

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY[®]

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Small Business Saturday is the day that hometown businesses show the public why shopping local makes sense. Friendly service, convenient proximity, and unique options translate to sales in the frenzied rush of holiday shopping.



Dr. Kristina Bores Pupp has been examining eyes at Delano Eye Clinic for 24 years.

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Delano Eye Clinic: Experienced, professional care

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Delano Eye Clinic has a long history of serving patients, including the past 22 years that Dr. Kristina Bores Pupp has worked out of the clinic.

Dr. Dale Petersen started the clinic in the late 1960s. When Pupp joined the clinic in 1994, it was being operated by Petersen's nephew.

"We had one exam room," Pupp said. "We were busy then, and we started to grow."

The clinic moved from downtown to the Delano Crossings in 2002.

In 2005, Dr. Don Sealock, of Four Seasons Eye Care, purchased the clinic.

"That created a situation where Delano Eye Clinic became part of a network of nine clinics," Pupp said. "It's nice to be part of a whole unit of clinics as it gives us better access to surgical care and other sub-specialties."

Delano Eye Clinic moved to its current location at 405 Babcock Blvd. E. five years ago.

"It's great to be close to the highway," Pupp said. "It's amazing to me that people drive by and say, 'There's an eye clinic in town.' We definitely have plenty of space to display glasses, but also plenty of space for all the equipment we've accumulated over the years to give quality eye care."

Pupp said the clinic focuses

on providing comprehensive eye care.

"We're checking for glaucoma and cataracts and dilating pupils," Pupp said. "We check your side vision. It's very comprehensive that way. We've had compliments from patients who say they appreciate that we really try to make sure we cover everything."

There's not a patient too young or too old for Delano Eye Clinic.

"I enjoy that we see people of all ages, from infants up to any age," Pupp said.

Children who have problems with hand-eye coordination, or who have an eye turning should have their vision checked by age 3, while most children should have their vision checked before kindergarten. In the past, Pupp has helped with vision screenings at the elementary school.

Delano Eye Clinic can treat a wide array of eye injuries.

"We see a fair amount of injuries," Pupp said. "It's on a regular basis when we see a patient who has something in their eye."

More commonly, though, the staff are working to match patients with the right pair of glasses or contacts, including specialty contacts.

"We have access to a lot of brands, whether it's eye wear or contact lenses, so it gives me an opportunity to try new things with patients, especially those having trouble with regular contacts," Pupp said.

For those needing LASIK

or cataract surgery, Delano Eye Clinic can provide referrals, and also help take care of eyes afterward.

"We do a lot of the post-op care after cataract or LASIK surgery, so you can come to us locally and not have to drive back to the surgeon afterward," Pupp said.

What she has enjoyed the most is getting to know her patients.

"They've seen my family grow up, from being married and not having kids, to now my oldest graduating from high school," Pupp said. "And the same is true for patients who come in. I remember their first set of contacts. Now, they're married with kids. I love the fact that we still operate as a local clinic, and we know the people that come to us pretty well."

Combined, Pupp and her staff have more than 80 years of experience, with many of those years being served right in Delano.

Longtime customers are acquainted with the large sale Delano Eye Clinic will be having Monday, Dec. 5, when a vast variety of eyewear will be on sale.

That day, the clinic will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. as it is every Monday. Other hours include 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon one or two Saturdays a month.

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