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Having always been interested in the electrical field, Ryan Potts is now the proud owner of his own business.

"Having my own business has been in the back of my mind for a while," said the former employee of Great Plains Communications.

The Elsie native and his family made the job-related move to Grant in May 2007.

"Michaela and I always knew we wanted to raise our children in a small community," he said. After working for Great Plains a little over four years, the event that led to his decision to begin his own business was through a friend who approached him about doing an electrical job.

"This opportunity encouraged me to go ahead and take my electrical contractor test," said Potts. "Next thing I knew, I had passed the test, got my insurance set up and was doing my first job on my own as Potts Electric."

He said great support from the community and growing clientele in his side business led him to the decision of going full time.

The newest electrician in town had attended the University of Lincoln for a year prior to going to Southeast Community College in Milford in June 2002.

Although Potts is currently working out of his home, an expanding inventory and growing business might require a separate shop and possible addition of employees in the future.

The 2001 graduate from Wheatland High School has some outside hobbies and interests that include golfing, hunting and watching sports.

He and Michaela, who works at Adams Bank and Trust as a credit analyst, have two daughters. Kailee, five, is a kindergartner in Perkins County Schools and little sister Madison is three.

"I appreciate all of the support and encouragement that I have received," said Potts. "I am looking forward to establishing my business in Perkins County and the surrounding area."

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