

Service with a smile

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ELLINWOOD — For 43 years, Home Lumber and Supply Company has offered friendly service at their location on U.S. Highway 56.

“We compete with the bigger places with friendly service,” said Ron Rapp, Home Lumber and Supply Company Ellinwood manager.

The lumber and supply company has been located at 116 E. Santa Fe Blvd. since 1963, when Home Lumber purchased the business from a private business owner. Rapp, who has worked at the store for 20 years, said the friendly employees keeps customers coming back.

“We help people who come in and need this “little thingy,” said Andy Gaton, Ellinwood Home Lumber employee, referring to customers who need assistance with determining what type of part they need.

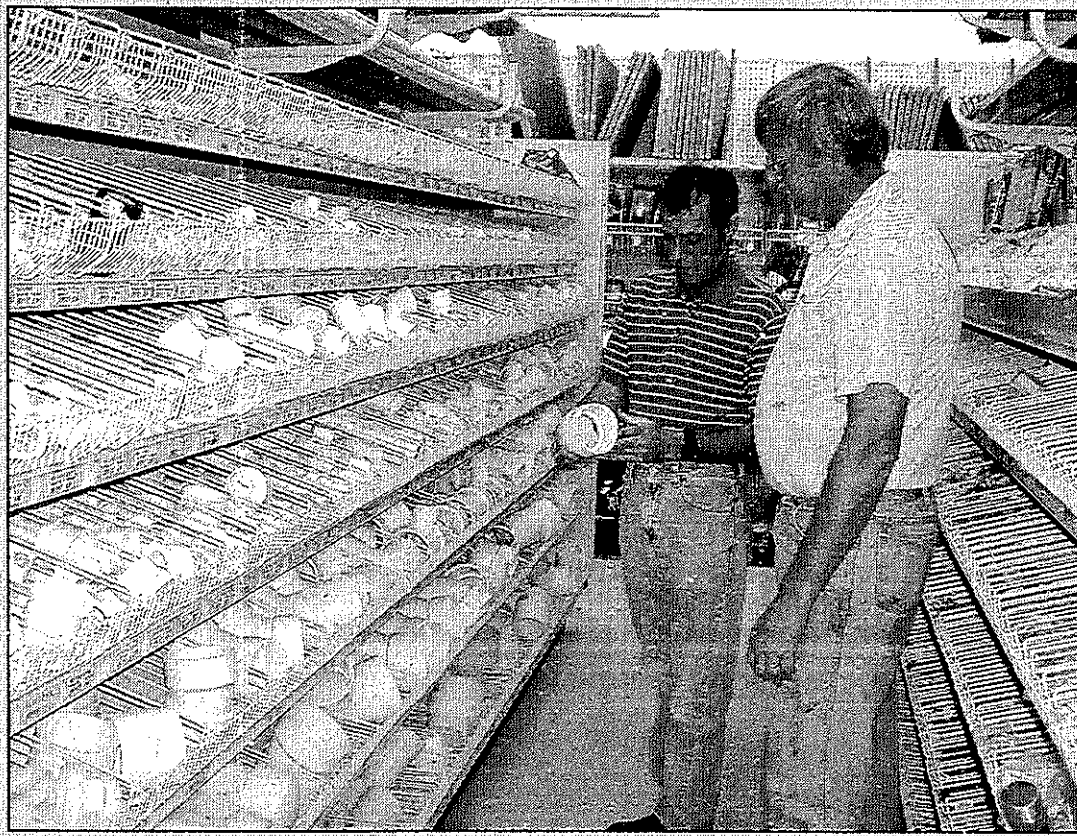
Ellinwood Home Lumber caters mostly to local residents but also serves customers from surrounding towns.

“We appreciate all the local customers who come in every day,” Rapp said.

They deliver within a 25-mile radius, charging \$1 per mile for orders under \$1,000. The store had to begin charging a mileage fee when fuel prices increased, Rapp said.

Ellinwood Home Lumber carries a complete inventory of building materials, a full-line of paint, hardware, plumbing and electrical supplies and a wide assortment of remodeling supplies. Counter top laminates and flooring are available

Ellinwood Home Lumber & Supply Company



Location :
116 E Santa Fe Blvd.,
Ellinwood

Phone:
(620) 564-3241

Opened in
1963

Two full-time and three part-time employees

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. , Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday

by order.

The close proximity of four other stores gives Rapp the advantage of finding inventory at the other locations, providing an additional tool to compete with larger stores.

“We’ve gone as far as Pratt before for customers,” he said.

Ellinwood Lumber offers screen

and window repairs and key replication. The staff can cut glass, plywood and lumber to length for customers.

The 3,000 square-foot store contains a large display area and a small storage area at the back of the store. Included in the display area is a lawn and garden supply area,

remodeling supplies, telephone and cable television supplies and conventional items such as furnace filters.

Three storage buildings contain lumber, cement and drywall, and doors and windows. The building facade is scheduled for a renovation sometime in the future.

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