

Culligan Water continues to grow

Customer loyalty and dedication have remained constant throughout the 71 years since establishing, in Lyons, as the 60th Culligan location in the nation. Rod and Brenda Schuler acquired the business in October of 1999 from Hoffman Services, who had been running the Culligan location since 1965. The Schulers currently employ 14 employees among their three locations in Lyons, Hutchinson, and Great Bend. The dedicated team in Lyons include: Steve Bergmeier, Brenda Schuler, Rod Schuler, Brett Detter, Harlan Brown, and Linda Brickley.

Culligan Water has been the leader in the water industry for more than 60 years. They continue to tackle hard water problems, provide reverse osmosis, water

coolers, salt, and water delivery for their valued customers. They are the water specialists. People may not realize they sell and rent water solutions.

Both Rod and Brenda Schuler grew up in a small town and know the challenges and benefits to owning and operating a small business. They understand the importance of providing great service and strive to achieve that goal every day. "We are happy to be a part of this community" Brenda said.

To learn more about the Culligan HE and other water systems, check out their new, interactive web site at kansasculligan.com or call Culligan Water at 620-257-3812. Store hours are 8-12 and 1-5 Monday through Friday. Culligan...Better Water Pure and Simple.



Ready to help you with your water needs Schuler Water Treatment Inc., dba Culligan Water of Lyons employees include (from left) Linda Brickley, Brett Detter, Harlan Brown, Steve Bergmeier, Rod Schuler, Brenda Schuler.

Rice County history timeline thru 1985

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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—Kansas, 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; Peke-ton 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—Bricklaying 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 Institute dig uncovers 1500 Quiviran

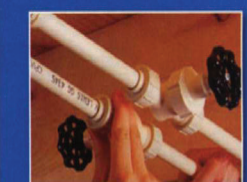
Indian Culture
 1950—Father Padilla Cross built by Knights of Columbus
 1950 to 1953—Korean War
 1951—Northern Natural Gas Founded near Bushton
 1961—Kansas Centennial; Buffalo Bill's Well Park development
 1965—Passenger trains stopped
 1965 to 1967—Smithsonian Institute dig uncovers serpentine intaglio
 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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