

### THE COMPANY

Bloomfield is a small town located in Northeast Nebraska that has been named both the busiest city in the area as well as a haven for those who prefer small town life. While the population sits at just over 1,000, the community draws people in from a 30-mile radius, and serves as a hub for all who stop in. It is here, in Bloomfield, where you'll find the Cill family managing their two businesses - Bloomfield Tire & Oil and Stingers One Stop.

Through his years of experience, Jeremy Gill has made Bloomfield Tire & Oil the go to place for any auto, farm, tractor and semi repairs. Stacey Gill manages Stingers One Stop, the 24-hour fuel station that also serves homemade pizza, broasted chicken and daily noon specials.

Keeping the businesses running is truly a family affair. Jeremy and Stacey run Bloomfield Tire & Oil and Stingers One Stop, while Ken and Janet Gill keep things going on the backend. Ken can be found helping with the maintenance of the building, bookkeeping and serving meals over at Stingers One Stop. Janet fills her days by managing accounts, making sure that all the bills are paid and has taken on the marketing role for both businesses.





"Pete (and Native360) came into the picture and he's really been a great guy to work with. You can't ask for a better relationship than what we've got with him. He's done wonders for us."

- Ken Gill, co-owner of Bloomfield Tire & Oil and Stingers One Stop

## **Challenge**

While making a name for themselves, Bloomfield Tire & Oil ran into issues with the old shop - it was too small to fully accommodate for the newer vehicles that are bigger and longer. The Gill family recognized that in order to continue serving their customer base well, a larger shop was needed. Around the same time, they noticed the need for a 24-fuel station and convenience store in Bloomfield.

# **Solutions**

With financing available through Native360 Loan Fund, the Gill family was able to purchase a previously closed convenience store and open up Stingers One Stop. Bloomfield Tire & Oil moved into a bigger garage and now operates under the same roof - blending business with family.

#### **Outcome**

Bloomfield Tire & Oil can now keep up with the demand to service larger vehicles while Stingers One Stop has created a community gathering space that serves up great food and great conversations.

"We all support each other and we jump in to help one another when it's needed. We love supporting the community and we love having our family close by."

- Janet Gill

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