

Del Norte Office Supply: A legacy deep in tradition

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Last year, Del Norte Office Supply moved its location to the prominent corner location of H and 3rd Streets. It's near the one year anniversary of that move from I Street.

Owner Debby Stover celebrates her 31st year in business.

A legacy of superb customer service and dedication to Del Norte County precedes Debby's management and continues today.

"Customer service and dedication to our community is our priority: it's what Del Norte Office Supply is all about," said Debby.

On hand to recognize the store's 62-year legacy were Del Norte Office's second and third owners Wendy Shellabarger and Cathy Dean, respectively.

Wendy owned the store just prior to the 1964 tsunami until 1973. In 1972, a horrific storm off Pelican Bay capsized her father's small vessel. Wendy's father Dennis Main and brother Matthew Main drowned in that terrible tragedy.

Cathy and Jay Dean owned the store from 1973-88. Cathy remembers the first computer to enter store operations and reminisces about typewriter repair being part of the store's service.

Wendy, Cathy and Debbie all lament the world has changed quite a bit over the last half-century; however all three generational icons stated, "...customer service and commitment to community remains unchanged. Folks come into the store, look back at our smiling employee faces, offering the customer assistance," said Debby.

Employee Gina Vanwormer is a fixture on all printing and marketing matters and has been honing her skills for over 20 years at Del Norte Office Supply

Del Norte Office Supply offers all categories of office essentials, printing, office furniture, copy, fax, scan services and a wide variety of interesting gifts, greeting cards and exotic candy treats.

The store adjoins to the Paragon Coffee Shop.

Debby Stover candidly admits operating the Del Norte Office Supply is not an 8:30-5:30 job.

"Often, even when you're not working, you're working," she said.

Del Norte Office Supply is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.