

Hecoxes buy Five-Star Flooring building

A Cozad native and his wife hope to have the doors of Hecox Dentistry in Gothenburg open by the end of this year.

Ashton Hecox, and his wife Sara, bought the Five-

Star Flooring building in May.

Renovation of the building, at at 1014 Lake Ave., will begin in mid September when Five-Star Flooring moves into a larger building at 915 Lake Ave.

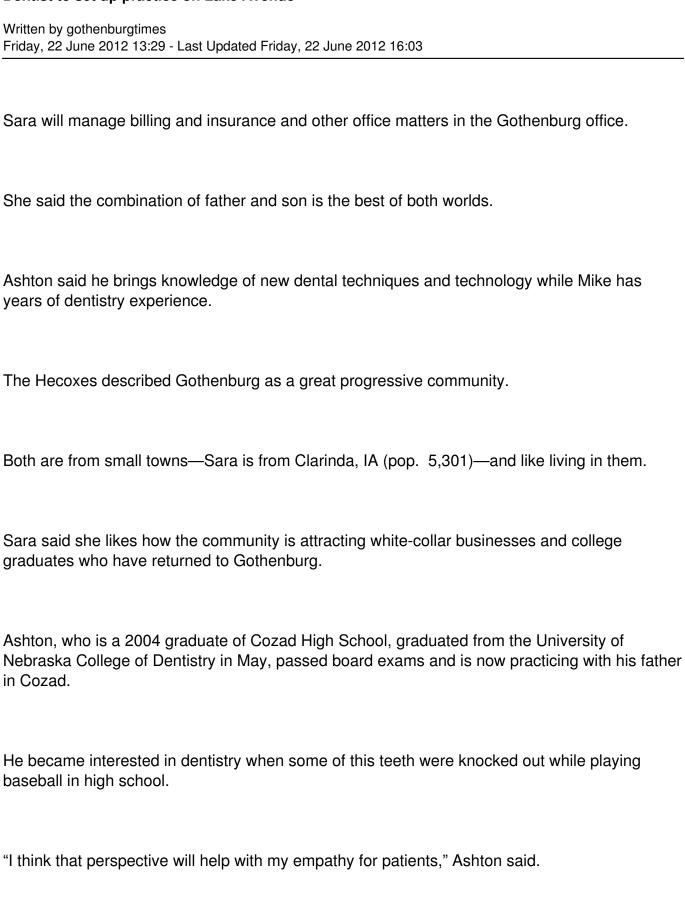
The Hecoxes describe their business as an expansion of Cozad Dental Clinic that Ashton's father, Mike Hecox, has owned and practiced in for 30 years.

In fact, Ashton is the fourth-generation in his family to practice dentistry—a business started in Cozad almost 100 years ago by his great-, greatgrandfather Rex Hecox.

Fred Hecox took over the practice from Rex before turning it over to son Mike.

Once the Gothenburg business is operational, Ashton said his father plans to practice alongside him on a part-time basis. Ashton will travel to Cozad to practice when needed.

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Sara, who has an advertising degree from UNL, is learning the business side of the profession

from Ashton's mother, Dawn.

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While living in Lincoln, she was a financial representative for Northwest Mutual.

Ashton and Sara have bought a home and moved to Gothenburg about three weeks ago.

With a shortage of dentists in rural areas, Gothenburg Improvement Company Mike Bacon said the Hecoxes' decision to expand their dental practice to Gothenburg speaks volumes about the community, especially since dentists are being recruited by other communities.

"Young professionals see a future in Gothenburg," Bacon said. "Ashton and Sara are going to be a great addition to the community."

Earlier this year, the Hecoxes visited with Gothenburg Memorial Hospital board members about leasing space for a dental practice in the former doctor's clinic.

However Bacon said a fiscal analysis showed the hospital district would lose significant federal reimbursement by renting the space to dentists and optometrists.

Anyone wanting to schedule appointments with Ashton in Cozad, can call 308-784-2828.

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