

**By Jan Rahn**

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As a steadfast business with offices in Grant and Imperial, First Insight Eyecare is about to become even more entrenched in the communities when two new professionals come on board to expand patient care.

Dr. Tim Meyer has announced that former Perkins County resident Eric Gengenbach and his wife Tori will join his practice this summer.

Meyer said misinformation has been circulating that he is retiring—not true, and quite the opposite. Business is good, and business is steady. Bringing in two new optometrists will give First Insight the ability to cover increased patient demand.

“We will continue to build and expand our practice,” said Meyer. “I’m happy it has worked out and we’ll plan to be working together for many years.”

As a 2001 Grant High School graduate, Gengenbach is returning to his roots with degree in hand after having toyed with the idea of an optometry career as a work study student during his high school days.

He did his undergrad studies at Oklahoma State University in animal science. He then attended Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, where he graduated cum laude with his optometry doctorate following a year’s worth of internships in Memphis, Tenn., Jacksonville, Fla. and Washington, D.C.

He served as student ambassador, is a member of Beta Sigma Kappa, and has been honored with a clinical science award and basic science award.

His externship was at Coastal Vision Center in Jacksonville. He is currently employed at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Originally from Bixby, Okla, Tori Gengenbach is also a cum laude graduate of Southern College of Optometry, with outstanding clinician awards to her credit. She is a member of Beta Sigma Kappa and International Optometric Honor Society.

She obtained her physiology degree from Oklahoma State University and did an externship at Coastal Vision Centre in Jacksonville.

She is currently employed at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

Tori is interested in all areas of optometry with a specific desire in developing a practice in vision therapy and children’s vision.

The couple is excited to return to Nebraska to establish their practice. For First Insight Eyecare, it means expanded business hours and better service to optometry patients across the region.