

Dentist works to build calm, caring practice

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Brook Derenzy has opened a new dental practice on North Canal Blvd, just past St. Charles Hospital in the Central Cascade Medical Campus.

Brook, 31, and his wife Lamar, 33, moved to Central Oregon two and a half years ago from San Antonio, Texas.

Brook worked at the Center for Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry in Bend until August of this year, when he decided to launch his own practice.

The couple is expecting their first child later this winter.

Tell us a little bit about your background? What was your training, how long have you been in Central Oregon?

I graduated from the University of Texas – Health Science Center in San Antonio in 2003. While there I was fortunate to work alongside some of the world's finest doctors. I was class president for three years while there, something I'm very proud of, as San Antonio has been ranked the number one dental school in the country.

Recently it was named number four in the world for its outstanding research programs. Immediately following graduation and marriage, we moved to Bend and have been here since June of 2003.

How did you decide on Redmond as the spot to open a practice?

I found Redmond reminded me of the town I grew up in back in Missouri and the community here seemed to be very open and excited about the idea of a new dentist coming to town.

I also found a great location right next



Dentist Brook Derenzy, together with his wife, Lamar, have opened a dental practice in the Cascade Medical Campus. The office is equipped with the latest technology, including a flat-screen video screen on which patients can watch television or movies.

to the new Bend Memorial Clinic location in Redmond, and I wanted to be next to the hospital. I felt it was important to locate in a medical center, as I really want my patients to understand the relationship between oral health and total health.

What did you want to do differently with your own practice? What are some of your goals?

First of all, my practice philosophy is aimed at treating every patient like they were a family member or close friend. There is an incredible amount of fear amongst dental patients, so I feel that creating an atmosphere of calm and

caring when they walk in the door will make their experience different, and that usually means better. I hope that the physical space of the office will add to that, as I tried to incorporate some spa-like amenities without going too over-the-top.

For me personally, I wanted a digital practice for the opportunity to make less of an impact on our environment. Moving to a place like Central Oregon makes that even more important considering the amount of growth taking place. So, we are using a lot of recycled products in the office and recycling everything we can; we have no chemicals for develop-

ing films, since we use digital X-rays; 99.8% of the mercury waste is kept out of our water due to a unique filtration system developed here in the Northwest.

Currently, my number one goal is to get this new practice up and running, as we are expecting a little girl soon.

Priority number one is my family, but I hope to be able to open offices similar to this new one in a few more years in Prineville and Madras.

I want to be able to provide the world's best, most state-of-the-art dentistry in communities that are not used to that type of care, or are used to driving outside of their communities to get it. Lofty goals, but without them you'll go nowhere.

Your new practice is a family project. How have you and your wife, Lamar, enjoyed working together?

I knew that it was going to be an experience, if I can put it delicately, but now I wish she wasn't going to be on maternity leave so soon. I couldn't do this without her, and she has organized things so well that it's going to be hard when the baby comes. It's truly been an amazing experience for us developing this office from scratch, and we are still as happy as newlyweds.

We still shake our heads in amazement at our lives here in Central Oregon, and how lucky we have been to have met so many great friends.

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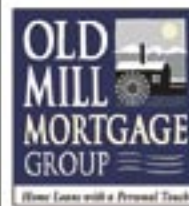
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