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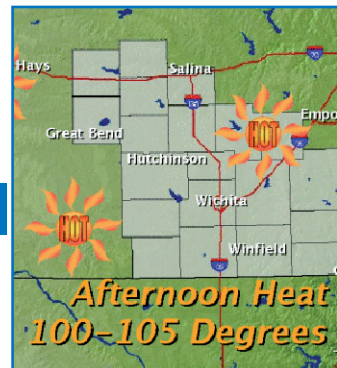


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Local and area roofers have done more than \$600,000 work in Lyons because of an April hailstorm that struck late one night. Rice County District Hospital, USD 405 and the city of Lyons have reported several thousand dollars damage. (Photos by Godfrey Miheso)

## Roofers strike payday in Lyons

**By JIM MISUNAS**

The bill for Lyons USD 405 buildings was more than \$50,000.

It was also more than \$50,000 for buildings owned by Rice County District Hospital No. 1.

For the city of Lyons, the tab was more than \$20,000.

A late-night April spring hailstorm caused more damage than originally estimated. Residents who had little or no damage to their vehicles have had their roofs replaced.

Roofer Rodney Jenkins, who works for Erhard Roofing, resides in Lyons and heard the hail striking that night.

"I heard as big as baseball-size hail, but there were cases where one house had damage and the one next door did not," he said. "I would recommend people get their house inspected."

Jenkins said Erhard

has done work in various locations -- West Main, W. Ave. South, Douglass and Taylor, North Pioneer and N. Purdy.

Ray Riggs of R&R Roofing said crews are still finishing work in Sterling from a 2009 storm. R&R will work with two shingle crews and two commercial crews.

Riggs said R&R secured a bid to do work on the Rice County Courthouse for about \$70,000.

More than 200 building permits have been approved for roof repair.

City of Lyons inspector Larry Brownlee said nearly all of the companies in town have done good work. He sometimes views the work with binoculars and study the work on a computer.

"I'll drive around and make sure everyone is doing things the right way," Brownlee said.

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Roofers from Erhard Roofing repair some work this summer in Lyons. Rodney Jenkins of Erhard Roofing said crews have been busy all summer. More than 25 businesses have applied for roofing building permits in the city of Lyons. (Photo by Jim Misunas)



Hi Neighbor! to Sterling College students who will travel to Thailand Sunday where they will face pain, suffering and difficult conversations.

The students will work with Self Help and Empowerment (SHE), a Christian charity committed to helping women and children at risk in Thailand, many of whom are trapped in the commercial sex trade. SHE is dedicated to providing employment, vocational training (the women learn to make breads, cookies and jewelry) and counseling for women who want to help themselves out of this industry.

The Sterling College team is led by senior Leah Frees and non-SC student Jesse Roberts, who learned of Sterling's mission trips through working with College students at Westminster Woods.

## Students enjoy Camp Wa-Ja-To

**By GODFREY MIHESO  
LYONS NEWS INTERN**

Camp Wa-Ja-To Camp recently marked the fifth anniversary of its annual Catholic kids summer camp.

The week-long camp has been in existence for the past 12 years with success in strengthening Catholic faith within Rice County and neighboring counties.

Camp Director David Doss is studying to be a priest. He has been in charge for five summers and laments how challenging it has been bringing the kids together.

"We have been coming up with random teams within the camp for the kids to make new friends and learn new skills," he said.

The program is conducted by 10 counselors from different Midwestern colleges.

This camp lasts for four to five days with a variety of group activities that

involve the councilors.

During the morning, teams perform a variety of core activities for the first hour of cabin time.

The second hour was ministry based activities. "Come to Christ" compares the rings of a tree to the years of a school life. The kids had the opportunity to talk about their own faith journeys and learn more about themselves.

After that, they performed a second activity where they traced the outline of their purpose and each individual represents different categories of who the students want to write prayers for.

"It has been fun bonding and sharing sacrament of forgiveness with the 48 kids from different corners of the state," Doss said. "The more prayers the better."

The camp is organized and ran by Catholic dioceses, but is open to non-Catholics.

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Students enjoy a variety of activities during a recent camp at Camp Wa-Ja-To, south of Lyons. (Photos by Godfrey Miheso)

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