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MEET CHAMBER MEMBER BUSINESSES THROUGH THESE 5-QUESTION INTERVIEWS WITH...

BECKY PETERSON, OWNER OF SMOKY HILL QUILTING

Can you please give us a three sentence summary of your personal background?

I have been quilting for over 30 years, doing long arm quilting for four years. I am a retired preschool teacher and director of 2 daycares as well as doing in-home daycare and preschool recently, although retired from all education. My grandmother and my mother both quilted and I think they handed down to me their love of piecing together special and favorite fabrics.

What is it about your business that is unique or special? What separates you from your competitors?

I am more competitive as far as pricing goes from my competitors. I work out of my home and therefore love to work with clients one on one. I enjoy hearing the background of the quilt they made and any special stories that are attached to it and the fabrics they used.

In general, how is demand for your product or service?

The demand for my services is ever-growing because more families want to use their children's and passed loved ones clothing to make memorable T-shirt and heirloom quilts which makes the final product very special and can be handed down over the years. Many people can put together a finished quilt top, but lack the large Longarm machine to do the finished quilting.

How long have you been in business and why are you operating in the Salina region?

I have been doing long arm quilting and finish quilting for the last four years even though I have been making quilts for over 30 years. My quilting life changed when my husband bought me my computerized Longarm machine four years ago!

We own a nice home in Salina, I love the Salina area and have clients all throughout Saline County as well as other surrounding counties.

What are some of the plans you have for the future of your business?

My future plans for Smoky Hill Quilting are becoming more known throughout this whole state of Kansas, as well as doing business in other states through mail order. The need is everywhere for someone to do finish quilting, to complete a very special and memorable quilt.

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