

# JOHN S. BACKOF, DDS

Dr. John S. Backof, DDS and Dr. Melissa Della Croce, DDS offer state of the art dentistry in a state of the art facility. Treatment ranging from periodontal maintenance and dental implants to complete smile makeovers, are just a few of the Doctors' specialties.

The history of the practice dates all the way back to 1931, when Dr. Poole ran the office above the Ritz Theater in New Holland. In 1946, Dr. Poole moved the practice to its current location, 119 West Main Street, New Holland. Dr. Rodney Stauffer took the practice over in 1955 and in 1987, Dr. Backof took the practice over from Dr. Stauffer. Dr. Backof made a major expansion to the building in 1995. As a result of the continued growth of the practice, another expansion was completed at their 75th Anniversary in 2006. To better serve patients, Dr. Melissa Della Croce joined Dr. Backof in January 2008.

A true testament to preventative care, Dr. Backof and Dr. Della Croce still see patients who have been with the practice since its opening in 1931, for their dental check-ups and cleanings twice a year!

Dr. Backof and Dr. Della Croce believe it is important to provide patients with the best dental care, in an upbeat and positive environment. Patients are treated like family and it is considered an honor and a privilege to be entrusted with the dental needs of the patients. Dr. Backof and Dr. Della Croce also actively involve patients' input into determining the treatment that best meets their needs. "The patient always leaves with a terrific feeling about the practice. They get a feeling that the staff puts patients needs first and that they are really cared about."

Prior to taking over the practice in 1987, Dr. Backof served for five years as a general dentist in the United States Army, including a General Dentistry residency in Oklahoma and a dentist for the staff and family at the United States War College in Carlisle. He also served with the Army Corps of Engineers for three years in Germany, which followed his graduation from The United States Military Academy at West Point. Dr. Backof received his dental education at Temple University School of Dentistry.

Dr. John S. Backof's office is open Monday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can view their website at [www.backofdental.com](http://www.backofdental.com) or call the office at 717-354-6471.

