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McEnnerney on German television during a visit to the Paulig Eye Center clinic.

# A NEW LENS

McEnnerney travels 5,000 miles to Germany for an eye procedure invented in America

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## FOREST CITY

A month after Matthew McEnnerney traveled to Cottbus, Germany for cataract surgery and subsequent placement of Calhoun Light-Adjustable Lens, he sat down to a bowl of hot chili in Forest City, surrounded by his family and friends to express his gratitude.

McEnnerney, executive director of the Rutherford County Arts Council, was welcomed home last Friday night by his wife, Diane, their sons, and grandsons at the Arts Council building in Forest City.

McEnnerney says it is so good to be back home again, but most of all it so good to be able to see again.

A very private man with a public job, McEnnerney had not shared with others how terrible his vision had become over the past few years until his return from Germany.

About two years ago, he said he had a pain just to the side of his left eye. From then on, his vision began deteriorating to the point there was no sight in that eye. His right eye was also bad.

McEnnerney said that directing actors and actresses and taking care of his chores as the arts council director, was difficult for a person who could not see.

As the problem became more critical, McEnnerney's family began an extensive search on the Internet, trying to find the best lens to replace the natural lens once the cataracts were removed.

"There have been so many tremendous advances in lenses and I so hoped I would be able to see both far and near without glasses," McEnnerney began.

Looking at alternative lenses, McEnnerney said Diane began to look to see if there was anything available more precisely sized for individuals to allow distance and close vision. This is when they found Calhoun Lens.

After further exploration online and many telephone calls, the McEnnerneys learned the lenses invented by Calhoun were not approved by FDA for use in the United States, although invented by an American.

Before deciding to go to Germany, he consulted experts at Duke Medical



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Matthew McEnnerney back home after cataract surgery and lens replacement.

## The Calhoun Vision Light-Adjustable Lens

### 1) WHAT IS THE LIGHT-ADJUSTABLE LENS?

When you have cataract surgery, the surgeon removes the natural lens from your eye, which has become cloudy, and replaces it with an artificial lens implant. The standard lens implant widely used today will give you good vision but it is usually not perfect. So when you return to your eye doctor after the surgery, he will typically prescribe glasses to help you see better. The light adjustable lens by Calhoun Vision is a unique alternative to a traditional lens implant. It is a major breakthrough in the field because it is the only lens whose power can be adjusted to your individual needs after it is inserted into your eye. Two weeks after surgery the doctor measures your vision, and then shines a special ultraviolet light on your eye which causes the lens to change

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