

Wags-N-Whiskers continued

An electric lift table that costs around \$600 was purchased, which is very important to have when working with large dogs up to 120 pounds.



Bridget trimming the nails of Paisley, a mixed breed dog.

Wags N Whiskers is located in the southwest corner of the Gore family home basement at 315 Madison Street.

This was originally the home of Bridget's grandparents, Ray & Phylis (Dalgety) Ehlers.

Access to the business is along a driveway owned by her neighbor to the west. Being a good neighbor, Bridget asks her clients to follow the "Good Neighbor Policy" everyone in the community should strive to live by, so please do not block the entrance along Madison Street or park on this driveway.



A common question that comes up is why care for pets is so expensive as compared to humans.

One thing is people only cut the hair on their heads and pets have hair all over their bodies. Pets require both a manicure and a pedicure.

In a humorous response by Bridget, "people don't try to bite their barber or poop on their floor." So far, Bridget has not been bitten.

A recent challenge Bridget had was with a four month old puppy getting his first haircut. The puppy was constantly wig-gling around and it took twice as long to cut his hair.

At this point in time, Bridget only sells toys and treats for pets.



Paisley getting his bath



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

As has been discussed in both feature articles, family is very important and one of the main reasons for these young couples returning to Manning after furthering their education in college.

The Manning community is and always has been very patriotic. Brothers, Spc. Matthew Gore, and Spc. Michael Gore, each enlisted in the Army National Guard (Carroll unit) during their senior year at Manning High School. They took basic training the summer following high school graduation, Mathew at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1999 and Michael at Fort Gordon, Georgia, in 2000. Mathew was working in Manning at ECI, and Michael had completed his second year at Iowa State when they were called into active duty for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan February 25, 2004. They served with the 168th Infantry Battalion that coordinated security for the construction of schools and hospitals as a part of Coalition Force efforts to rebuild Afghanistan. The unit returned home June 6, 2005.

Mike was honorably discharged as of June 2008.



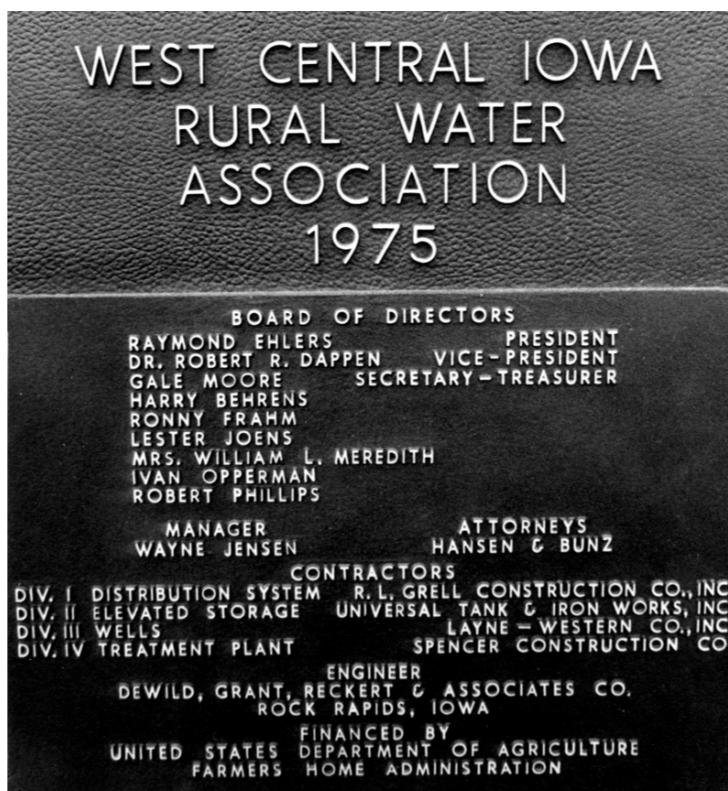
Michael Gore - Mathew Gore

Mike currently works for West Central Rural Water Association. Bridget's grandfather, Ray Ehlers, was part of the groundbreaking with Rural Water in 1975, and served as president of the board of directors.

Bridget commented how it is "neat to have someone in the family connected with Rural Water again."



1975 new rural water plant just southwest of Manning



Board of Directors: Raymond Ehlers - President; Dr. Robert R. Dappen - Vice-president; Gale Moore - Secretary-treasurer; Harry Behrens, Ronny Frahm, Lester Joens, Mrs. William L. Meredith, Ivan Opperman, Robert Phillips. Manager Wayne Jensen; Attorneys Erwin Hansen and Claus Bunz.



1976 bicentennial commemorative Rural Water coin



Raymond "Shotgun," son of Emil and Ella (Wegner) Ehlers, was born September 6, 1921, on the family farm southwest of Manning. He was on the Manning School Board when the new school was built in 1973, was involved with the original planning for Life Line in Manning, and member of the 1982 Aspinwall Centennial Board.



Back: Chuck, Allen, Bob; Front: Annette, Phylis, Ray



Michaela and Crystal Ehlers, sisters of Bridget



Barbara Grau - MHS 1973



Dave Gore - bagging feed for Manning Agricultural Center



1915 Catherine Dalgety, great-grandaunt of Bridget Gore, standing in front of the old Dalgety home that would later be the Amos & Dorothy Kusel farm place on the north edge of Manning. "One of the many reasons why I like to work on Manning history - because many times my family has a connection" Dave Kusel