



Holyoke natives buying the local practice

By Russ Pankonin

The Imperial Republican

Dale Longan, Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.), announced this week he plans to retire and has sold his practice and clinic. Daniel Koch, D.C. and his wife, Kristin, both Holyoke, Colo., natives, have purchased the business.

Longan said Tuesday that health-related issues have forced him to move into retirement. He plans to continue seeing patients until the sale officially closes.

Presently, Longan sees patients in the morning only. He said he made that change in an effort to address his health issues. However, he said the time has now come to end his chiropractic career.

Kochs are Holyoke natives

Longan said he's especially pleased to see a young couple purchasing the practice.

Kochs are both natives of Holyoke, Colo., and they too are excited to be moving back to the area.

After attending the University of Northern Colorado for two years, Koch transferred to Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

There, he finished his bachelor's degree and then completed more than three years of chiropractic studies. He received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree last month.

He will finish his board testing in September and anticipates seeing patients on Nov. 1.

Kristin finished her accounting degree at Western Illinois University, Quad Cities Campus, in 2010. She has been employed since at the Deere Employee Credit Union in Moline, Ill.

Moline and Davenport are two of the four cities known as the Quad Cities on the borders of Iowa and Illinois.

The couple was married in 2011 and are expecting their first child this December.

Daniel said Imperial represents the kind of community they were looking for in terms of raising a family and having an opportunity to build a practice.

First practice for both

When Dale Longan first came to Imperial in 1988, it was his first practice after his schooling. The same will be true for Koch.

This year marks Longan's 25th year of practice in Imperial.

He originally started in an office located in the building that is now First Bank and Trust. In 1992, he built the clinic he's now in at 441 Broadway.

Longan expects a smooth transition when Koch takes over. All medical records will remain with the practice, Longan said.

After 25 years here in Imperial, he said it's going to be hard to leave.

He and his wife, Liz, are returning to Oklahoma and have purchased a home on Lake Eufaula in east central Oklahoma. Longan is a native of Oklahoma.

He said he appreciates the support of the Imperial community over the years. He added he's

confident the community will continue to support the Kochs, as well.