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**Shawn
Ellis**
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Manager, Ellis Ranch Inc. Event Center and Wedding Park

“Be patient.”

Shawn Ellis was a horseshoer for eight years, but after back surgery had to find another career. He had always wanted to work on his parents' horse ranch in Loveland, but the switch to "The Wedding Ranch" took a lot of work. "Be prepared to have no life," he says to people just starting their careers. "You're going to be working nonstop hours all the time until you get it rolling." Despite the work, it is a rewarding career for Ellis, who regularly donates the event center for fundraisers for nonprofits. "I like working with the brides and grooms, helping them with their special day," he says.

Residence: Loveland

Place of birth: Loveland

Education: Trade schools at Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, and in Ames, Iowa, and Oklahoma

Family: Single

First job: Farrier

Hobbies: Boating, riding my Harley, fishing, camping

Last book read: Not a big book reader, but really enjoy Ducks Unlimited and Sports Illustrated magazines

Life after 40: "I hope to still be in the wedding business after 40, after having my own wedding at the ranch."