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Indian Can Kountry: Where recycling makes dollars and cents!

Indian Can Kountry, Oskaloosa's one-stop redemption center, will be celebrating its tenth anniversary on June 29. The redemption center has grown from a 1,800 square foot building when it opened, to 5,400 square feet. The latest addition is a loading area in the back that was completed in January.

Owner Tom Pitts started with himself and two employees. Now there are six employees in the winter and eight in the summer to handle can redemptions.

The key to Indian Can Kountry's success is Pitts is always looking for accounts. Pitts makes pickups at business in and outside of Oskaloosa, and has recently gained an account the Knoxville track for this summer.

As a redemption center for the state of Iowa, they're able to take just about any brand of redeemable can or bottle that is marked as an Iowa refundable container.

The ability to take all those different brands means it's easier for people to redeem their bottles and cans. Instead of driving all over town taking bottles and cans to different stores, people can make a single stop.

Pitts said there are very few limitations on what cans and bottles his company will accept. They're able to take just about any national brand and most store brands.

"Anything that has a five cent refund on it that the state of Iowa requires on the bottle or can, like pop, beer, liquor and some of your fruit water has a deposit on it now," said Pitts.

The one limitation for store brands is that there has to be a store that sells that brand in town for Indian Can Kountry to be able to redeem their cans and bottles.

"There are some brands we don't take now, like Aldi's,

since they're out of business. We have to have a grocery store in town, before we can take their brand," explained Pitts.

Pitts said Indian Can Kountry takes in anywhere from 18,000 to 30,000 cans and bottles a day in the winter and as many as 70,000 a day in the summer. That's about 10 million cans a year according to Pitts.

At Indian Can Kountry, customers don't have to worry about how many cans or bottles they bring in, or how to get them to the counter.

"All they have to do is bring their cans and bottles in, we don't care how they bring them in — garbage bags, barrels, whatever — however they can get them in here. And we don't have a limit, all they have to do is put them on the counter and we'll do the rest," said Pitts.

An added convenience is that customers can leave their cans and bottles at Indian Can Kountry and come back later to pick up their refund.

"If you're in a hurry or something or if you have a large volume, you can leave your cans, with your name and number, we can do them, and you can stop by later and pick up your money," said Pitts.

Indian Can Kountry is located at 303 Rock Island Ave., in Oskaloosa, across the street from Clow. Their hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They're closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

Customers can reach them by phone at (641) 672-0907, during their regular business hours. There are free refrigerator magnets with Indian Can Kountry's hours and days of operation also available at the redemption center.

Quality healthcare can be found in New Sharon

Healthcare you can trust is found at the New Sharon Memorial Clinic. Located at 302 South Park St., in New Sharon, this clinic continues to grow and add services to meet the changing needs of residents in the area. The clinic has consistently served patients of New Sharon, northern Mahaska and southern Poweshiek Counties for more than 25 years in affiliation with Grinnell Regional Medical Center. With the great support and endorsement by area residents, GRMC has committed to the ongoing growth and development of this family care clinic.

Progress in the past year at the New Sharon Memorial Clinic focused on the building renovations. In the fall of 2007, major construction updated the lobby, reception area, medical records, and laboratory areas of the clinic.

"This renovation gave the clinic a modern look and feel. It allows staff to work with greater efficiency," says Kasey Herbers, PA-C. "The increased patient load in recent years has necessitated some of the efficiency changes. We're very pleased with how it has transformed the clinic."

The clinic is staffed by Herbers, David Cranston, MD, Julie Knoot, RN, and Donna Smith.

"Herbers and Cranston have extensive experience with family care issues," says Todd Linden, CEO and president at GRMC. "We are extremely pleased with this team of healthcare providers and the services they offer to patients. I believe their personalities and sincere passion to serve people will raise the New Sharon Memorial Clinic to a new level of healthcare center."

The New Sharon Memorial Clinic offers visiting specialty services for the convenience of patients. Matthew McKnight, DPM, comes to the clinic on a regular schedule to see patients. McKnight, Foot & Ankle of Iowa, is a podiatrist and treats foot and ankle disorders.

New patients are welcome to the New Sharon Memorial Clinic. For an appointment with Kasey Herbers, PA-C, or David Cranston, MD, call (641) 637-4046.

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