

TnT Services

With deep Wessington Springs roots, Tim Holzwarth has strong ties with the business community, having worked within the area's ag and accounting industries for most of his adult life since graduating from Wessington Springs High School in 1974. Holzwarth started out farming with his dad but the 1976 drought led him to earn a two-year accounting degree at Mitchell Vo-Tech. After working for a couple of years at Jerauld County Farmers Union as an accountant, he returned to school, earning a bachelor's accounting degree at Northern State.

Back in Springs, after working sale day at Wessington Springs Livestock Auction for a couple of years during the early 1980s, he was asked to take the office manager job at the sale barn and eventually bought the sale barn in 1995 and ran it until selling in 2000. He also worked for Lawrence Caffee off and on, as well as Krohmer's Agency. "I've done it all," he said. "Businesses have come and gone but we still have a wonderful business community and in my mind, it's thriving."

Fast forward to early 2002 and TnT Services was born. "I've always been a farm boy at heart," he said. "So I started TnT in 2002 with only fencing supplies and grew it into what it is now...fencing, livestock equipment, net wrap, twine, as well as bookkeeping and tax service through Kelsey Service Agency." Holzwarth credits loyal customers from near and far for his staying power.

"The products I choose to sell are the ones I'd use myself," he said. "I feel comfortable selling them because they are high quality. I'm the first to admit they're probably not the cheapest, but I am confident selling quality to my customers." "When it's time to retire, I hope someone would want to continue this. I hope that for every Wessington Springs business. Can't wait for this Covid to be over and get back to "normal"

Holzwarth is a steadfast supporter of town, having formerly served on the school board for 12 years, city council and currently is a member of the Weskota Manor Avera board. He touts the school district as equal to or superior to others, pointing out the high school renovation as "a great thing." He also gives accolades to the health care campus — hospital, nursing home and Weskota apartments — an amenity that other towns envy.

“This is a wonderful community. I have a future here, I have cemetery plots,” he joked. “As for retirement, my party will probably include scalloped potatoes and ham.”

On a serious note, however, he said he enjoys going into the TnT Services office, “visiting and selling a little here and there.” Like most, Holzwarth looks forward to the day things “return to normal” but sees a silver lining when it comes to the pandemic. “If I can say a good thing about Covid, it’s that it brought the community to support local businesses better,” he said with conviction. “My wish and hope when this is all over is that it continues.”

