

Culligan Water continues to grow

Customer loyalty and dedication have remained the same over

the past 70 years at Culligan Water in Lyons. Out of 200 dealer-

ships to open nationwide, Culligan Water in Lyons was No. 60,

one of two dealerships in Kansas. Rod and Brenda

Schuler acquired the business in October of 1999. Prior to that, Hoffman services purchased the Lyons-based Culligan dealership in 1965 and operated it for 34 years.

The Schulers currently employ 14 people with locations locally, in Great Bend and Hutchinson.

The dedicated staff at the Lyons location include Steve Bergmeier, Brenda Schuler, Rod Schuler, Brett Detter Harlan Brown, Billie Mortimore, and shop dog Bailey.

For 60-plus years, Culligan Water has been the leader in the water industry. It continues to tackle hard water problems and provide reverse osmosis for the benefit of the customer's good drinking water

needs because they are water specialists.

"What people may not realize is that we also sell and rent water softeners and drinking-water systems," said Rod Schuler.

Both Rod and Brenda Schuler grew up in a small town environment and know the benefits of owning a small business. They understand the importance of providing great customer service.

"We are happy to be a part of this community," Brenda Schuler said.

For better water, pure and simple, and to learn more about the Culligan HE systems, call Culligan Water, 620-257-3812.

Store hours at Lyons are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Ready to help you with your water needs Schuler Water Treatment Inc., dba Culligan Water of Lyons employees include (left to right): Steve Bergmeier, Brenda Schuler, Rod Schuler, Brett Detter Harlan Brown, Billie Mortimore, and shop dog Bailey.

Rice County history timeline

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Starting in the 1860s and 1870s, many newly-formed Kansas counties were named for notable government officials, railroad leaders and Civil War military officers. The latter was the case for Rice County.

Rice County History Timeline

1500 to 1700—Wichita Indian Territory; Kingdom of Quivira
 1541—Coronado Expedition
 1673—France, England, Spain Claim Territory
 1700 to 1800—Kansa, Kiowa, Comanche, Plains-Apache Indian Territory
 1762—Treaty of Fontainebleau
 1800—Treaty of San Ildefonso; Cheyenne, Arapaho Indian Territory
 1803—The Louisiana Purchase
 1806—Zebulon Pike Expedition
 1820—Stephen Long Expedition
 1821—Santa Fe Trail used as trade route
 1825—U.S. Government surveys Santa Fe Trail
 1843—Chavez Murder at Jarvis Creek Crossing of the Santa Fe Trail
 1846 to 1848—The Mexican War
 1849—Stagecoach Service Starts
 1850 to 1860—Military Forts placed along Santa Fe Trail
 1854—Kansas Territory Established
 1858—Trading Ranches at Cow Creek Crossing and Little Arkansas Crossing
 1859—Ashel Beach Trading Founded at Cow Creek Crossing; Wheeler's Trading Ranch/ Toll Bridge Founded at Little Arkansas Crossing
 1860—Peketon County created; Beach Valley incorporated
 1860s—Santa Fe Trail traffic with emigrants, miners travel to Rocky Mountains
 1861—Kansas Statehood
 1860s to 1870s—The Indian Wars
 1861 to 1865—The Civil War
 1864—Cow Creek Massacre; Battle of Cow Creek; Peketon County becomes Marion County
 1865—Stone Corral finished at Little Arkansas Crossing
 1867—Rice County

established, but not organized; Cholera Outbreak; Plum Buttes Massacre; Treaty of Medicine Lodge
 1868 to 1875—The Buffalo Slaughter
 1868 to 1876—The Ellsworth Cattle Drive
 1870—Atlanta Established on Santa Fe Trail
 1871—Ohio Colonies Founded in Chase, Union City area
 1872—Raymond, Peace Established; Peace holds school meeting; Rice County Herald begins at Atlanta; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad arrives in Peace
 1874—The Grasshopper Incursion
 1876—Peace changes name to Sterling; County's center elected as new location
 1877—Lyons Founded as new county seat
 1879—Kansas Centre is platted
 1880—Little River Founded; incorporated in 1886
 1880s to 1920s—Broomcorn Boom in Sterling/Alden area
 1881—Chase Founded; incorporated in 1902
 1882—Mitchell, Alden, Cain City are platted
 1886—Geneseo, Crawford, Galt are platted
 1887—Bushton, Frederick, Pollard/ Pollitz are platted
 1888—Wherry, Noble platted
 1889—Sterling Salt Company first salt mine; Bevis Salt/Diamond Crystal mine in Lyons starts
 1890s to 1920s—Chautauqua Movement
 1893—Silica platted
 1895—Saxman platted
 1898—Spanish-American War
 1901—Temperance Movements
 1908—J.S. Dillon starts Alden business
 1910—Third county courthouse built
 1914 to 1918—World War I
 1916-1917—Brick-laying at Courthouse Square
 1919—Cooper College changes to Sterling College
 1923 to 1940s—Chase found as biggest oil pool
 1929—Arkansas River, Cow Creek flooding
 1930s—Dust Bowl years
 1935 to 1945—World War II
 1937—Sterling Lake Dedication, July 4 Celebration
 1940—Smithsonian In-

stitute dig uncovers 1500 Quiviran Indian Culture
 1950—Father Padilla Cross built by Knights of Columbus
 1950 to 1953—Korean War
 1951—Northern Natural Gas Founded near Bushton
 1961—Kansas Centennial; Buffalo Bill's Well Park development
 1965—Passenger trains stopped
 1965 to 1967-- Smithsonian Institute dig uncovers serpentine intaglio
 1965 to 1975—The Vietnam War
 1969—Eternal Flame erected at Courthouse Square
 1971—Rice County Centennial
 1972—Raymond, Sterling Centennials; Livestock shipping by train stopped
 1985—Coronado-Quivira Museum Dedicated

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