

Dr. Woolley joins EARH special clinics



A new face joins the special clinic roster sponsored by East Adams Rural Hospital.

Dr. Darron Woolley will serve the communities of Eastern Adams County on the first and third Tuesdays as a partner to Dr. Steward Brim's podiatry practice in Spokane.

"I asked him for the opportunity to come to Ritzville," Woolley said. He joined the practice on July 16 and traveled to Ritzville the following day with Brim.

Woolley, 31, will commute from Spokane Valley, where he lives with his wife of eight years, Valynn (Grant), and two children.

Time permitting, Darron enjoys the outdoors, including running, cycling, swimming and berry picking.

His journey to Eastern Washington is due mostly to Valynn, and huckleberries, Woolley said. "My wife's from Moses Lake. We looked both in California, to be close to my family, and here to be close to her family... Even on paper, Spokane is so much better than California."

Woolley graduated from Cabrillo High School in Lompoc, Calif., in 1994. After graduating from Brigham Young University in 2000 with a bachelor of science degree in human biology, he earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from Des Moines University in 2004.

He fulfilled his residency at Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara, Calif., in 2007, and received training in Seattle, Wash., for about three months.

While dating his wife, Woolley chose the podiatry field. And the first time Darron met her parents, he had his first taste of their homemade huckleberry pie with her grandparent's homemade ice cream.

When the couple was looking at the Spokane area for employment and homes, they picked huckleberries, cinching Spokane as the place to move.

"Everything good in life that's happened to me is because of huckleberries!" Woolley said.