

# Rural civil engineer specializes in water

**By Ron Wilson**  
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 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 this community's Christmas lights. This is a special holiday edition of Kansas Profile.  
 Ron Kuhn is founder and owner of RHK Enterprises in Admire. 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 Christ-

mas 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.

## Five generations



Five generations of the Musil family gathered at Abilene on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012. On the back from the left is the grandmother Linda Boone of Great Bend, the great-grandfather Lawrence Musil of Goodland and the mother Abigail Robinson of Lawrence. On the front row from the left is the great-grandparents, Delmer and Arleta Musil of Goodland and the baby Reid Robinson of Lawrence.

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 Third & Caldwell  
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 Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.  
 Evening Service: 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Evening Service: 7 p.m.

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 Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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 Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.  
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 Worship Service: 9 a.m.

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## rotary

Another big crowd was on hand as the Goodland Rotary Club met for their regular weekly meeting at noon on Friday December 7th in the meeting room at Northwest Kansas Technical College. President Jenifer Sanderson called the meeting to order.  
 Sanderson welcomed the November Rotary honor students, Gunner Helton and Gloria Bustillos. Both are Seniors at Goodland High School.  
 Past President Marty Melia officially presented Jeff Deeds with his Paul Harris Fellow certificate and pin.  
 Sanderson then turned the meeting over to the Rotarian of the Day, Bryce Cole. Cole introduced this guest speaker, Shaudel Bain, Director of the Endowment at Northwest Kansas Technical College. Bain talked about the NW Tech Endowment Fundraiser dinner and dance coming up in March, to be held at the Elks Club this year.

She said the theme will be casual old west again this year, and will feature entertainment as well. This year, the College will offer special corporate group tables at the dinner with special features and perks for those guests. There will be a limited number of these tables available. Bain also reminded the group that there is still time to contribute to the Educational Deferred Maintenance Tax Credit Program. Contributors to Northwest Tech's capital improvement fund, will be allowed a 60 per cent tax credit. The deadline for this contribution is Dec. 31.  
 After the weekly dinner, won by Larry Keims, President Sanderson declared the weekly Goodland Rotary meeting adjourned. The next weekly Rotary meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 14, at noon, in the meeting room in the Northwest Tech Student Union. Visitors and those interested in joining Rotary are always welcome to attend.  
*Marty Melia, Club Reporter*

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