

Azure Vision Care Provides A Wide Range Of Services

By Michael Stein

Barnesville is fortunate to have a diverse selection of health care providers. Vision care is among those. Dr. Kathryn Olson is one of the four doctors operating Azure Vision Care and sees patients in Barnesville Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday.

“I’ve been with Azure for three and a half years now,” Olson said. “Here in Barnesville we do everything from comprehensive eye exams to diagnosis and management of eye diseases such as glaucoma, macular degeneration and others. We also do referrals for surgery and see patients for their pre- and post-op eye surgery care.”

Olson added that she can serve other unexpected eye issues, such as redness, changes in vision, or foreign objects in the eye. “Call us for any eye issues, at any time,” she said. “We’ll fit you in.”

If vision correction is required, Azure’s Barnesville clinic will fit you for contacts and/or glasses. Olson added, “I also fit specialized contact lenses for those who have had corneal issues or transplants.”

Along with serving kids to seniors, twice a year Olson packs up her equipment and does eye exams for residents at Valley Care and Rehab.

Born and raised in Mahanomen, Minn., Olson attended Minnesota State University Moorhead, where she received a degree in biology. She went to optometry school in St. Louis and moved back to Minnesota. Olson, née Van Den Einde, was married in August 2017 and purchased a home just outside of Barnesville.

Olson said one of the best means of good eye health is regular exams. “Diseases like glaucoma come on so slowly you may not even notice any change, so annual exams are a good means of prevention. Also, moles can actually form inside your eye, and those wouldn’t be noticed otherwise.

“We use sunscreen for our skin, but people don’t always realize how damaging ultraviolet rays can be on the eyes. The best prevention is to wear sunglasses that provide proper protection.”

The Barnesville office’s receptionist and assistant is Julie Nelson, a Barnesville native who’s been with Azure for two years.


Founded 25 years ago in the nearby lakes region, Azure Vision Care is an integrated network of eye care with offices also in Long Prairie, Pelican Rapids, Perham and Wadena.

“It’s not a large company,” Olson said. “But we’re an independent group that provides high quality care from local providers.”

Olson sees patients at the Pelican Rapids location Tuesdays and Thursdays, and in Perham every other Friday.



Dr. Kathryn Olson has been serving Barnesville residents with vision care for more than three years at Azure Vision.



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