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## **Class of 1998**

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**Anderson, Leon D.**

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**Berck, Amanda L. (Stauffer)**

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**Berg, Carl E.**

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**Bohnert, Julie A. (Kinderknecht)**

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**Brown, Heath M.**

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**Brown, Julie A. (Sheil)**

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**Burks, Teresa J.**

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**Clayborn, Errick A.**

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**Cordon, France**

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**Crowder, Susan E.**

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**Dixson, Lyle A.**

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**Donovan, Tara S. (Eurek)**

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**Drain, Melissa R.**

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**Eckermann, Michele D.**

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**Falloon, Mark P.**

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**Faust, Cory J.**

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**Fife, Wendy D. (Zuck)**

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**Flinchbaugh, James T.**

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**Garner, Melissa A. (Rock)**

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**Gladieux, Christopher S.**

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**Gloates, Debra K. (Anderson)**

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**Gregg, Valorie J. (Halsey)**

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**Grint, Richard R.**

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**Guth, Gretchen C. (Smith)**

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**Haake, Dawn M.**

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**Hafer, Christine K.**

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**Halsey, Keith M.**

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**Harper, Brooke C. (Wacker)**

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**Heck, Thomas J.**

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**Henrikson, Todd D.**

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**Hinrichs, Jess R.**

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**Holland, Mark D.**

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**Irwin, Christa A.**

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**Jensen, Regina M.**

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**Johnson, Kenneth D.**

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**Keener, Robert J.**

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**Koontz, Bret A.**

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**Kryzstof, Denise (Murdock)**

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**Lacy, Kenn R.**

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**Lawton, John R.**

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**Class of 1998 continued**

**Lindquist, Cynthia A. (Tessman)**

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**Liska, Eric C.**

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**Loiselle, Ryan E.**

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**May, Kendra A.**

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**Larson, Tammi S. (Epp)**

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**Miller, Jason D.**

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**Miller, Julie A. (Smiley)**

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**Miller, Tony J.**

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**Norris, Bradley S.**

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**Pachta, Daniel V.**

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**Pearlstein, Laurie S.**

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**Pretzer, Scott D.**

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**Reed, Bryan A.**

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**Renter, David G.**

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**Schlicher, Katherine A. (Harkin)**

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**Schreiman, Melissa A. (Schreiman-Minor)**

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**Shaia, Carl I.**

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**Shannon, Shelby A. (Palmgren)**

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**Shen, Michael H.**

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**Shrack, Susan (Becker)**

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**Simpson, Jason B.**

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**Sixby, Amy (Kristin)**

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**Sloan, Tanya R. (Battiston)**

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**Stancliffe, Bryan D.**

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**Stich, Kelly L. (McIntaar)**

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**Stigge, Michael L.**

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**Swayze, J. Fletcher**

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**Taylor, Mark B.**

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**Townsend, Heidi J. (Henderson)**

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**Ulitchny, Daniel M.**

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**Vavra, Carol A.**

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**Walker, Matthew B.**

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**Walker, Sara A.**

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**Whitson, Adam B.**

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**Wood, Casey M.**

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**Zimmerman, Tamara J.**

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**Zogleman, Mary E.**

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# Renita Lynn Abel

**Company:** Kansas State Univeristy College of Veterinary Medicine  
Anatomy & Physiology

**Spouse:** Clifford Rudolph

**Children:** Two children

**Education:**  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Leon D Anderson

**Company:** Elizabeth Animal Hospital  
**Spouse:** Trisha Anderson  
**Children:** Juliana Geraldine (10/04/1997)  
William Arthur (12/24/2000)  
Samuel Elmer (02/20/2012)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate veterinarian, May 1998-December, 2001. Practice owner, January, 2002-present.

## **Education:**

AS, Pratt Community College, Pratt, Kansas, 1986  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

COVMA, AVMA

## **Offices Held:**

Board of Directors, 2004-present.

## **Advice to Students:**

If you're going to sleep, sit in the back.

# Susan Shrack Becker

**Company:** Sunset Animal Hospital  
**Spouse:** Justin M Becker  
**Children:** Samantha Becker , 12/16/2005  
**Education:** Katelyn Becker, 5/26/2008  
Calvin Becker, 10/26/2010

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

TXVMA, AVMA

# Amanda Lea Berck

**Company:** Hawthorne Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Dave Berck

**Children:** Emersyn (03/21/2002)

**Education:** Aubryn (04/08/2004)  
Ashlyn (02/16/2006)

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1994

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA



# Carl E Berg

**Company:** Sisters Veterinary Clinic, LLC

**Spouse:** Stephanie (Pitney) Berg

**Children:** Jack Berg 08/25/2000

**Career News:** Josephine Berg 11/25/2003  
John Berg 04/06/2007

Owner/operator of Small Animal clinic for last 20 years

**Professional Memberships:**

ORVMA, AVMA

# Heath Morgan Brown

**Company:** Great Plains SPCA

**Spouse:** Gina Michelle (Denny) Brown

**Children:** Adrian Jacob-08/23/2007

**Career News:**

Associate Veterinarian at Mission Animal Clinic, P.A.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, KCVMA, KVMA

# **Teresa J Burks**

**Spouse:** Freddie J Burks

**Children:** Niya (10/28/2003)

**Career News:**

Have become certified in animal chiropractic.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AAHA, IVCA

# Susan E CROWDER

**Company:** Companion Animal Dentistry of Kansas City  
**Spouse:** Ric Crowder  
**Children:** Kayla  
**Career News:** Brennan  
Madeline

Started a dental veterinary practice with Dr. Scott MacGee (KSU CVM 1997) in Kansas City Area.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, AVDS, Kansas City VMA

**Family News:**

My husband, Dr. Ric Crowder started Crowder Family Dentistry and we are both enjoying improving smiles for pets and people.

**Class Comments:**

The best is yet to come.

# **Errick Anthony Clayborn**

**Company:** Clayborn Veterinary Services

**Children:** Devin

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# France Cordon

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Lyle A Dixon

**Company:** Tri-State Vet  
**Spouse:** Alisha (Shirley)  
**Children:** Brennan (12/26/2000)  
Braxton (10/04/2005)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I have been in solo practice since graduation.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998  
Creighton School of Pharmacy and Health professions---Anticipated PharmD, 2009

# Tara S Donovan

**Spouse:** Derrick Donovan  
**Children:** Augustus Donovan (09/30/2002)  
Tekla Donovan (05/21/2005)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I completed an internship at KSU the year after graduation in food animal, then started working for The Hanor Company in their Oklahoma operation. Hanor is a pork production company with operations in 5 states. In 2001, I was promoted to Director of Veterinary management with responsibility for the health program for the entire company. With this new job we moved to Wisconsin. I worked for Hanor for nearly 24 years and have recently decided to end my tenure. Currently I am taking some time off and relocating to New Zealand where my husband has accepted a position as a large animal veterinarian.

## **Education:**

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1995  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998  
MSc, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL 2023

## **Professional Memberships:**

WIVMA, AVMA, AASV

## **Offices Held:**

AASV, President-elect, 2011; AASV, President, March 2012-March 2013.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Named to Pfizer Animal Health's 10 Under 40 List, 2011; 2015 KSU CVM Alumni Fellow, Science in Practice Award Iowa State 2022, AASV Swine Practitioner of the Year, 2023.

## **Family News:**

We have two wonderful children although they are not really children anymore. Our son Augustus (Gus) is 20 and a junior attending college at St Cloud State University and daughter Tekla is 18 and attending college next year at Kansas University.

## **Advice to Students:**

Don't forget to take care of yourself while you are busy caring for everyone's animals!

## **Class Comments:**

Seems like just yesterday we were in anatomy dissecting our dogs! I hope all of you are enjoying your careers and living life to its fullest.



# Melissa Rene Drain

**Company:** North Park Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Mike Aaron Drain

**Children:** Kailyn (07/27/2000)  
Jacob (08/27/2002)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

After graduation I worked in Farnam, NE, at a mostly large animal practice. I worked there until June of 2001. I took some time off to have surgery and spend time with my family. I started working at an all small animal clinic in Holdrege in October 2001 and have been there since and am greatly enjoying it.

## **Career News:**

I worked in a mostly large animal practice for three years and am now currently employed in an all small animal practice.

## **Education:**

BS, University of Nebraska, Animal Science, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1994  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA

## **Family News:**

Mike and I have had two wonderful children that are the light of our lives.

## **Advice to Students:**

Try to be involved as much as you can and get as much hands on experience as possible while in school, whether at school or through an externship.

# Michele Dian Eckermann

**Company:** N-Balance, Canine Rehab and Physiotherapy

**Spouse:** Jason Eckermann

**Children:** Jared August Eckermann (01/16/1999)  
Grace Taryn Eckermann (09/16/2002)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

After graduation, moved to Irwin, IA and worked as an associate for a mixed practice in Manning, IA. After less than one year and having my first child, I left the practice when a great opportunity arose to buy into a nearby practice. Jason and I moved to Harlan where he had been working. Our second child arrived in September. I stay active in the American Legion Auxiliary by attending Kansas Girls State as a staff member (15 years) and serving as the President of the Kansas Sunflower Girls State Alumnae Association. I am an active member of Harlan Kiwanis in the community and the Congregational United Church of Christ in town. I also enjoy horseback riding, volleyball and beer with friends on the weekends. There's not really much time left after that.

## **Career News:**

I currently am 50% partner in a mixed animal practice in Harlan, IA, where my special interests focus on small animal dentistry and soft tissue surgery. The practice has traditionally been large animal predominant until the change in the economy. Now we do about 70% small animal. I regretted sleeping through all those swine lectures for a while!

## **Education:**

BS, Biology, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 1994  
DVM, Kansas State University, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

IAVMA, AVMA, National Veterinary Dental Society

## **Family News:**

Two beautiful kids! Jared loves sports of all kinds. Grace is all princess. Barring any miracle or accident, we don't plan on anymore children.

## **Advice to Students:**

Private practice is full of crazy people and you never get used to being on call.

## **Class Comments:**

I now know why we kept getting all those substance abuse lectures. This job could drive a person to drink!!! Miss you, but would never do it again!

# Tammi Sue Epp

**Spouse:** Marcus E Epp

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Horse Training Internship, assisted in all aspects of a horse operation: training, horse care, management, and bookkeeping, Atlasta Farms, Ottumwa, IA, 1989-1990; Veterinary Assistant, Assisted in routine clinical cases, surgeries, farm calls, and emergencies, Thomas Veterinary Clinic, Ottumwa, IA, 1990's; Avon Sales Representative in the sales and delivery of Avon products covering two territories in Wamego, KS, 1991-1992; Veterinary Student Assistant, Wamego Veterinary Clinic, observed routine clinical cases, laboratory procedures, and bookkeeping, Wamego, KS; Sales clerk at Vanderbilt's Western Store, worked in sales of boots and western clothes, Wamego, KS, 1992-1993; Veterinary Assistant, Herington Veterinary Clinic, worked in the sale barn aspect of the practice by helping with blood drawing for Brucellosis testing and assisting with pregnancy checks, Herington, KS, 1994; American Horse Show Association Drug Testing Technician, collected urine samples and assisted with blood sampling with the purpose of testing for drug residues in the World Championship Endurance Event for Dr. Kathy Ewert and the American Horse Show Association, 1996. Littleton Large Animal Clinic - Equine Externship, observing and assisting clinicians with cases and farm calls, helping with care and treatment of inpatient animals, and assisting with emergencies and surgeries, 1996; H&H Construction - Jim Hildreth, assisted with painting, pouring concrete, cleaning, and small construction projects, Wamego, KS, 1996; Illinois Equine Hospital - Equine Externship, Naperville, IL, 1997; Littleton Large Animal Clinic - Equine Externship, Littleton, CO; Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital - Equine Externship, observing and assisting clinicians with cases and farm calls, helping with care and treatment of inpatient animals, and assisting with emergencies and surgeries, Lexington, KY, 1997; Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Center, brief visit observing and assisting clinicians with cases and farm calls, Los Olivos, CA, 1998; Meadowbrook Veterinary Hospital - John Brooks, DVM, worked as associate veterinarian, 80% equine, 20% small animals and exotics, Andover, KS, 1998; Blue Hills Animal Hospital and Mobile Veterinary Service - Deborah Diehl -Nelson, worked as a part time relief veterinarian, primarily small animal medicine and surgery, with an occasional equine farm call, Manhattan, KS, 1999; Highland Park Animal Clinic - Leon J. Conner DVM, worked as an associate veterinarian in a small animal medicine and surgery practice, with minimal exotic animal experience, and also am currently building a clientele for small animal and equine acupuncture, Topeka, KS, 1999; Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, part time research assistant for Deryl Troyer, performed cell culture work and protein chemistries, Manhattan, KS, 2001; Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, worked as a research associate for Howard Erickson, in charge of the equine treadmill lab and coordinate training, research, and testing of horses, hiring the student workers, ordering supplies, maintaining financial accounts, and helping teach veterinary physiology laboratories for veterinary students; PhD graduate student under Dr. Howard Erickson and Dr. David Poole, write and submit grants and manuscripts, as well as presenting research at scientific meetings, Manhattan, Kansas, 2001.

## **Specialized Education and Training**

Veterinary Practice Management Program, Clinical Equine Theriogenology Elective, Topics in Equine Internal Medicine Mini-Elective, Ophthalmology Elective  
Equine Lameness Mini-Elective, Multiple Equine Externships (as listed under work experience), 1997; International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (I.V.A.S.) Certification Course, Iertified after completing the written and practical exams, as well as a case report and an internship at Oso Creek Animal Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas, 2000.

## **Education:**

BS, Animal Science, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1993  
MS, Veterinary Physiology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1997  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998  
PhD, Veterinary Physiology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2004

**Professional Memberships:**

AASV, AVMA, AAEP, AABP, SCAABP; SCAASP; Wichita VMA; Topeka VMA; International Veterinary Acupuncture Society; KSU AA; KSU VMAA; American Physiological Society-Student Member; Phi Zeta (National Veterinary Medical Honor Society) - as student and veterinarian (Kansas State University Local Chapter); Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture; Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society; Golden Key National Honor Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honorary; Mortar Board Senior Honorary; The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta (Agricultural Honorary); KSU Chapter of Phi Zeta.

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

AQHA Racing Council Scholarships (two years); Dr. and Mrs. Nelson S. Mayo Award for Proficiency in Microbiology; Dorthy Palmquist Award, Dr. E.G. Jones Memorial Scholarship; Miller Pathology Scholarship; Dr. O.M. Franklin Memorial Award; Merck Veterinary Manual Award (top 10% of graduating class); Tim Lewis Memorial Scholarship - equine scholarship, two years; Graduate Research Assistantship; C. Truman and Elizabeth J. Jones Endowment Scholarship; KSU College of Veterinary Medicine, Phi Zeta Research Presentation Day (3rd place presentation, and 1st place review paper); Semester Honors (multiple semesters); Iowa Rodeo Cowboy's Association Rodeo Queen; American Society of Animal Science Undergraduate Scholarship Award; Gamma Sigma Delta Scholarship Award (two years); Gamma Sigma Delta Sophomore Award of Merit; Central Plains Regional Goat Tying Champion (National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association); Copenhagen/Skoal Academic Scholarship; Copenhagen/Skoal Rodeo Scholarship; Agricultural Alumni Scholarships (four years); Ernest L. and Lou R. Adams Animal Science Scholarship; Willis Griffing Scholarship; Kansas State University Association of Residence Halls Scholarship Awards; Kansas State University West Hall Leadership Award; Kansas State University Rodeo Team Scholarship (three years); Kansas State University Women's Rodeo Team Captain (three years); Outstanding College Students of America; National High School Rodeo Association-Acme Boot Scholarship; Ottumwa High School Rodeo Association Scholarship; Link Award (senior high school student athlete with highest GPA). Community activities include: Member of First Christian Church/Fellowship of Christian Cowboys/attend Trinity Baptist, Worked with handicapped children through rodeo and horse riding therapy, Wamego, Kansas. Help with 4-H program in hometown (clinics, project meetings, county fair, and judging), Collect pop tabs for patients on kidney dialysis machines; Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup; Christmas caroling in nursing homes; Donate food to the Bread Basket; Donate money to health related organizations such as the "MDA Lock-Up".

# Mark P Falloon

## Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Cory J Faust

**Company:** Pillen Family Farms  
**Spouse:** Tricia Faust  
**Children:** Haley (10/29/1998)  
**Education:** Kelsey (07/24/2000)  
Joshua (06/07/2002)  
Jackson (01/05/2005)

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1993  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

AASV

# Wendy Fife

**Company:** Bear Peak Veterinary Radiology

**Spouse:** Mark Zuck

**Children:** Paxon (10/28/2007)

**Career News:** Vander (02/06/2010)

Completed radiology residency at Ohio State University and moved to Colorado in 2003.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

COVMA, AVMA

**Board Certifications:**

ACVR

**Family News:**

Mark and I were married in 2003. Our son Paxon was born October 28th, 2007.

# **James T Flinchbaugh**

**Spouse:** Jaimee Flinchbaugh

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998



# Melissa Ann Garner

**Company:** Goodrich Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Larry Dean Rock

**Children:** Kathryn (Katie) Elizabeth Rock (01/13/2001)

**Career News:** Owen Patrick Rock 5/25/2005

In 2004 I purchased my current practice.

**Education:**

BS, Biology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1994

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AAV, NAVM, ARAV

**Offices Held:**

Secretary, Nebraska Academy of Veterinary Medicine (NAVM), 1999; Vice President, NAVM, 2000; President, NAVM, 2001.

# **Chris S Gladieux**

**Company:** Sunnybrook Veterinary Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Debra Kay Gloates

**Company:** Barton Heights Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Steven Timothy Gloates

**Children:** Joshua Nathan (07/22/2002)

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Family News:**

We have 3 children now and I'm a full-time mom and teacher(homeschooling Josh for kindergarten.)

# Christa Ann Goodell

**Children:** Evan Christopher (02/04/1999)  
Delaney Victoria (08/08/2001)  
Keegan Patrick (05/05/2003)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

For the last 9+ years I have been a swine production veterinarian. The first 2 1/2 were with a swine genetics company, and the last 6 were with a large swine integrator. Just recently I have joined the Iowa State University faculty and provide support to the Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine Department while beginning pursuit of an advanced degree in Epidemiology and eventually Pathology as well.

## **Education:**

BA, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, 1989  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AASV

## **Offices Held:**

Swine Welfare Committee, AVMA, 2001-2007; Welfare Committee, AASV, 2001-current; Foreign Animal Disease Committee, AASV, 2001-current; Swine Health Committee, AASV, 2008-current.

# **Richard Randall Grint**

**Company:** Ord Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Michelle

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# **Dawn M Haake**

**Company:** Haake Veterinary Service  
**Spouse:** Brett Haake  
**Children:** Chase Austin (02/22/2001)  
Brady James (07/17/2006)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I spent three years in SD, two years in a mixed practice and one year in an equine clinic.

## **Career News:**

Opened my own practice January 2005. Mostly cow/calf and equine but do a little small animal.

## **Education:**

BS, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska, 1998  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA

# Christine Kay Hafer

**Company:** TLC, INC.  
**Spouse:** Dale John Hafer  
**Children:** Cassidy Laine Hafer (03/21/1997)  
Jacy Elizabeth Hafer (09/29/2000)  
Logan Kenneth Hafer (12/06/2002)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Practiced in a predominately Large Animal Practice in SD, for 2 1/2 years then practiced in a mixed practice in York, NE, for 2 1/2 years. We moved home to my family's ranch in May of 2003.

## **Career News:**

My father and I run a 900 head cow/calf operation. We also background our calves and then retain ownership through the feedlot. I use my veterinary education on a daily basis, even though I am now in industry instead of practice.

## **Education:**

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1993  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA

## **Offices Held:**

Member, NVMA, Board of Directors.

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Secretary, School Board, Sandhills Public Schools.

## **Advice to Students:**

Keep an open mind, you never know where life might lead you. Always negotiate a job offer. If you don't, your boss will run over you.

# Keith Michael Halsey

**Company:** VCA Animal Medical Center  
**Spouse:** Valorie Jill (Gregg) Halsey  
**Children:** Ethaniel Benjamin (01/13/2003)  
**Education:** Abigail Rose (11/06/2004)  
Nicholas Elliot (08/25/2006)  
Zachary Michael (12/22/2008)  
Emmett Reed (09/03/2010)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998



# Valorie Jill Halsey

**Spouse:** Keith Michael Halsey  
**Children:** Ethaniel Benjamin (01/13/2003)  
**Education:** Abigail Rose (11/06/2004)  
Nicholas Elliot (08/25/2006)  
Zachary Michael (12/22/2008)  
Emmett Reed (09/03/2010)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# **Katherine A Harkin**

**Spouse:** Kenneth R Harkin

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Brooke Corrine Harper

**Company:** Brooke C. Harper, DVM

**Spouse:** Keith Alan Wacker

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

After graduation, completed a one year internship at the Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, VA; Practiced for six months in Baltimore County in a farm practice; Went to Pimlico and Laurel Race Tracks to practice for one year, and then started my own practice.

**Education:**

BA, Middlebury College, Biology, Middlebury, Vermont, 1993

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

MDVMA, AVMA, AAEP, PA VMA, KS VMA, AAVA, IVAS

# Thomas John Heck

**Company:** Cilley Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Karla Heck

**Children:** Ian Heck (07/15/2003)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

My vet career so far has been a small animal clinician for four and a half years at the same practice. Community involvement consists of guest speaker at many area grade schools and career days at local high schools. I have been invited to several local rotary club meetings as a guest speaker.

## **Career News:**

I purchased my own clinic 3 years ago. I have a staff of 15 and 2 part time veterinarians that work for me. Living the dream!

## **Education:**

BS, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1992

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, AAHA, NEVMA

## **Advice to Students:**

Don't sweat the small stuff, you will forget it anyway.

## **Class Comments:**

Don't forget to recharge your spirit-Take a vacation!

# Heidi Joy Henderson

**Spouse:** Brad Henderson  
**Children:** Bradley Jr. (08/08/2003)  
Charles (05/18/2009)  
David (04/28/2011)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian, Northern Illinois Cat Clinic, Libertyville, IL, July 1998-November 2001; Associate Veterinarian, Belle City Vet Hospital, Racine, WI, February 2002-May 2005.

## **Career News:**

I continue to work as a relief veterinarian in Springfield and the surrounding area. I work part time to give me more time with my boys.

## **Education:**

BS, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan, 1994  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, Southwest MO VMA

## **Family News:**

We have been blessed with two more sons making us a full and busy household. My husband's mother moved in next door, allowing the boys to spend time with "Grandma Sippi" every day.

## **Class Comments:**

Doesn't the time just fly?

# Todd D Henrikson

**Company:** Tallgrass Veterinary Imaging

**Spouse:** Tirsten J Brockmeier

**Career News:**

Radiology Residency, Kansas State University-Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, 2001-2004; Vet-Rad Radiology Group, June, 2006-present.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1996

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, ACVR

**Board Certifications:**

ACVR

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Volunteer for veterinary science class and FFA club at Bloomfield high school in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

# Jess Ryan Hinrichs

**Company:** US Meat Animal Research Center

**Spouse:** Megan Anne Hinrichs

**Children:** Luke Ryan (09/01/1998)

**Education:** Joseph (06/17/2002)

Jacob, 2004

Connor, 2006

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1994

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP, AVC

# Kristy M Holden-McCamy

**Company:** Edgewood Veterinary Clinic, Inc.

**Spouse:** Alex McCamy

**Children:** Tyler Scott (01/10/2007)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Avian and exotic medicine and surgery Internship, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 1998-1999; Small animal and exotics associate veterinarian, Montclair Veterinary Clinic, 1999-2000; Small animal and exotics, Loomis Basin Veterinary Clinic, 2000-2005; Small animal and exotics, Edgewood Veterinary Clinic, 2005-present; we purchased the clinic in November, 2006.

## **Education:**

BA, Sonoma State University, Rohnest Park, California, 1993

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AAV

## **Family News:**

I got married in October 2004 to Alex; we had our first child on January 10th, 2007, Tyler Scott.



# Mark Douglas Holland

**Company:** Southwest Veterinary Hospital  
**Spouse:** Dorothy (Spyrka) Holland  
**Children:** Olivia Grace Holland (10/08/2002)  
**Education:** Stella Margaret Holland (07/12/2006)

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1994  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

CAVMA, AVMA

# **Regina Maria Jensen**

**Company:** ACI

**Spouse:** Richard Jensen

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Kenneth D Johnson

**Company:** Washington Veterinary Clinic  
**Spouse:** Sally Johnson  
**Children:** Hilary A. Johnson (06/25/92)  
**Education:** Hunter D. Johnson (01/12/1998)  
Haven E. Johnson (01/31/2001)

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1989  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

# Bret Asa Koontz

**Company:** Bluestem Animal Clinic  
**Spouse:** Wendy Kay (Brenner) Koontz  
**Children:** Aubrey (06/04/1998)  
**Education:** Emily (10/22/1999)  
Zachary (08/28/2002)  
Josiah (04/12/2009)

AS, Butler Community College, El Dorado, Kansas, 1993  
BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1996  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, Wichita VMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Rotary Club of El Dorado.

**Family News:**

2 children have graduated from college; 1 child in college still and last child still in school.

**Advice to Students:**

Don't take yourself too seriously. Keep it all in perspective.

**Class Comments:**

I hope you enjoy waking up and going to work each day.

# Denise Susanne Krysztof

**Company:** Emergency Animal Clinic of Northwest  
Austin, TX

**Spouse:** Brett Murdock

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

TXVMA, AVMA, KS VMA, CT VMA

# **Kenn R Lacy**

**Company:** Starr Veterinary Services

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# John R Lawton

**Company:** Overton Veterinary Services

**Spouse:** Lorna Lawton

**Children:** Abby (03/23/2004)

**Career News:**

Owner in a 6 veterinarian mixed (mostly large animal) practice in central Nebraska.

**Education:**

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1996

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP

# **Eric Charles Liska**

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998



# Ryan Loiselle

**Company:** Salmon River Veterinary Service

**Spouse:** Nancy Loiselle

**Children:** Carter Ryan Loiselle (07/26/2004)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Practiced mixed animal medicine and surgery for four years after graduation in rural Maine. Decided to move to Connecticut after marriage to work for a nonprofit organization to aid low income people to take care of their pets.

## **Career News:**

Started a mobile practice serving Rhode Island, eastern Connecticut and eastern Massachusetts providing farm services and small animal medicine/surgery.

## **Education:**

BS, Zoology, University of Rhode Island, N Kingston, Rhode Island, 1994

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

RIVMA, AVMA

## **Advice to Students:**

Learn as much as you can about real estate investments and financial planning. Don't be afraid to be a practice owner.

## **Class Comments:**

The party is not over! Life is good.

# Kendra Ann May

**Company:** Skyline Veterinary Clinic  
**Children:** Levi Hunter (02/05/2001)  
**Education:** Wyatt Jeffery (02/16/2002)

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1994  
Veterinary Science Degree UNL 1996  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA

## **Advice to Students:**

Learn everything you possibly can during your senior year in clinics.

# Jason Daniel Miller

**Company:** Timbercrest Veterinary Service  
**Children:** Ashley Nicole Miller (04/13/1999)  
**Career News:** Lane Thomas Miller (11/02/2000)  
Tyler Keaton Miller (02/13/2003)

Mixed Animal Practice, Greenhaven Animal Clinic, June 1998-July 2002;  
Carthage Veterinary Service, July 2002-2003; Owner, Timbercrest Veterinary Service, 2003-present.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

ILVMA, AVMA, AABP, Society of Theriogenology

# Tony James Miller

**Company:** Heartland Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Kristi Miller

**Children:** Tyler (09/29/1998)

**Education:** Amber (10/18/2000)  
Adam (08/09/2002)

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AABP

# Melissa Ann Minor

**Company:** Nall Hills Animal Hospital

**Children:** Jack Austin (02/15/2004)  
Eva Julianne (01/30/2007)

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian, Chipman Road Animal Clinic, Lee Summit, MO, 1998-2001; Associate Veterinarian, Nall Hills Animal Hospital, Overland Park, KS, 2001-present.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1996  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, KC VMA, MO VMA

# **Bradley Scott Norris**

**Company:**      Animal Medical House Calls

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Daniel Vincent Pachta

**Company:** Aurora Veterinary Clinic  
**Spouse:** Jaime Pachta  
**Children:** Ashley Kate (07/06/1998)  
Nicolas Daniel (06/06/2000)  
Mitchell John (03/28/2002)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I am a partner in a three man mixed animal practice.

## **Education:**

BS, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska, 1997  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP, AVC

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Board member, Aurora Optimist Club.

# Shelby Anne Palmgren

**Company:** Shelby A Palmgren, DVM  
**Spouse:** Travis L Palmgren  
**Children:** Kelly Anne Palmgren (03/04/2002)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Began working at Prairieland Animal Clinic after graduation until May 2000. After leaving Prairieland Animal Clinic, began doing relief work and working out of my home.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1996  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA

## **Advice to Students:**

Work hard but try to keep a balance in your life.



# Laurie Sue Pearlstein

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Scott Dean Pretzer

**Company:** Nebraska Animal Medical Center

**Spouse:** Holli Michelle (Harlan) Pretzer

**Children:** Reid (07/9/1999)  
Skylar (09/24/02)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I began practicing after graduation at the Abilene Animal Hospital and initially focused on swine production medicine. Due to the retirement of one of the senior partners, I became more involved with small animal reproduction and surgery, which is my current focus. I like to spend time with my family and have been coaching my son's flag football team for the past few years. I have become more involved with reproduction and our practice has adopted endoscopic transcervical insemination (TCI) in dogs and semen cryopreservation. My reproductive interests have led me to become board certified in theriogenology after doing a two year self-study for the exam. I have published a paper in the Journal of Theriogenology that is a retrospective study on TCI in the greyhound.

## **Career News:**

In 2011 we moved back to Nebraska where I joined the Nebraska Animal Medical Center team.

## **Education:**

BS, Agricultural Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, OTHER, Society for Theriogenology

## **Offices Held:**

Board of Directors, Society for Theriogenology 2004-2007.

## **Board Certifications:**

ACT

## **Family News:**

We moved into town and are close to a park that the kids like to play in. Reid and I have been to several Husker games and we have enjoyed that.

## **Advice to Students:**

Focus less on grades and more on gaining clinical experience.

## **Class Comments:**

I miss playing pitch!

# **Bryan Allen Reed**

**Company:** Fairway Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Dianne Reed

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# David G Renter

**Company:** Kansas State Univeristy

**Spouse:** Rebecca R Renter

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Veterinarian/Research Assistant, Food Animal Health and Management Center, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 1998-2001; Veterinary Epidemiologist, Food/Animal/Beef Cattle, Alberta Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 2002-2005. In 2005 I joined the faculty in the department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, KSU College of Veterinary Medicine. <http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/dmp/personnel/faculty/renter.htm>

**Education:**

BS, Comprehensive Biology, University of Nebraska-Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

PHD, Veterinary Epidemiology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2002

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, AABP, AVC, ISVEE

# Casey Marie Riegel

**Spouse:** Matthew Stuart Riegel

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Associate Veterinarian, small animal practice, North St. Louis County, MO, 2002; Residency, Clinical Pathology-under Drs. Steve Stockham, Kerry Keeton and Melinda Wilkerson, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2005.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, ASVCP

**Advice to Students:**

Remember that it is a privilege to be a veterinarian. It is very important that we remember to respect our colleagues and always behave in a manner that uplifts our wonderful profession.

# Carl Irvin Shaia

**Company:** United States Army Medical Research Institute

**Spouse:** Haylee G (Stanton) Shaia

**Children:** Genna Gean (03/13/1995)  
Jared Thomas (05/27/1997)  
Jacob Irvin (03/22/1999)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Served the last 10 years as a Veterinary Corps Officer in the US Army. Duty assignments include Barksdale AFB, LA; Vilseck and Hohenfels Germany; Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC, and currently serving at Fort Detrick in Frederick, MD, at the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID).

## **Career News:**

Staff member at the Joint Pathology center in Silver Spring Maryland; followed by two years as a commander for a veterinary detachment in the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Hood, TX with a deployment to Kuwait. Currently at USAMRIID in Fort Detrick, MD.

## **Education:**

BS, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana, 1993  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998  
Vet Pathology Residency, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC, 2007

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA, ACVP

## **Board Certifications:**

ACVP

## **Honors/Civic Involvement:**

BG Charles V L Elia Award, 1998; COLONEL William Inskeep Award, 2007; C L Davis Student Scholarship Award, 2007. Promoted to Colonel in the United States Army; recipient of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

## **Family News:**

Haylee has continued to teach preschool; Genna graduated college and moved to Austin, TX. Jared is currently in school at Montana State University and Jacob is a rifleman in the United States Marine Corps.

## **Advice to Students:**

For any students considering a non-traditional career path including travel, an opportunity for specialization, a career in research, and service to their nation then consider a tour of duty with the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps.

## **Class Comments:**

I'm retiring from the Army and moving back to Montana in 2019. If you make it up there please look us up.

# **Julie Ann Sheil**

**Company:** VCA Midpark Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** Chris Sheil

**Education:**

University of Kansas, BA Biology, 1994

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

Chi Institute, Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist, 2012

# Michael H Shen

**Company:** Banfield Pet Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998



# Kristin Amy Sixby

## Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Tanya Battiston Sloan

**Company:** Star Meadow Animal Clinic  
**Children:** Blake Hunter (07/13/2004)  
**Education:** Brooks Barron (05/14/2007)

BS, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, 1994  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

CTVMA, AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Manchester Who's Who, member; National Register of Who's Who, member.

# Julie Smiley

**Company:** Companion Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Scott Smiley

**Career News:**

After 23 years, I sold my partnership in my previous clinic last spring and am now enjoying being an associate again.

**Education:**

Pennsylvania State University BS Animal Bioscience 1994

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, OTHER, IVAS, AAVA

# Gretchen Christine Smith

**Company:** Aquia Garrisonville Animal Hospital

**Spouse:** William E Smith

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I have been working at Aquia Garrisonville Animal Hospital ever since graduation. And in 2010, myself and a partner bought the practice from the retiring owner.

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

VAVMA, AVMA, AAHA

# Julie Ann Sperry

**Company:** The Cliffes Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** James Howard Sperry

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

I worked for Drs. Mike Gaughan and Jame Rohleder (both KSU class of 1992) for two and a half years. I then became the staff veterinarian for Hays Fedders, LLC in Hays, KS. This past August, Norman and I became ranch managers for Rollin' High Sipal Ranch. This is a 39,000 acre ranch in Hartsel, CO. I obtained my Colorado license in September. In October, I accepted the position as veterinarian at Rocky Mountain Livestock, Salida, CO.

## **Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1986

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, Society for Theriogenolog, CO VMA

## **Family News:**

When I married Norman, we left the church in a John Deere combine. I instantly acquired five grown children. I now have five beautiful granddaughters.

## **Advice to Students:**

Respect the technicians. They are your teachers too! Don't rule out any career path - you might be surprised by what you end up doing.

# Bryan Douglas Stancliffe

**Company:** Animal Clinic of North Topeka

**Spouse:** Diane Stancliffe

**Children:** Kylie

**Education:** Abby

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Kelly L Stich

**Company:** Hillcrest Animal Clinic

**Spouse:** Patrick McInteer

**Children:** Chase (11/07/2006)  
Tanner (08/27/2008)

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Internship, large animal Medicine and Surgery, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, July, 1998-June, 1999; Associate, Performance Equine Associates, Whitesboro, TX, August, 1999-October, 2000; Residency, ABVP - Equine Practice, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, October, 2000-July, 2000; Residency Theriogenology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, August, 2001-August, 2003.

## **Career News:**

Board of Certification in Theriogenology, September, 2003; Clinical Instructor, Kansas State University, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, Manhattan, Kansas, August 2003-July 2004; Associate, Equine Clinic, Oaken Croft, Albany, NY, August 2004-August 2006; opened Hillcrest Animal clinic, Lincoln, NE, September 2006-present.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998  
Diplomat ACT, Texas A&M, College Station, Texas, 2003  
VSMT, The Healing Oasis, 2005  
CVA, Colorado State University, 2008

## **Professional Memberships:**

NEVMA, AVMA, AAEP, ACT, SFT

## **Board Certifications:**

ACT

## **Family News:**

Married Dr. Pat McInteer, December 15, 2005. Son Chase Allen was born November 7, 2006. Son Tanner Patrick born August 27, 2008.

# Michael L Stigge

**Company:** Koch-Stigge Vet Clinic

**Children:** Garrett  
Olivia

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Mixed animal practice, primarily equine.

**Education:**

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

MOVMA, AVMA



# **J Fletcher Swayze**

**Company:** Swayze Land & Cattle Inc

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Mark Bennett Taylor

**Spouse:** Linda Taylor

**Children:** Mark  
Ruth

## **Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Previous practice owner in CO. We relocated (initiated with wife) threatened species of prairie dogs-obtained federal/state permission. Moved to Coral Springs, FL, and was a medical director for a small animal hospital there. I'm now a Medical Director in a small animal hospital in Coral Springs, FL. I am now owner of Veterinary Imaging Associates in Purcellville, VA.

## **Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998  
MA, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1994

## **Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

## **Advice to Students:**

Beware of dogmas, question everything.

# **Daniel Matthew Ulitchny**

**Company:** Sahara Pines Animal Hospital

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

# Carol Ann Vavra

**Spouse:** Paul Vavra

**Education:**

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

# Matthew B Walker

**Company:** White River Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Sara A (Pittser) Walker

**Children:** Ainsley Kay Walker

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Owner of White River Veterinary Clinic since December of 1999.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1996

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

ARVMA, AVMA

**Family News:**

Daughter Ainsley born on October 17, 2001.

# Sara A Walker

**Company:** White River Veterinary Clinic

**Spouse:** Matthew B Walker

**Children:** Ainsley Kay Walker

**Career History, Community Service, Etc.:**

Owner of White River Vet Clinic since December 1999.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1996

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

ARVMA, AVMA

**Honors/Civic Involvement:**

Member, junior auxillary of independence company.

**Family News:**

Daughter Ainsley born on October 17, 2001.

# Cynthia Ann Watson

**Company:** Missouri Department of Agriculture

**Spouse:** Kevin Watson

**Children:** Hunter Orion Tessman (10/26/1998)

**Career News:** Stepchildren: Drew (21 yrs old) and Madison Watson (17 yrs old)

For most of the last 5 years I worked at 2 different small animals clinics, as well as doing relief work at the emergency clinic in St. Louis. In February, I took a job as a district veterinarian with the state of Missouri.

**Education:**

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1996

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

AVMA

**Family News:**

I got remarried this summer, my dad died last summer, and my son started college in August 2017. He will be wrestling for Westminster college in Fulton.

**Advice to Students:**

Work hard

**Class Comments:**

How did I get this old? Have we really been out of school for 20 years... doesn't seem possible. Hope all of you are doing well and that life has treated you kindly.

# Adam Brandon Whitson

## Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998



# Tamara J Zimmerman

**Spouse:** Ed Zimmerman  
**Children:** Tristan (06/29/1998)  
**Career News:** Tanner (10/26/1999)  
Tatum (09/14/2001)

I've taken a break from veterinary medicine since moving to Wyoming. For the past three years I've been working as a Restorative Nurses' Aide at a nursing home. I have found it a very rewarding experience. The residents I work with have become my "Wyoming Family." I've learned that I have just as much compassion and empathy towards people as I do with animals.

## **Education:**

AS, Butler County Community College, El Dorado, Kansas, 1992  
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

## **Family News:**

I have gotten divorced and remarried two years ago. I am very happy with life. My family is healthy. My kids are growing up way too fast though!

## **Advice to Students:**

Take advantage of as many opportunities as you can. Most of all, enjoy these years. Have fun.

## **Class Comments:**

Life may not always turn out like you expect it to, but enjoy the ride. God opens many doors. Don't be afraid to go through them.

# Mary Elizabeth Zogleman

**Company:** Great Plains Pet Hospital

**Spouse:** Tom Zogleman

**Children:** Caleb

**Career News:** Zachary (09/06/2000)  
Nathaniel (11/03/2002)  
Rachael (04/21/2004)

I purchased Great Plains Pet Hospital in January 2006. This is a Canine/Feline practice located in Newton, KS, that has been established for 30 years.

**Education:**

BS, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

**Professional Memberships:**

KSVMA, AVMA, Wichita VMA

## **In Memoriam**

### **Jason B Simpson DVM**

Jason Bradley Simpson, D.V.M., 42, of Chetopa, Kansas passed from this life suddenly after injuries sustained in an accident on Friday, September 4, 2015.

Jason was born on September 13, 1972, in Ft. Scott, KS to the union of Billy Lee and Gayle (Mayhood) Simpson. After graduating from Columbus High School, Jason continued his education and received his Doctorate Degree in Veterinarian Medicine from Kansas State University in 1998. He owned and operated Simpson Veterinary Clinic in Chetopa, KS for the last 12 years.

Jason enjoyed boating and spending time at the lake, fishing, hunting, and attending all the kids' rodeo events. He was very proud of his children and supported them in all activities. Jason was a member of the (K.V.M.A) Kansas Veterinarian Medical Association.

Jason is preceded in death by his mother, Gayle Simpson on April 4, 1994, and his grandparents, Robert and Mae Simpson.

Jason is survived by his two children, Grant and Austyn Simpson of the home; father, Billy Simpson and wife Sue of Columbus, KS; one brother, Jeff Simpson and wife Shelly of Columbus, KS; two aunts, Barbara Simpson, and Betty Martin and husband Jeff of rural Scammon, KS; three cousins, Sarah Martin, Brian Martin and wife Megan, and Blake Martin; two nieces, Ashley Simpson, and Baylee (Simpson) Flynn.

### **Robert J Keener DVM**

Dr. Robert J. "Bob" Keener, 54, La Crosse, Kansas, passed away Thursday, September 23, 2021, at his home.

Dr. Keener was born December 21, 1966, in La Crosse, Kansas, the son of Samuel George and Evelyn Joyce (Greenler) Keener. He was a lifelong resident of Rush County, Kansas. He was a 1985 graduate of La Crosse High School, La Crosse, Kansas, and a 1998 graduate of Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, where he earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree. He was an Assistant Professor of Agriculture at Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas, since 2012.

As a youth, Dr. Keener was a member of the Walnut City 4-H Club, Rush Center, Kansas; and Future Farmers of America (FFA), La Crosse, Kansas.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, La Crosse, Kansas; Walnut City Masonic Lodge #215, Rush Center, Kansas; ISIS Shriners, Salina, Kansas; Fort Hays Shrine Club, Hays, Kansas; La Crosse Brookdale District #4 Fire Board, American Veterinary Medical Association, (AVMA); Kansas Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA); American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP). He was a volunteer for the Special Olympics; McCracken Rodeo; and the Rush County Fair, where he was the 2021 Crops Superintendent.

Dr. Keener received the 2020 FHSU Pilot Award as the outstanding faculty member. He was also awarded the Spring, 2020 Werth College Award for Outstanding Teaching. Dr. Keener often spoke about how his greatest achievement was the relationships he built with his students. He was an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) member.

Survivors include: his wife, Shelley Oelkers, La Crosse, Kansas; his daughter Dyan Axman (Tony), Olathe, Kansas; his granddaughter, Raelyn Axman; two brothers, Tom Keener (LeAnn), Rush Center, Kansas, and Jeff Keener (Tacy), Rush Center, Kansas; two nephews, Scott Keener and Jacob Keener; two nieces, Stephanie Goings, and Samantha Tholen; four great nephews; and two great nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents.