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Financial Planter begins advising in Orange City investment investment

By SHARON VERMEER Correspondent

ORANGE CITY — Travis Netten, son of Larry and Melissa of Orange City, has always been a money man, he said. "Financial planning has always been a part of what I love to do!" Netten said with a smile. "Growing up, our family always invested with Edward Jones, and I've always understood the importance of investing. Now, working for Edward Jones, I think it's important to help your family understand what the money you invest can do for you and your family later on."

Netten, who grew up in Orange City, went to Northwestern College, graduating with a degree in accounting in 2011. During college, he had his own business, College Pro Painters. After graduating, Netten went to work for Diamond Vogel Paints, selling paint equipment, then for Novartis in Larchwood, finally moving to become the office manager for a family owned dental practice.

While with the dental practice, Netten managed its 401K plan. "We created a whole new plan," he said, "which really helped benefit the people that worked there. That really sparked my passion for the money business."

Netten and his wife Jill (daughter of Gaylen and Shirlene Engeltjes) are excited to be back in the area with daughter Mackenzie (age seven) and Greyson (age five). Mackenzie and Greyson started the year at Sioux Falls Christian but will be switching schools after Christmas break. Jill is able to work remotely for her job at Vance Thompson Vision.

"Josh Goslinga, Blair Punt and I are all under the same umbrella and work closely with each other," Netten said. "That's another reason I wanted to be here. Both of them reached out to me personally, and it's been a great fit."

Netten is certified to sell securities, life insurance, disability insurance, long term and short-term insurance. He said that he is willing to help with any type of situation, from business planning to estate planning. "I haven't met anyone around here that doesn't know about Edward Jones. We have a good reputation in the area. We put our clients first.

"I love talking about finances with people!" Netten said. "Every single client has a different need, and that's a unique and motivating part of my job. Every day is different."

Netten invites phone calls for interested persons at 712-737-8279, or contacts on line at travis.netten@edwardjones.



'MY TIME IN THE SERVICE WAS WELL SPENT'

PEOPLE Sioux OF County

By SHARON VERMEER Correspondent

Ron Regnier of Landsmeer Ridge Retirement Community in Orange

up in Japan for most of my tour."

City, jokes that he enlisted in the Air Force for four years to avoid being drafted for two. "In 1951, if you got drafted into the army, it almost certainly meant being sent to Korea," he said with a smile. "So, I joined the Air Force and ended

Regnier had taken his first semester of college at Culver-Stockton in Canton, Missouri, when he signed up. "The Korean War started June 27, 1950, and they started drafting almost immediately," Regnier said. "There was no exception for college students. People all around me were getting drafted. I didn't want to wait for that letter."

Regnier was sent to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas for basic training and then Penn State College in Pennsylvania for technical-school training as a clerk/typist. Because he already knew how to type, Regnier was ahead of everybody else, and managed to come out of tech school a private first class.

Regnier was with one of the first groups to train at Penn State. "I remember we would march as a 'flight' of 1,000 men, four abreast to come and go to class four times a day between high-rise dorms,"





Regnier said with a laugh. "The first time we did it, windows flew open. A sergeant led us, and he had a beautiful bass voice. We'd sing songs to keep in cadence as we marched. One I remember started (singing): 'I got a gal at Penn State College, honey. I got a gal at Penn State College, babe! I got a gal at Penn State College, honey. She doesn't go there just for knowledge, babe! Hup 2,3,4."

"Right out of tech school, I became a corporal, because I could type so fast and had administrative skills," said Regnier. "I was assigned to Far East Air Force Project EVIL. That didn't make me feel very good! In August of 1951, I arrived in Japan. I had spent

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Sports: TEAMS SQUEEZE IN **GAMES BEFORE HOLIDAY**

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First baby

Shepherd Perry was born to first-time parents Anna and Seth Borchard on Monday, Jan. 3, at 7:41 a.m. at the **Birth Center of Orange City** Area Health System. Anna and Seth were serving as Directors of STEMM operations in Tanzania. The couple came to lowa in the fall for Seth's interviews for medical school. After a prenatal visit with Dr. Harrison Hanson, they decided to deliver their

baby in Orange City. Orange City Area Health System welcomed **245 babies from 36 communities in 2021.** (Photo submitted)



Big-dollar shooting

The Unity Christian 21 Shootout, a fundraiser for the planned high-school expansion, on Friday evening, Jan. 7, at the basketball game saw Unity alum Brandon Woudstra (both hands in the air) sink 22 three-pointers in 60 seconds, which raised approximately \$40,000 for the campaign. (Photo by Jeff Bylsma)

Snowy arand opening

Scooter's Coffee hosted a grand opening during a snowstorm on Friday, Jan. 14, and the Orange **City Ambassadors helped** celebrate, bringing a ribbon and scissors. From right are Amy (holding the scissors) and Ryan McEwen, Kristen Quiroz in the apron and Lauren Faber. Faber is a Northwestern College graduate who works in marketing at Scooter's



Corporate in Omaha. (Photo by Doug Calsbeek)

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