

Quinter company makes public notice many plastic parts

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What do appliances, farm imple-
ments, toys, custom motorcycles,
airplanes and sporting goods have
in common? Hmm. The answer is,
they all use thermoplastic parts from
Formation Plastics in Quinter. The
growth of this remarkable company
in a truly rural community is the sub-
ject of today's Kansas Profile.

Galen and Karen Huffman are
owners of Formation Plastics in
Quinter. Galen is originally from St.
Joseph, Mo. His older sister married
a farmer from Quinter, and as Galen
came out to work during the sum-
mers, he found he liked it there.
Galen graduated from McPherson
College, where he met his wife
Karen, and began a career as a
teacher and coach. He taught draft-
ing, industrial arts, science, and
physical education at Quinter. As a
teacher, he recognized that the local
economy needed diversification to
create jobs so that young people
could stay in the community.

In 1989, Galen built a thermo-
forming machine in his nephew's
shop and eventually built his own
thermoforming business. What is
thermoforming? It is a process by
which a sheet of plastic is heated to
just the right temperature and drawn
into a mold by a vacuum to form
plastic products of various shapes.

Thermoforming of plastics is an
alternative to injection molding.
Galen says that thermoforming al-
lows for quicker turnaround times,
reduced cost, and more flexibility in
making design changes. "Besides
having superior flexural strength
and impact resistance, thermoplas-
tics are also corrosion resistant,

chemical resistant, and weather-
able," Galen said.

Formation Plastics became the
name of this company, which spe-
cializes in designing and producing
high quality plastic components for
a variety of industries. I first learned
about this company in the early
2000s. I was intrigued to find this
design and manufacturing business
in a small town setting.

"I tell people that we're not in the
boondocks, we're behind it," Galen
said. Rather than complaining, he
said, "We have to offer services that
our urban and suburban competitors
offer and even do them better." He
points out that Quinter is right on
Interstate 70 and located halfway
between Denver and Kansas City.

Flexibility and efficiency have
been keys to the success of Forma-
tion Plastics.

"We have a production manager
who is very efficient," he said. "He's
able to take orders for small quanti-
ties and work them in, but he's very
committed to on-time, quality work.
He would not send anything out that
is not up to standard."

Despite the downturn in the na-
tional economy, Formation Plastics
has been in growth mode.

"We find ourselves adding more
technology," Galen said. "We have
tried to stay on the cutting edge of
this industry. We've upgraded
software and computers, and we're
needing newer and larger-sized
machinery."

Formation Plastics is now work-
ing on a 10,500-square-foot expan-
sion of its facility. "We need faster
CNC (computer numerical control)
and larger forming equipment,
along with a large assembly area
for our value-added work," Galen
said.

The company recently brought

in a new General Manager, Bradley
Lovelady. "He's originally from
Hill City," Galen said. "He's man-
aged three businesses successfully
and moved to Quinter to be closer
to grandchildren, so we're thankful
to have him."

When I first encountered this
innovative company, it employed
about 15 people. Today it employs
26 and expects to add three to seven
employees within the next year and
a half.

The company's primary trade ter-
ritory is within 700 miles of Quinter.
However, as components of larger
equipment, Formation Plastics
products have gone as far away as
England, China, Uruguay and the
Ukraine.

That is especially remarkable
considering the rural setting in
which this company is found. After
all, Quinter is a town of 937 people.
Now, that's rural.

For more information, go to
www.formationplastics.com.

So what do appliances, farm
implements, toys, custom motor-
cycles, airplanes and sporting goods
have in common? Yes, they all use
thermoplastic parts from Formation
Plastics in Quinter. We commend
Galen and Karen Huffman and all
those involved with Formation Plas-
tics for making a difference with
entrepreneurship and expansion in
challenging times. They are manag-
ing to serve a variety of industries,
and in the process, helping the rural
Kansas economy go through trans-
formation.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS FILED PUSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KAN- SAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF EDWARD L HAYDEN,
JR,
Deceased

Case No. 11 PR 33

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Patricia B Hayden,
Petitioner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
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2011 PR 31

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the Estate of William Prentice,
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him.

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Jerry Fairbanks,
Petitioner

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