**I** was born in Nashua, IA, but I would call Oelwein, IA my childhood home. I was home schooled along with my brothers and sisters through grade 6 at which point we joined a Christian school where I finished the rest of my education. I graduated early from Faith Christian Learning Center 2005 a few months early, because I couldn’t wait. My first “real” job was picking strawberries at the Corner Market at age 14. It was only a summer job so with the recommendation from my mother I was hired at the best local Italian restaurant Leo’s. I spent a total of 9 years working at Leo’s and to this day it has been the best job I ever had. I made friends, memories, and countless pans of lasagna.

**In** 2006 I went to school at La’James Internation school of cosmetology for massage therapy. The course was attractive to me because it was only 6 months long and I could start working as soon as I passed my boards. I will admit that it took me two tries to pass the exam. Between starting school and passing the boards I got married. The date was 7/7/7. Yes, we were those people. An ironic choice because our marriage didn’t last. My first job as a LMT was at Williams Wellness Cetner in Oelwein. I worked here for around 18 months.

**September** 2011 we (my now ex-husband, my one of my brothers, and myself) moved to Cape Coral, Fl. After floundering around for a year or two on Fort Myers Beach and working several hospitality jobs in restaurants and housekeeping, along with getting a divorce, I started my career over as a LMT at Heart and Soul Massage Therapy. I worked there for 2 years before going to skin school to be an Esthetician. Another year passed and I started my own business. I’m blessed to say I spent the next 8 years building a wonderful clientele giving facials and massages. I have met so many amazing people I will never forget and some I still talk to.

**Looking** to the future, I have decided to become a Web Developer. I love my work as a healer, but I can not do it forever. I am intrigued by the opportunities offered by web design and the coding world. I’m currently pursuing a certification in Front End Software Development. I enjoy the challenge of learning something new and developing my skills to sproblem solve and create. I hope to gain employment somewhere in the health care as my LMT license is held by the Board of Health and I have experience in this field.