Northwest Autobody thriving in Crawford

Business brought family home

As they prep up on their one-

time owner, Creighton's home

Carter Grant (middle) helps his Dad, Creighton, and North West Auto Body and Paint employee CJ Anderson install number graphics on a newly painted John Deere Tractor.

Carter Grant and April Grant, holding onto Carter and Conrard, pose with employee CJ Anderson at the couple's shop in Crawford.

PROGRESS IN BUSINESS

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creighton and april grant, owners of northwest autobody and paint, formerly hourt's autobody, were purchased by creighton and april grant in may of 2017. the couple have worked hard in what has nearly been a full year of business, growing quickly while still finding time to be very good community members.

the couple purchased the business from their son, Creighton Grant, in May of last year and have been hard at work building up the business, providing the drying, the debris, and detailing, and adding the hours worked and involvement side by side.

both Creighton and April have moved up the area, but they are working back home. Creighton had been working at ABRA in a national auto body company, but he has not turned his full attention to the new shop. although creighton's position would have been a good fit, family ties would not sit well with April. she wanted to get the business up and running, and she was not sure if creighton and April would be ready to take over the business.

the couple purchased the business after the death of their father, Joe Hourt, in May of last year. creighton had grown up in the area, but prior to the purchase of the business, he worked in another state. he was not sure if he would be able to make it to the shop.

the couple purchased the business with the encouragement of Hourt, the late owner of Hourt's Auto Body. the two hadn't been alone in their decision to take over the business, as they both have family in the area.

the two are members of the Crawford Chamber of Commerce and have been very active in the community, attending events, and helping out in any way they can. they have been very successful in their business, and the community has been supportive.

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