

BART WEYER

With Hammer and Anvil: Bart Weyer Makes Shoes for Horses

Graduate: Class of 2000 Occupation: Farrier By Maria Kroener, Spring 2010

Traveling around the United States and working with horses every day is a dream many would like to live. Bart Weyer, a successful Forest Park graduate, lives his dream of being a farrier and works with horses on a regular basis.

Bart grew up in Ferdinand, Indiana, living with his parents on a farm where he had to take care of their horses. At Forest Park High School he participated in FFA and wrestling for 11 years. He became a sectional champion in wrestling and he now has his American FFA degree, which is the highest FFA degree you can get in America. Bart likes about Forest Park that no one sits around; everyone has the future in focus. Successful, Bart graduated from Forest Park High School with the Class of 2000.

After he graduated, he went to study at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana, for one year. He continued his schooling and visited the Oklahoma Farrier School for eight months in Purcell, Oklahoma. A few years after graduating from Oklahoma, Bart worked for Hassfurther Masonry as a mason. In 2003, he started his career by working as a farrier. Bart knows from his own experiences that current students need to keep talking to people. If he would have stopped talking to a man he was working with, he says he would not be traveling over the United States and shoeing horses today. "Keep learning and take advantage to learn more," Weyer says.

Today he works as a farrier who specializes in American quarter horses used for show. Bart has worked with horses that have won international and world titles with the American Quarter Horse Association. With equipment in his truck, he travels around America and shoes a horse every five weeks. Since that time, he has already shoed horses in eighteen states, mostly the southern states and New York. He has met people from different states, but he has not yet traveled to different countries to take care of horses. As a specific example of his work, he says, "I care for and advise others to care for their horses' feet. This entails long days and a lot of patience."

Sometimes Bart thinks the only aspect of his life he would change, if he could start over, would be to travel sooner. Bart Weyer is successful in his job as a farrier and offers current students this advice: "Take full advantage of what is offered to you at school. You will succeed in all you do."