

OBITUARIES

Donald Eugene Glenn

Feb. 17, 1934 - Nov. 24, 2012

Donald Eugene Glenn passed away on Nov. 24, 2012 at the age of 18. He was born on Feb. 17, 1934 to Floyd and Myrtle (Scarlett) Glenn in Norton. He attended the Norton schools from kindergarten through high school. In sixth grade, he became active in football, basketball and track.

The highlight in high school was being a member of the 1951 State Championship basketball team; the first championship in the division in northwest Kansas. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-1957, and was stationed in Lincoln, Neb. During this time he was in the medical unit and played on the base's softball team.

Don and Carol (Rhoades) were

married on June 6, 1954. To this union three children were born: Debra Ann, Richard and Rodney (with wife, Mindy). He has four grandchildren: Rachele, Brandon, Shelby and Samantha. Two great-grandchildren: Mason and Chase. Carol and Don moved to Northglenn, Colo., and into their present home in March, 1961.

After several short-term jobs, Don became an office manager of a small insurance company and moved into the treasurer's position. After several years, Don decided he couldn't sit behind a desk in a room alone and quit to become an owner of Conoco service stations. Don enjoyed golf, played Triple A softball, and learned to bowl, bowling a 300 game, his first

and last.

He helped coach Rick's senior league baseball team and spent many years involved in Rod's stock car racing. The family enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling together in their RV, in which Don and Carol have visited 43 of the 50 United States.

After retiring, Don maintained the racetrack at Rocky Mountain Speedway, a position he loved.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He has two sisters, Norma Whistler (with husband, Jack); Anita Shearer (with husband, Gerald); and one brother, Jerry, deceased.

John D. 'Bud' Wilson

Nov. 8, 1939 - Dec. 11, 2012

John D. "Bud" Wilson, 73, died Dec. 11, 2012 at the Gove County Medical Center, Quinter. He was born Nov. 8, 1939 in Logan County, Colo., to Harold and Rose (Hall) Wilson.

He was a cattle buyer. He married Judy L. Swart on Feb. 1, 1986 in Oakley.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include wife Judy of the home, sons: Bob (Deb) of Parker, Colo., Jim (Loretta) of North Wales, Pa., and Bill (Lisa) of Scott City, daughter Janet (Bill) Sanders of Kansas City, nine grandchildren, and a sister Ruth Nation (Troy Walker),

Safford, Ariz.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec 15 at Buffalo Bill Cultural Center at 11 a.m.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m on Friday at the Cultural Center.

Cremation to follow with private inurnment.

Memorials to Gove County Medical Center, Logan County EMS, and Oakley United Christian Church, in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley 67748.

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A community's spirit to be admired

By Ron Wilson

Huck Boyd Institute

A multi-million dollar project is underway to dredge a reservoir for water quality and quantity. A Fortune 500 corporation is doing the project, but one part of the design work was done by an engineer in rural Kansas. That same engineer might be designing a multi-million dollar project one minute, but in the next, he might be helping put up his community's Christmas lights. This is a special holiday edition of Kansas Profile.

Ron Kuhn is founder and owner of RHK Enterprises in Admire, Kansas. Last week, in part one of this two-part series on the community of Admire, we learned about Ron's brother Michael. Michael is owner of the Last Chance Café in Admire and editor of the Admire PRIDE newsletter.

The two brothers grew up at Admire. Ron got a degree in physics from Emporia State and a degree in civil engineering from Kansas State. His career took him to an engineering position in Houston, but after 10 years, he wanted to get back to Kansas. He worked several years for consulting firms in Topeka, and in 1998 he started his own engineering firm in his hometown of Admire. Using his initials, he named the company RHK Enterprises.

Today, RHK Enterprises does general civil engineering with a specialty in water projects. For example, RHK does design, analysis and construction inspection on water lines, sewer systems, streets, flood control dams and reservoirs. His customers include cities, watershed districts, and private clients. With dams, he might do design work, inspection, breach analysis and inundation mapping.

In 2009, the community of Horton got a grant from the State of Kansas to dredge the sediment from Mission Lake, the city's water supply, so as to improve water quality and quantity. A large Kansas City firm was contracted to do the project. That firm contracted with Ron

Kuhn at RHK Enterprises to do the design for the confined disposal facility for the dredging.

"Instead of building new reservoirs, the state is looking at revitalizing and restoring the older dams and reservoirs," Ron said.

In addition to his engineering work, Ron is active in his community of Admire as a volunteer firefighter and council member. Since 1993, he has served on the city council and is now city council president.

In rural communities, being on the city council is a hands-on position - and I mean that literally. In fact, with Ron's expertise in water systems, he is often the person who is called on when the city's water system has a leak.

Ron is proud of the progress that the community has made in recent years.

"We used to have an 8,000 gallon standpipe for our city's water supply," he said. "Four years ago, we found a 50,000 gallon elevated water tower which we had moved to the city, installed and rehabbed."

In addition, the rural county fire district built a new fire station in the city and upgraded the number and condition of the district's fire trucks. Thanks to these measures, the city's fire insurance rating has been improved, thus lowering fire insurance premiums for homeowners.

The city park has been improved with new ball field lights and fencing, plus utilities were installed for RV owners who wish to stop there.

When the Admire Grade School closed in spring 2010, the city gained ownership of the building and grounds. Now the building is the Admire Community Center, and it houses the new North Lyon County Museum in the old school library and computer lab.

And when it's time for the Christmas lights to go up, Ron Kuhn and other volunteers step forward to hang those lights downtown.

"There are a lot of people here

who are working at making this a good place to live," Ron said. Such community support is vital in a rural community like Admire, population 156 people. Now, that's rural.

It's time to leave our engineer in Admire, who is making a difference by designing water systems one minute and helping hang the community's Christmas lights the next. We commend Ron Kuhn and the other citizens of this rural community. Their community spirit is something we can Admire.

Getting to the bottom of it



Norton City employees have been busy this fall fixing water leaks around town. Several of them are due to the extremely dry ground settling and causing strain on the pipes, causing the pipes to crack. This water leak on East Lincoln was caused by a bad spot in the pipe. City workers, Ed Lively and Cory Urban, watch as Steve Reedy runs the back hoe to clear the concrete. This must first be done so that the city crew can get down to the pipe in order to fix it.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Exchange food for flicks on Dec. 16

The Norton Theatre and the Norton Boy Scouts Troop 181 are turning food into funds for one Sunday afternoon in December.

The second "Canned Film Festival Food Drive" is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Norton Theatre.

There will be free admission to a special 1:30 p.m. movie showing with a donation of non-perishable food items per person. All food donations will go to God's Pantry which helps people who need assistance in Norton County.

There is a large need for food particularly as

winter begins and during the holiday season. God's Pantry is especially in need of staple items, including canned meat, chicken and dumplings, canned chili soup, macaroni and cheese, and peanut butter and jelly.

People making donations are encouraged to look at the expiration dates of the food as any expired food cannot be distributed.

This is the second year that the Norton Theatre and the Boy Scouts have hosted the "Food for Movies Food Drive."

Texting whereabouts of deer illegal in Kansas

Kansas wildlife officials are reminding hunters that it's against the law to exchange text messages on the whereabouts of deer and other game that might be headed their way.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism says the law has been around in

various forms for years.

Officials say hunters are probably aware that they can't use two-way radios to give other hunters a heads-up about the location of a game animal moving in their direction.

But that law, which prohibits the use of a radio or other me-

chanical device, includes cell phones.

The department says a text is the same as a phone call under the law.

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The Norton Car Club has made a donation of \$6,000.00 to the Norton Theatre for our continuing efforts to improve the theatre complex

The Norton Car Club has been very helpful in our attempts to maintain the historical integrity of the Norton Theatre, and the Theatre has greatly appreciated that help over the years!

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