



Judy Holzapfel

Judy Holzapfel arranges the merchandise on the shelves of Pure Prairie Natural Foods. She explains the benefits of the vitamins and herbs that are offered to customers. In addition to the prepackaged merchandise, the store has fresh bread and vegetables and serves a lunch.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Taking a plunge of faith made the difference

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Twelve years ago, the Holzapfel's moved to Norton from Parker, Colo. Judy and her husband Dave were traveling from Denver to Omaha to a wedding and decided to stop and see the town of Norton.

"We knew that we were at a place in our lives that needed a different lifestyle," said Judy.

"We had a friend that told us we really needed to visit Norton. He came out here every year to hunt pheasant. He knew we were looking for a good place to retire and spend the rest of our lives," said Judy.

"We checked into the Brooks Motel and took a drive around town. A for sale sign in front of a house on Second Street caught our attention, the salesman was Don McMullen. We called him and said we wanted to see the house and knew when we walked in that we would move to Norton," said Judy. "We didn't have jobs in Norton and didn't know anyone but we felt at home. It was a plunge of faith."

You will find Judy at Pure Prairie Natural Foods where she is a waitress, cashier, clerk, salad maker and jack of all trades. Judy has been at the store for four years.

Pure Prairie Natural Foods is locally owned health food store that serves organic meals and offers customers a healthy alternative to shopping for food and vitamins for their families.

"Ramona McAllister called one day and asked if I could come in and help out, I have been there ever since," said Judy. "I never wanted to be a waitress, I didn't want to worry about dropping something on somebody."

"Working at Pure Prairie is almost coming full circle in my life," said Judy, "My first job was in Ocean Grove, N. J. in a market."

Judy has worked as a paraprofessional at the Norton Community High School with the Special Education, she has substituted for the district and has worked for many years in the secretarial field.

Judy and Dave have a son, Joe, who is in his second year of medical residency as an Orthopedic Surgeon in San Diego. He and his wife, Sherry, have a sixteen month old daughter, Isabelle.

Their daughter, Jessica, was killed in a auto accident two years ago in Colorado.

"I was supported through that time with love and care from the citizens of Norton," said Judy.

"The most important job we have as women are our children," said Judy.

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