



Pride Ag Ace Hardware carries line of Kansas made ag products



Matt Stafford, manager of the Pride Ag Resources Lyons Ace Hardware, holds of a bag of the store’s own line of ag products, including lawn fertilizer and horse, swine and chicken feed.

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The Pride Ag Resources Lyons Ace Hardware, 1121 W. Main, carries more than a full line of Ace hardware products. They also carry Pride Ag Resources products including fertilizer formulated for Kansas soil and feed. This includes horse, swine and chicken. For those that order a ton at a time, they can have it custom mixed, said Matt

Stafford, store manager. Those products have been manufactured in Pride Ag’s feed and fertilizer plants in Kansas. Pride Ag began over 100 years ago in Dodge City as the Dodge City Cooperation Exchange. Through acquisitions and mergers, they now own coops and grain elevators across western Kansas, and feed and fertilizer plants. They own five

Ace Hardware locations. The 18,000 square foot Lyons store was added in August 2015. It just made business sense. “We’ve been real happy with the location. (Trucks) come to Lyons quite often for salt that we sell in our coops-salt for cattle and softener salt sold in coop locations,” Stafford said. “It made sense to when this location came

available to bring trucks full and they could go back full with salt to our warehouse in Dodge City.” The store also carries stock tanks, cattle panels, and a line of snacks such as cherry amaretto jelly, sarsaparilla soda and candied jalapenos. “We try whenever possible to support Kansas businesses,” Stafford said, recommending the candied jalapenos. “They’re actually really good. They have a bit of a following—as people try them, they get hooked on them,” he said. “They’re sweet with a bit of a kick.” They carry Wilde tools made in Hiawatha, and truck tool boxes made in southwest Kansas. Pride Age Resources likes to receive feedback from the area, and add products based on that. “We’re still looking to add to our mix,” Stafford said. “We’ve added numerous items based on discussions from the community.” Also, the store has some rental equipment. They have partnered with Hilti to rent jack hammers, concrete breakers, core drillers, lawn care equipment and aerators detachers. Customers can rent for half-days or full-days. “We have a really good selection of paint,” Stafford said. “The Ace lines of paint we carry always rate in the top of the consumer magazines. “We have a wide selection of colors we can mix.” For the future, “we’re planning on continuing to grow, continuing to serve the needs of the people in Lyons and surrounding area,” Stafford said. “If there’s something we don’t carry, chances are we can get it for a customer. “We’re happy to be here in Lyons.” Stafford is a Kansas native and moved to Lyons with his wife in August. They have bought a house and are enjoying the community, he said. Call 620-257-5000 for more information.

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