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Ellis County Animal Hospital

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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine 1986 – Oklahoma State University
Bachelor of Science, Animal Science 1982 – Oklahoma State University

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

August 1990 - Current: Ellis County Animal Hospital Inc. – Owner

May 1986 - August 1990: Ellis County Animal Hospital – Associate Veterinarian

SUMMARY OF PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

BEEF COW-CALF, DAIRY, STOCKER, FEEDLOT, EQUINE, PORCINE, OVINE & CAPRINE, CANINE & FELINE 1986 – Current

- **SMALL ANIMAL:** 45% total annual practice revenue – focus is evidence based medical care and surgery with emergency service provided
- **LARGE ANIMAL:** 55% total annual practice revenue – focus is consulting, herd health, data analysis, protocol development, nutrition and production medicine
 - 7 – Registered Seedstock Breeders, range: 100 - 500 head producing pairs
 - 13 – consultation ranches, 3,600 total commercial Cow-Calf pairs
 - 3 – consultation wheat pasture & stocker operations 4,000 total head
 - 9 – Beef Stocker & Cow-Calf consultation client integrated data sets

DAIRY & FEEDYARD: 1986-2023

- 1 – 2,400 head commercial Holstein, dry-lot dairy
- 1 – 600 head registered Holstein, free-stall dairy
- 10 – 100 head registered and commercial family dairies
- 1 – 3,000 head commercial backgrounding yard
- 1 – 4,000 head commercial feedyard

SUMMARY OF PRACTICE EXPERIENCE: (Continued)

EQUINE 1986-Current

- Multiple ranch horse/working horse
- 2 – Quarter horse racing breeders
- 2 – Thoroughbred racing breeders

SWINE, SMALL RUMINANT 1986-Current

- 4 Rural school – Vocational Agricultural swine programs
- 1 – 5,000 head confinement sow operation 2018 – 2023
 - Regulatory, epidemiology, pathology
- 1 – 77,000 head wean to finish operation 2023 – Current
 - Regulatory and pathology
- Multiple Small Ruminant show and commercial producers
 - Regulatory and general medicine and surgery

SMALL ANIMAL

Canine – 30% total annual practice revenue

Feline – 15% total annual practice revenue

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:

<u>State</u>	<u>License Number</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Oklahoma	2761	1986 – Current
Texas	6168	1987 – Current
Kansas	6463	1998 – Current
New Mexico	2021	2001 – Current

STATE-FEDERAL CERTIFICATION:

National Accreditation	1986 - Current
Johnes Disease Certified Veterinarian	1999
USDA/APHIS Accredited Veterinarian	1986 - Current
(Certified TB, Trichomonas testing, OCV, Johnes herd consultations)	
Additional certification – Bovine Embryo Transfer	1998

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION membership:

PAC – Production Animal Consultation	2020 - Current
AVC – Academy of Veterinary Consultants	1994 - Current
AVMA – American Veterinary Medical Association	1986 - Current
AABP – American Association of Bovine Practitioners	1986 - Current
OVMA – Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association	1986 - Current
AAEP – American Association of Equine Practitioners	1998 - 2001

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - SERVICE & AWARDS:

PAC – Executive Committee	2024 - Current
OSU Veterinary Medicine Authority	2023 – Current
Virbac Corporation Food Animal Advisory Committee	2021 - Current
OSU – CVM Preceptor Program	1987 - Current
Elanco Animal Health Food Animal Advisory Committee	2019 – 2023
Bayer Animal Health Food Animal Advisory Council	2010 – 2019
OSU – CVM, Admissions Committee	2010 – 2011
OVMA NW District Director	2002 - 2006
OVMA Executive Board	1994 – 2006
OVMA Food Animal Program Committee Chairman	1997
Shattuck Independent School District, Board of Education	1992 – 2012
FFA Honorary State Farmer Degree	2006
OVMA – Food Animal Practitioner of the Year	2005
FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree	2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Integrated Beef Cattle Production

Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Stillwater OK, "Production Medicine to Improve Client Sustainability and Profitability" 2024

TTU School of Veterinary Medicine Adjunct Professor (Distributive Model) 2024 - Current

Integrated Beef Cattle Production

Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine, "Value of data driven decisions in beef herd reproductive management" 2022

AABP Student Organization

Oklahoma State University, "Estrus Synchronization and A.I. in Practice" 2012

AABP Student Organization

Oklahoma State University, "Private Dairy Practice - Role and Responsibility" 2007

Oklahoma State University – Preceptor program 1987 - Current

Receiving site for Traditional and Distributive Model Preceptorships and Internships:

- Oklahoma State University 1987 - Current
- Kansas State University
- Iowa State University
- Louisiana State University
- North Carolina State University
- University of Georgia
- University of Florida
- Mississippi State University
- Lincoln Memorial University (Distributive Model)
- Arizona State University (Distributive Model)

Shattuck Church of Christ

Adult, Junior High, High School Bible class instructor 1987 - Current

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PEER REVIEWED PROCEEDINGS:

Annual and Biannual Area Producer Continuing Education Seminars	1989 - Current
Virbac Corporation Sales Force Training	
Phoenix, Arizona, "Herd Health Vaccine Rationale"	2024
AABP – American Association of Bovine Practitioners Annual National Meeting	2022
Long Beach, California, "Adding Value to the Beef Herd with Reproductive Data"	
AVC – Academy of Veterinary Consultants	2022
Norman, OK, "Rural Practice Enhancement – USDA NIFA Grant writing process"	
OVMA - Oklahoma Veterinary Conference	
Norman, OK, 1) "Changing the Paradigm in Heifer Development"	2020
2) "Beef Cow/Calf Production Medicine in the Millennial Generation"	2021
PAC – Production Animal Consultants	
Kearney, NE, "Managing trends for profit in the beef cow-calf industry"	2021
OSU Fall Conference for Veterinarians, Stillwater, OK	
"Practice Management"	2015
"Foot Pathology – Revenue Center and Emerging Trends"	2015
OVMA - Oklahoma Veterinary Conference	
Oklahoma City, OK, "Best Practices – Data Driven Decision Making"	2014
OVMA - Oklahoma Veterinary Conference	
Oklahoma City, OK, "Incorporating Embryo Transfer into Private Practice"	2012
AABP Annual National Meeting, Omaha, NE, 42 nd Annual Conference	
"Application of Pregnancy Specific Protein B Technology testing in a Commercial Dairy"	2009

EXTENSION PRESENTATIONS:

OSU & Ellis County Extension 4H – Arnett, OK “ <i>Equine Dental Care</i> ”	2025
OSU & Ellis County Extension – Shattuck, OK	2024
“ <i>Feeds & Feeding with Pasture and Hay Analysis</i> ”	
580 Beef Cattle Conference – Woodward, OK	2024
“ <i>Best Practices: Responsible Antibiotic Use & Vaccine Protocols</i> ”	
OSU Extension Beef Conference – Shattuck, OK	2019
“ <i>Productivity and Sustainability</i> ”	
OSU Extension – NW Oklahoma Beef Conference – Enid, OK	2017
“ <i>Applying Preconditioning Practices to Manage Herd Health</i> ”	
Panhandle Veterinary Supply Annual Education Conference, Childress, TX.	2001
“ <i>Value of Bovine Breeding Soundness Exam Using SFT Standards</i> ”	
Lipscomb County, Texas Extension Producer Education Meeting, Follett, TX.	1989
“ <i>Managing Stress in Receiving Stocker Operations</i> ”	

RESEARCH & PENDING PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Effects of body condition score change on breeding interval in commercial beef herds in Western Oklahoma, R. Prather[†], J. L. Hensley*, M. Adams[†], D. Lalman*, and M.R. Crosswhite*
[†]Ellis County Animal Hospital, Shattuck OK 73858, *Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater OK 74078

Fixed Timed Artificial Insemination (FTAI) and response to vitamin A injection – Ellis County Animal Hospital client investigation, statistical analysis VRCS, Miles Theurer, DVM

Correlation of EPD and Ultrasound Characteristics with Yearling Bull BSE Success Rate – Ellis County Animal Hospital client investigation, statistical analysis OSU Animal Science Extension, David Lalman PhD

Effect of conventional vs all natural production systems on average daily gain from branding to weaning, Ellis County Animal Hospital client investigation

Effect of Maternal Bovine appeasing substance on weaning weigh outcomes, Ellis County Animal Hospital client investigation, statistical analysis, Production Animal Consultants

Idiopathic Orchitis in Beef Bulls, Ongoing research project, KSU, TTU, OSU

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGO), SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION:

Zambia Mission Fund – a Registered 501(c)(3)

Resource Veterinarian – *“Investigate revenue potential for dairy and beef operations”* 1995

Established production medicine techniques in both dairy and beef operations 1996 -- Current

Board member 1996 – Current

Finance Committee Chairman 2004 – 2005

Chief Executive Officer (General Superintendent) 2005 – Current

Serve with 22 member board

Namwianga Mission Current Zambian National employees = 170

Manage Department Heads:

- Secondary School
- Nursing College (1st graduating class 2025)
- Teacher College – implementing University Status Jan. 2025
- Farming Operation – beef, dairy, small ruminant and row crop
- Infant Orphan Care
- Medical Outpatient Care
- OB/GYN Surgical Facility and Post-op
- Radio Station

Accomplishments in Education and Medical Services

- Water development – Raised funding for earthen dam and 18-acre surface lake
- Passive Water Filtration Systems
- Water well drilling
- Drought – food relief ranging from 300,000 to 600,000 meals - 2001, 2016, 2020, 2024
- Sustainable Gardening – Drip Irrigation Development & Training;
- Hospital Surgical Theatre, Post-op design and construction
- Men and Women’s dormitory design and construction
- College cafeteria, classroom design and construction
- Administration block design and construction
- Women’s Shelter design and construction

Administrative Accomplishments

- Resolved 2005 4th quarter liability and averted bankruptcy
- Secured full title deeds for 5 historical properties
- Consolidated 4 historical entities under 3 separate boards into 1 PBO (Public Benefit Organization) with one unified multinational board
- Retired prior liability from bankrupt Defined Benefit Pension Scheme \$500,000
- Retired prior liability of accrued leave days \$225,000
- Multiple U.S. Endowments and Secure Savings totaling over \$1,000,000

Religious Affiliation

Gage/Shattuck Church of Christ	
Elder	2010 – Current
Member	1986 – Current

Personal Information

D.O.B. 1/22/1960
Lawton, OK
Father: Charles Prather DVM, TAMU 1951; Deceased – 1962
Mother: ElWanda Prather, Deceased – 2013
Spouse: Angela Prather DVM, OSU 1987, 41 years
Twin Daughters: Chelsea Helfenbein, married, Elementary School Teacher, Shattuck, OK
Courtney Branham, married, Director of Energy Services, Central Electric Coop, Stillwater
Grandchildren: Hailey, Harper - Shattuck, OK; Andie, Charlie, Maddox – Stillwater, OK
Hobbies: Training bird dogs, low stress animal handling and employee education, fishing, hunting, traveling abroad and within U.S.

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