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Edmond Optical Shop hits 50-year mark

By Patty Miller

A local Edmond business and its owners are celebrating their golden anniversary.

Lonnie and Vicki Masters first opened the doors to Edmond Optical Shop on Feb. 26, 1972. They were joined by their son Cody Masters and today the company employs five people.

The Masters are all opticians and are tested and certified each year.

"Lonnie has been making glasses since he was 18 and Cody has been in the business with us for 30 years," Vicki said.

They sell eyeglasses and fit them and can fill any prescription that is brought in that is not over a year old.

The Masters moved to Edmond 51 years ago.

"We were in Norman and I was 29 years old and this ophthalmologist we were with said let's go open up shop in Edmond," Lonnie said.

"I was young and adventurous, and I can't remember but it seems like in 1971 we may have called the Chamber of Commerce and they gave us a real good report," he added.

Whomever they talked with at the chamber told them that Edmond was a bedroom community of Oklahoma City and explained how it had grown in the past few years.

"We opened up Feb. 26, 1972," Lonnie said. "Things just fell into place and it has been a wonderful life. We have been so blessed."

His wife added the people of Edmond have been great to them and they love what they do.

When the Masters first moved to Edmond they located in the building which now holds Flat Tire.

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Cody Masters, Vickie Boggs, Lonnie Masters, Debbie Hail and Vicki Masters celebrate 50 years for Edmond Optical in Edmond.

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The 'go to' place for eyeglasses in Edmond is the Edmond Optical Shop, at 920 S. Bryant. Its owners are marking 50 years of business in Edmond this month.

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"We were there for about six months and then located to Third Street for 30 something years," Vicki said. "From there we moved to our present location at 920 S. Bryant Ave., Ste. 101, where we have been for 18 years."

They share their building with ophthalmologists Dr. Robert Gourley, MD, and Dr. Michael Hogue, MD., who can do eye exams as well as surgery.

Every year on their anniversary the Masters go to Flat Tire and reminisce while they eat dinner. Lonnie said that is where they will be found this year too.

"I have no plans of retiring," Lonnie said. "I am in good health and I enjoy my job. I love it. We have great customers who have come to us for years."

Of moving to Edmond, Lonnie said, "It was a great decision."



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