

A revue of the past year in Lyons

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January
In January the Lyons Police Department provided a seminar to Central Elementary School children on safety. The seminar included such topics as stranger danger, what they should do when they get lost, and safety on the internet. This year Hammer also spoke with Children about not sharing their identity when playing games on their Nintendo 3ds game hand holds.

February
A sock drive by Lyons Middle School raised 350 slippers and socks. Those socks went to Lyons Good Samaritan to help out residents. For their efforts, the students were treated to a free dance at the middle school.

In February, the state awarded Lyons with \$600,000 for improvements to Foundry Road. The road was to be improved with concrete surfaces. The improvements are set to help the local KSTW Mahindra facility, increasing the amount of work they can take on.

A group of individuals from Lyons and around Rice County began discussion of a new flood insurance rate map. The project is a joint venture between several municipalities and the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The hope is to remove as many homes from and add as few properties to the Cow Creek flood zone as possible. The map will use digital imagery from aerial photography allowing for pinpoint accuracy when finding properties.

March
In March, the ground breaking ceremony for the new 4,400 linear foot runway was held at Lyons /Rice County Municipal Airport on March 9. The project, in full, was expected to cost more than \$2 million. 90 percent of that cost was paid for by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The rest of the cost included \$163,244 from the county and \$54,418 from the city. The ceremony was attended by a plethora of dignitaries including then Secretary of Transportation Mike King. The runway was set to include PAPI lights, REILs and a beacon.

City of Lyons began construction of two new ADA accessible bathroom facilities. One of those bathrooms was built at Battershell Baseball Field and the other at Workman Park. The construction was made possible through a \$34,035 grant by Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism. The rest of the \$90,000 price tag was picked up by the City of Lyons.

The City of Lyons conducted a sonar assessment of Lyons Municipal Cemetery. The assessment was an effort known as revestment. Revestment allows cemeteries to take back some grave plots which had been left unused and abandoned. The sonar made sure no one was buried in the plots.

April
In April, the Bolton Building crisis began. A week beforehand in March, winds knocked a large hold in the north side of the building. Not only did that hole damage the building, it also marred a large mural which had been cracked for some time before the incident. The crisis caused the movement of two organizations: the Thrift

Store and the Food Bank of Northern Rice County. On April 2 and 3, the Lyons Recreation Commission held a grand opening for the Lyons Municipal Golf Course. The recreation commission had purchased the course from the board of the Lyons Town and Country Club. Along with lowering the costs of membership and green fees, the commission also enlisted the help of Park Elementary Principal John Cannon to give classes on golf, and former Lyons Middle School Principal Kevin Logan led youth golf classes.

Lyons/Rice County Municipal Airport Manager Bill Hoeffner retired his position. His history included flying as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. Hoeffner opened Rice County Aerial Sprayers in 1998.

May
In May, the Foodbank of Northern Rice County finished its move into a building next to the Lyons State Bank drive-in. The move was prompted by the Bolton Building crisis. Some modifications for the new building were required, including electrical work for various freezers and refrigerators. City of Lyons began construction of ADA ramps throughout the city. Funding for the project came from the Kansas Department of Commerce in the Amount of \$215,550. \$24,863 of the project was paid by the city. 195 ramps were built at 65 locations around the city. City of Lyons Administrator John Sweet said the project would give pedestrians safe access to the sidewalk.

City of Lyons Mayor Mike Young was chosen for the Kansas Mayor of the Year Award. The award was given to Young at the Kansas Mayors Association's Leadership Summit. Although Young was happy about receiving the award, he said it is not just for him but indicative of the entire community as a whole.

June
2016's Relay For Life event drew a large crowd. The event was held at the Rice County Courthouse Square. Former Green Bay Packer tight end Paul Coffman spoke during the walk. Coffman shared his personal story with cancer and signed footballs. The event had a mixed variety of entertainment including live music plus Pastor Ron DeVore and a group of Relay organizers performing whimsical skits.

July
On July 4, Lyons held its first ever fireworks show. The show had already been around for years unofficially but was made both official and much larger after local community members and the Lyons Chamber of Commerce got involved. Pyrotechnics for the event were friends Brian Leiker, Brandon Weis and Cody Foster. The fireworks were launched from the Lyons Community Golf Course.

August
The city of Lyons held a dedication ceremony for new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant bathrooms. The bathrooms were built at workman park and Battershell Baseball Field costing a total of \$96,227. The ribbon cutting included several speakers such as City Council member Ron Harkradar, and City Administrator John Sweet.

A new sidewalk from



The Lyons City Hall of Library Complex project began in 2010 after the city discussed the need to replace the old building. In 2013, the old SACO building located next to Dairy Queen on West Main Street was chosen as the new location. The construction began in spring of 2014 and completed in December of that year. The new facility has proven to be a great asset to the city since its construction.

Wendy's to Shopko was announced by City Administrator John Sweet. The addition was three years in the making. It was the culmination of efforts by concerned citizens in Lyons to provide pedestrians with a way to get to Shopko by foot. Another sidewalk project on the north side of Highway 56 was spurred by a move by Lyons Foodliner from its old building to the Gene's Heartland Food's building on the west end of Lyons.

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What is a grandparent scam?

Grandparents often have an emotional bond with their grandchildren. When a grandchild calls with a problem, the grandparent most likely feels compelled to help. But what if the voice on the other end of the line is really a scam artist?

Who is a target?
This scam preys on the emotions of older adults who want to help their grandchildren and other family members.

Common scenarios
Someone claiming to be a grandchild or another

relative calls an older adult, tricking him or her into providing information that can convince the victim it's really a relative. The caller may describe an emergency (such as an arrest or auto accident in a foreign country) and ask for money to be wired urgently. More elaborate scams may have someone posing as an attorney or a public defender in order to validate the story and emphasize the urgent need for money. The caller may plead with the grandparent not to tell his or her parents or other family mem-

bers. This can reinforce the emotional bond and make the grandparent feel compelled to help since the grandchild came to him or her first for help.

Red flags
• You receive a call from someone who doesn't readily identify himself or makes you guess who he is.
• A grandchild contacts you instead of his or her parents to ask for money.
• The caller wants you to act immediately because of some urgent, impending deadline and begs you not to tell anyone, es-

pecially his or her parents.


• The caller asks you to wire money to a person or place that you don't recognize, or to a country other than where the caller says he is located. (For example, the caller might claim to be in a Canadian jail but ask you to wire money to Jamaica.)

How a grandparent scam works
In this example, the grandmother might later claim the caller knew her grandchild's name and school,

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Protect Yourself: What Is Computer Intrusion?

Passwords and anti-virus software can help protect your computer – and the information that's stored there. But what if someone were able to enter your computer without your knowledge?



Who Is a Target?

Anyone who owns a computer or other electronic device connected to the Internet could be a target for computer intrusion.




Common Scenarios

Someone claiming to be with a software company or Internet provider may call you to say he or she has detected errors coming from your computer. The caller might suggest your computer has some sort of virus or spyware.


He or she will offer to fix the issue for you remotely if you follow a few simple steps. The caller will walk you through a few clicks on your keyboard and obtain your Internet Protocol (IP) address. With this information, the caller can take control of your computer.

Once the scammer has gained access to your computer, any information stored there is at risk. The thief could also install spyware or other malicious software, which could allow him or her to steal your user IDs and passwords, and access your accounts. Some scammers have even coerced people into paying up to \$500 (via a credit card) for the alleged computer repair.




Red Flags

You receive a call from someone saying he or she has detected something wrong with your computer.



Tips to Protect Yourself

- Never provide your IP address or give control of your computer to someone you don't know.
- Remember that companies will never call the general public. They have absolutely no way of telling from a remote area whether a computer has software issues.
- If you receive a call from someone telling you they've detected errors coming from your computer, simply hang up the phone.
- Be sure you're running current virus detection software on your computer.




Reporting a Computer Intrusion Scam

If you feel you have been victimized, contact your financial institutions immediately to make sure your information has not been compromised and your accounts accessed.

If you paid the scammer with a credit card, follow your card issuer's procedures to dispute any unauthorized charges.

Disconnect your computer from the Internet, and contact a reputable company to have your computer serviced and your hard drive professionally cleaned. Then change all of your passwords. If you change your passwords before having your computer cleaned, you may be unintentionally giving the scammer your new passwords.

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