of dollars over the years for community events and to city-wide projects.

A common theme keeps coming up with young people who move back to Manning and either start new businesses of their own or who work for an existing business. They want to be near family members and friends, and especially want to raise their children in a small-town rural atmosphere where many of them met and married their high school sweethearts.

After graduating from high school here in Manning, most of them went off to further their education and follow the lure of big-city life. While large cities have their positives, many of these young folks realize that small-town Manning wasn't that bad a place to live after-all.

Our first new business featured is **Love is in the Hair**.



Love is in the Hair, 111 Ann Street

Meagon Mabbitt grew up in Council Bluffs before moving to Manning with her parents during her sophomore year and then she graduated in 2009; the very first year of IKM-Manning.

Meagon married her high school sweetheart, Eric Rosener. Eric is the son of Scott and Terri (Rix) Rosener. Meagon and Eric were married October 10, 2014, and have two children: Emmytt and Emersyn.

As a young girl, Meagon always had an interest in hair and make-up. She loved to play with people's hair and often got calls from friends to fix their hair.

When she was in high school she developed an interest in accounting. She also became a CNA and was employed at the Manilla Manor, Manning Plaza, and Manning Hospital.

After graduating from IKM-Manning, Meagon decided to further her education, so she took a course in accounting at AIB in Des Moines for a period of time before returning to Manning.

While looking around for work in the area, Meagon was drawn back to the days of her youth where she enjoyed being around people; whether it was fixing hair or working with the elderly. So she again decided to further her education and attended DMACC school for nursing in Des Moines. While at DMACC, Meagon decided that she wanted to pursue a career in cosmetology instead of nursing. Meagon drove back and forth from Manning to Ames for fifteen months of cosmetology schooling while she attended PCI Academy in Ames.

Meagon and Eric first lived on the Rosener family farm north of Manning before moving to their present location in town. Meagon has always been independent and wanted to have her own business, and she saw an opportunity to convert one of the rooms of their home into a salon. So, in July of 2016, Meagon worked with her husband to set up the salon.



Meagon Rosener - Licensed Cosmetologist

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Her clients like the homey atmosphere where they can come to kick back and relax. Clients who have children usually bring them along to play with her children. She has a TV on the wall that plays music videos or even Netflix! She also provides age appropriate beverages to accentuate the pampering experience.

"Love is in the Hair - Pampering one person at a time."

Meagon has a wide variety of clients: women, men, children, and the elderly. Although her salon doesn't have handicap accessibility, she still tries her best to service anyone who walks through the door.

Meagon specializes in hair, nails, and make-up. Some of her services include manicures, pedicures, haircuts, coloring, and facial waxing.

Meagon also works with wedding parties to fix their hair and makeup before the wedding. She has worked with several wedding parties including Miranda (Irlmeier) Christensen and Jackie (Olsen) Blackwell... *"Lots of energy and jokes - It's a blast!"*

One day Meagon wants to relocate her business to a much larger salon in the Manning Business District and become a full service salon; offering body waxing and facials onto her long list of services she performs.



Above you see the IKM-Manning class of 2009. Meagon is in the back row, second from the right side.



Amber Rosener having her hair trimmed by Meagon while listening to music, along with a soothing nature scene on the flat screen.



On January 14, 2017, Manning Chamber members Deb Ranniger, Kirk Huehn, and Denise Doyel presented Meagon Rosener with her first-year Manning Chamber plaque.

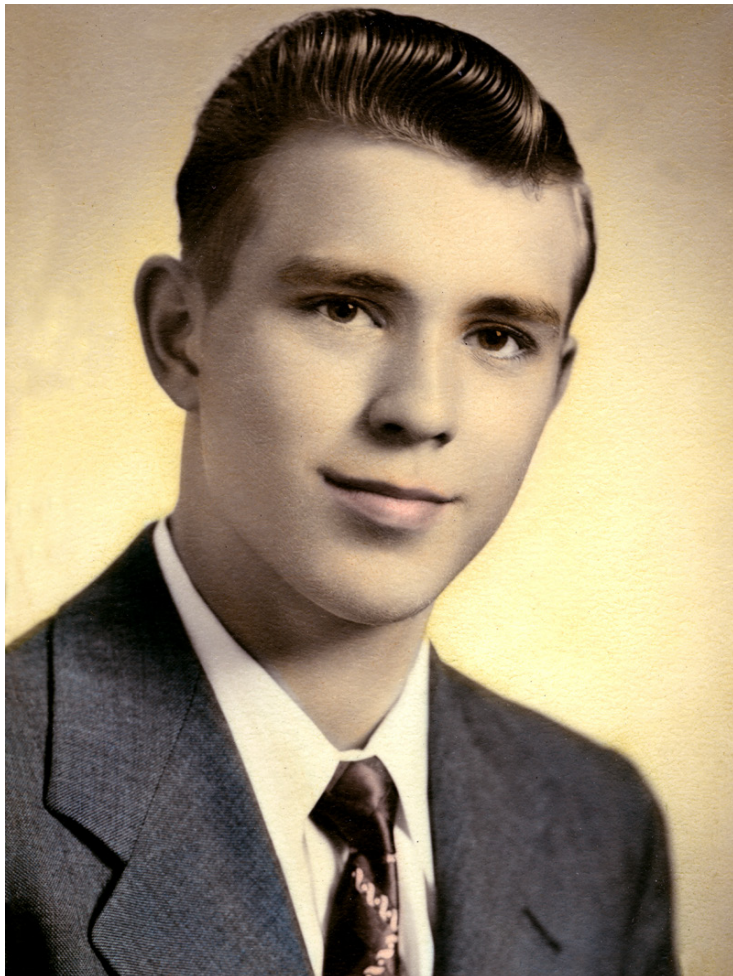
As previously mentioned in the article, family is very important, with historical ties going back many generations. While Meagon is a relative new-comer to Manning, her husband's family on the Rix side goes back five generations to Peter Rix.



Emmytt, Eric, Emersyn, Meagon



Back: Brad Joens, Jeff Potthoff, Dave Ramsey, Tracy Hansen (King), Tom Wittrock; Front: Karen Vollstedt, Terri Rix, Deb Stoberl, Lisa Rohe (Queen), Zammia Moreno - 1979 Homecoming



Allen Rix MHS 1954 (Eric's grandfather)

Present connects to the past

For our next business feature, both the wife and husband have long-term family connections in Manning. The emphasis of these feature stories is on new business startups, but to the readers of my web pages, who are mostly former members of this community who have not lived here in Manning for many years I like to show them the connections these new business owners have to the community. Many of my readers may know the parents' and grandparents' generations but may not be aware of these younger families.

Our second new business featured is

Wags N Whiskers



Wags-N-Whiskers Pet Grooming (Bridget Gore) By Appointment Only 712 655-PETS

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Bridget is the daughter of Chuck & Nadine Ehlers. She graduated from Manning High School in 2002, and her husband, Michael Gore, in 2000. Michael and Bridget were high school sweethearts and were married at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning on May 6, 2006. They have three children: Claire, Noah, and Evelyn.



Standing: Bridget, Claire, Mike; seated: Evelyn, Noah

Mike is the son of Dave Gore and Barbara Grau. He has one brother, Mathew, and one, sister, Leslee.

Bridget has been around animals her whole life and enjoys working with them, so her interest in their care grew throughout high school.

To further her education, Bridget attended DMACC and took a course in Veterinary Technology.

She became a Registered Veterinary Technician and worked at Ankeny Animal and Avian Clinic from 2003 to 2010.

Bridget and Mike moved back to Manning in 2010 when they had their first child, because they wanted to be near family and raise their children in Manning.

From 2010-2016, Bridget worked for Rexanne Struve at Veterinary Associates in Manning as the Registered Veterinary Technician and started helping Annette Hilsabeck with the grooming now and then.

With young children at home, Bridget was interested in employment that would allow her more time with her family. She had been toying with the idea of an in-home business for a several years.

Opportunity sometimes comes knocking on your door and for Bridget this occurred in June of 2016 when she was approached by Pastor Conner at Zion Lutheran Church. There was a pre-school teaching position open and she jumped at the opportunity and began teaching in August. This is a three-day a week position, which allows her the rest of the week open and ideal to have another part-time job on the side.

Bridget had been toying with the idea of an in-home pet grooming business for a several years so everything fell into place.

After discussing the idea with Mike they decided to do some renovation in their basement. A wall was removed and a ramp was built for large dogs to enter the bath. Mike and his dad, Dave, did the construction work.

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