

# Lassiter Drugs putting customers first

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**J**ohn Lassiter opened Lassiter Drugs in 1970 in Del City shortly after being honorably discharged from the United States Army.

Today, Lassiter continues serving the community with his specialty compounding pharmacy located at 3252 SE 29th Street.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

Part of Lassiter's work revolves around teaching senior pharmacy students the art and science of compounding.

"We are passing on the history of pharmacy," he said. "Prior to World War II most of the prescriptions were



**Lassiter Drug has been serving residents in Del City since 1970.** -Provided photo

not manufactured, but compounded. The art and science of compounding has been around for centuries. We are using 21st century techniques and equipment. Everything we make must have a therapeutic outcome."

Lassiter Drugs started in the Gibson Discount Center which closed in 1988. He and his staff were able to move into an adjacent building and continue business as usual without interruption.

Lassiter Drugs was among the first independent pharmacies in Oklahoma to have an in-house, stand-alone pharmacy computer. Today, the pharmacy has 18 employees including Lassiter's daughter who is a pharmacist.

"We have never looked back when adding newer technology to assist patient care," he said.

Lassiter said personal customer service has been a key component in keeping customers coming back.

"The pharmacy still answers the telephone with real people," he said. "The pharmacists are always available to patrons in the store or by telephone to answer any and all questions." "Cus-

tom compounding has been a good addition to us being able to take care of our customer base."

Lassiter said several of his pharmacists have been with him over 20 years as well as other long-term employees.

He said that longevity provides customers with experience and a friendly face.

"They like working for an independent business atmosphere," he said.

"Our Pharmacy Department is our number one priority. While we have much general merchandise for our customers, we do not delay your prescription needs to have you shop throughout our store. In these days of technology and impersonal service Lassiter Drugs has kept the ultimate consumer first in our business."

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# Del City Hall of Fame honors late civic leader

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**D**. Don Vick supported and helped shape the Del City community for years, until his untimely death last spring.

In recognition of his dedication, the prominent civic and business leader was welcomed into the Del City Hall of Fame last week during the Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet.

Vick is the first Hall of Fame legacy to receive this honor. His father, Don Vick, was inducted to the Hall of Fame in 2014.

Vick was an active board member of the Del City Chamber of Commerce, Midwest City Rotary Club, Western Heritage Museum and was a past president of the Mid-Del Tinker 100 Club. He was also an Honorary Commander of the 965 Air Wing of the AWAC Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base.

Through his career at JGVE Engineer-

ing Inc., Vick helped design the new Del City Police Station, Del City Public Works Building, and the AWAC planes on display along Sooner Road adjacent to the Tinker Gate.

Vick was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He attended Highland Park Elementary and Mid-Del Christian School (now Destiny School), graduating in 1988.

After high school, Vick attended Rose State College and the University of

Central Oklahoma, where he graduated with a Master of Business and Finance degree. He began working JGVE, where he eventually became president of the company.

Vick was a supporter of Boy Scouts of America. He was an Eagle Scout with his father as his scout master. He later served as vice president of the Last Frontier Council.

Vick passed away on May 13, 2017 at age 47.

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