

**Wellsville Chamber of Commerce
Chamber Spotlight
Wellsville Antiques
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Our twelfth Wellsville Chamber of Commerce Spotlight focuses on Wellsville Antiques, which is owned by Nancy Lytle and Linda Barnett. The owners opened their doors in August of 2021. Located at 601 Main Street, Wellsville Antiques offers a wide variety of items from many different eras.

Both owners were attracted to opening in Wellsville because they grew up in the Wellsville community. With their passion and love for antiques, they thought it would be fun to open their own shop, while helping others share their love for antiques.

With Wellsville Antiques' four employees, it is the only antique store in town. Because of this, they strive to make it the best shopping experience for customers by providing the best products possible. They have worked to make the business environment a place where people want to continue to visit because of their fun and friendly customer service and their amazing products.

Wellsville Antiques rents space to vendors. This allows vendors the opportunity to showcase their products for sale without having to open their own store. Currently all the booth spaces have been filled, but if people are interested in getting on the waiting list or have any questions, they can call (785) 833-4315. With the challenges of opening a business during the pandemic, Lytle and Barnett believe their greatest success to date has been filling their entire store with booths. They are happy to see the excitement of people wishing to rent a space.

Although this business is in its infancy, Wellsville Antiques has already had some great success. But that success didn't come without some difficulties. It was a struggle to renovate the old building, while trying to keep the old-fashioned originality inside without damaging it. However, they are extremely pleased with how the renovations did improve the ambiance of the building.

With their operational days being Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sundays 12 pm to 5 pm, people are constantly coming in and out of the store, whether it be shoppers or booth owners. When they are not busy assisting customers, they rearrange inventory to help make space for the bigger items coming in. Rearranging the antiques is constant to make displays more appealing and to help market products more effectively.

Hindsight is always an issue for any person or business, and Wellsville Antiques is no different. When renovating the business, they wish they would have created more lighting opportunities, as well as installed additional outlets to create equal accessibility to all vendors. However, the vendors have been creative and have found ways to work around these issues.

The owners of Wellsville Antiques would not have wanted to open their doors in any other town. They appreciate the love and support the community has given them. With the community's help, Wellsville Antiques appreciates the advertising they get by word of mouth. This has a significant impact on getting people from out of town to visit the store.

Stop in and see the marvelous items vendors have to offer. There is constant inventory turnover that could result in being the best thing you have ever purchased. Shop Wellsville Antiques today to find your priceless treasures.

