



□ *Editor's note: This is one in a series of feature stories about people who have returned with their families to their hometown of Imperial, after living and working in other communities.*

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When Jamie Hanes and his family decided to move back to his hometown, the medical community increased by two. Hanes is a pharmacist with Adams Drug and wife Brandy is a nurse practitioner at Chase County Community Hospital and Clinic.

The availability of jobs wasn't really the reason the family moved from Rochester, Minn., though. They wanted to be closer to family in Nebraska.

Jamie pointed to children Madelynn, 5, and Miles, 2, while commenting, "So those two could be close to family. Being so far away was tough."

Jamie works with father Jim Hanes in the Adams Drug pharmacy. "I knew I'd come back eventually, and give my dad some time off, too," he said.

The couple met at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where Jamie received a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2000. He was a 1995 Chase County High School graduate.

He then obtained a Doctor of Pharmacy from Creighton University in 2004, followed by a year of residency in general hospital pharmacy from the University of Iowa.

Brandy, a 1998 Newman Grove, Neb. high school graduate, received a Bachelor of Science Nursing degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2003, followed by a Nurse Practitioner degree from the same school in 2007.

After living in Lincoln, Omaha and Iowa City, the couple ended up at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Jamie worked as a pharmacist on the medical cardiology floor and cardiology ICU beginning in 2005.

Brandy worked as a nurse on the vascular and general surgery floor, followed by family practice.

The family moved to Imperial in November, 2008.

Jamie said Brandy really wanted to move to Imperial more than he did. Her family resides in Newman Grove.

But Jamie said he'd kept in touch with "tons of people I went to high school with" who'd either remained in Imperial or who had moved back, which he enjoys.

Also, "It's kind of neat to work with my dad."

One of Imperial's advantages, Jamie noted, is "knowing who's taking care of your kids when you're at work. There's a peace of mind." Brandy concurred, adding that the community feels "safe."

Neither could think of any drawbacks to living in a town of 2,000. "It's hard to say because my life hasn't really changed that much," Jamie said.

If they were going to promote Imperial to other young families, Jamie said “It’s obviously becoming a young town. It’s amazing how many people are coming back.” He said anyone raising a family would appreciate Imperial.

Brandy agreed, adding, “You know all the kids who go to school with your kids, and their parents. It’s safe.”

Jamie hopes that his children have fond memories of where they grow up, as he has.

The Haneses are members of Imperial Zion Lutheran Church. Jamie is also a member of the Imperial Chamber of Commerce.

There’s another plus for the pharmacist, who enjoys motorcycles. He’s been wanting to customize a classic Triumphe motorcycle for years.

While living in Rochester, he scoured the Twin Cities for someone to help him. Turns out he had to move to Imperial before he found a neighbor who would do the job the way he wanted.