

Jason and Danica Huddleston are the owners of Woydziak Do It Best® Hardware store in Lyons.

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Lyons Revue

It was estimated that Sonic would open up the week of Thanksgiving. Construction items left included electrical, plumbing and interior work.

The Bar K Bar Arena held its first ever Bonanza. The event was a oneday horse clinic that drew nearly 300 people from around Kansas.

November

Construction of several new renovations were completed for Lyons Dental Care. The renovations included a new examination room, a complete remodel of the waiting room, a kids play area and a lab downstairs.

Veteran's Banners were installed. The banners were a new joint project between Lyons Chamber of Commerce and Sterling's Chamber of Commerce. The banners paid tribute to a veteran's life and service.

Casey's began a construction project to expand the store. Included in the expansion was an increase in coolers from nine to 14, a beer cave ,an expanded kitchen and made to order subs. The efforts were part of a nation wide push to increase food and beverage offerings in a multitude of Casey's stores.

December

We Are Lyons held Breakfast with Santa at the Lyons First United Methodist Church Education Building. The event drew 300 individuals. Later that evening Woydziak's Do It Best Hardware and Lyons RoyalMasonic Lodge 192 held the annual Small Town Christmas Parade. The parade drew more than 30 floats.

Lyons Chamber of Commerce opened the Santa House. This year Saint Nick accepted letters from children and even replied back.

Lyons Dental Care held an open house to celebrate its renovations on Dec. 19.

Lyons Council Member Susan Tobias started an effort to renovate the bell decorations that are hung on power poles every Christmas season. Her efforts were aided by Danica Huddleston, Hayden Huddleston and Sherry Knight. Together the four replaced tinsel, Christmas lights and made the bells look much newer. Lyons Chamber of Commerce provided monetary aid with materials for the project and local store Woydziak's Hardware aided in procurement of some of the materials. The bells were fitted with new LED lights that do not break easily in the wind

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Protect Yourself

when in fact she sup-

plied this information. Example: **Scammer:** Hi, Grandma. This is your favorite grandson. Can you guess which one?

Grandmother: Bobby? **Scammer:** Yes, this is Bobby! Do you

remember where I go to school?

Grandmother: State College. **Scammer:** Yes, that's right. Well, I was at State College, and I decided to drive to Mexico with some friends, and we got into a little trouble ...

Tips to protect yourself

•Ask the caller a question he should be able to answer, such as his mother's or father's first name.

 Remain calm despite the "emergency" nature of the call. Take the time to do your research so that you make a decision based on facts rather than emotion.

- Be careful with what you say – do not provide information the caller can use.
- Ask family members whether the grandchild actually is traveling outside the country.
- Call the grandchild back at a phone number you already have rather than one supplied by the caller.

Reporting a grandparent scam

If you believe you have become the victim of a grandparent scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency and immediately notify the financial institution(s) the funds were sent from. Contact your local Edward Jones financial advisor Pat Fulton if you need further information or guidance.



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Huddleston continues family tradition of Wodziak hardware

By Ryan Carlson

Though it has had a long history in Lyons, Woydziak's has not always been in it's current building.

Originally it was part of a two story building. That two story building held a hardware store long before Woydziak's even existed. At that time it was known as Benefiel and run by two brothers. Steve Deweis purchased the store and ran it for three years and finally sold it to the person whom the store is currently named after, Steve Woydziak, on February of 1979.

The old building no longer exists due to a disastrous fire that burned the store in 1989. A new store was built, however, and opened on October 18 of that year. Woydziak said the difficulties of rebuilding was alleviated by help from the community. "I really appreciated all the help I received from individuals after the fire," said Woydziak.

The original portion of the building was 80 x 110 feet. He added a 15 foot by 110 foot portion and finally added a 25 x 110 foot garden center. In total, there is 13,500 square feet of space in the store.

Woydziak said running the store was a family affair. His wife helped out with the books while he worked the floor. His three children Niel. Amber and Adam also

helped with the store. Woydziak sold the store to it's current owner Jason Huddleston in 2010. Huddleston, who at the time lived in Colorado, had been in the hardware business for many years and decided to move to Lyons after seeing the store up for sale.

Things weren't easy for Huddleston when he first came to Lyons. At first he left behind his wife Danica, nine month old daughter and son so he could get the store put together. Huddleston said for a while he literally lived in the store making his office into a bedroom until he could afford to purchase a home. "All of our kids go to school here and we have really tried to become a big part of the community," said Huddleston.

Since coming to Lyons, Huddleston has always strived to be a large part of the Lyons and Rice County communities. In 2014 Huddleston started his Safety Day celebration to keep kids in the area safe. He has also sponsored numerous prizes for various events including a benefit held by Dunn Deal DJ for the Pedigo family when their house burned down in Geneseo and a community Father Daughter Dance hosted by the Celebration Centre. "we also opened an account for the Newil family after their house fire here in Lyons in the amount of \$1000 which can be used at our cost to help get them back on their feet."

To be competitive Huddleston has made several changes to his store. The first is a price match promise. If an individual were to bring an ad for an item from any competitor, if Woydizak's stocks it Huddleston will honor that price with no questions asked. "You can even take a picture at a competitor's store with your phone that shows that item and price and I will match it," said Huddleston.

For those who are looking for items on holidays Woydziak Hardware is the place to go. Huddleston said he, his wife and a volunteer employee have worked to keep the store open as a way for the community to meet his family and see the store. He said all other free," said Huddleston.

employees are off with pay and the employee gets double during the shift. The only two days the entire store is closed for are Christmas and Thanksgiving. "We're working to help the community in any way possible," said Huddleston.

Woydziak's also launched a rewards card program. For every \$250 spent at Woydziak's, an individual will receive a \$5 gift certificate in the mail. On top of that, for those who write in their birthday month, they will receive a free \$15 gift certificate during that month as a birthday gift from to use for anything in the store. Woydziak's will accept any gift cards from other businesses both local and out of town the same as cash. "It's another way we are trying to keep people shopping local and staying in town. See store associate for details," said Huddleston.

Veteran's also get a special discount at the store. Huddleston said current or past veterans get a 10 percent discount on anything they purchase in the store that is not already on sale. "It's saying thank you for your service to not only the community but the county in general. They are why we are

Geneseo: Gateway to Kanopolis Lake

By Ryan Carlson

Geneseo, a town on the northernmost tip of Rice County is your gateway on the road to Kanopolis Lake.

Geneseo is host to a number of community organizations including a Booster Club, Book Club, Golf Club, United Methodist Women, Ladies Thanksgiving Club and a 55+ Club.

Geneseo hosts several events for it's residents and the Rice County community. These events include an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Booster Club, a Memorial Day All Class Reunion which includes a weekend Alumni Banquet, a 4th of July free hog roast with a baseball game and fireworks display, a Halloween party at the Mini Park, a free community Thanksgiving dinner at the Geneseo United Methodist Church and hosts Santa Claus every year at the Ladies Thanksgiving club building.

In Geneseo, individuals can enjoy an array of community activities. The Geneseo American Legion hosts a Steak Night every second Saturday of the month. On Tuesdays a morning coffee is hosted at the 55+ club and there is a weekly bible study at Geneseo United Methodist Church on Mondays. Geneseo has a Geneseo Golf Course where Rice County residents can enjoy a game of golf.

The Geneseo Public Library is open 15 hours each week including Mondays from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5; and Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. The library has it's own collection of materials and can order materials from other sources for the use of patrons. The library has a book club that meets once a month to discuss a book each member has read. In the past the library has sponsored a spelling bee.

The library has two computers for patrons to use. The computers are serviced by HCI with fiber optics.