

## Exciting moment



Quinton Porter, left, waited as Terry Petrie, Jr., Norton, a recent graduate of Kansas State University and a member of the Wildcat football team, signed his cap. Terry and two other members of the football team were in Norton for the Western Kansas Football League sign-up.

—Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Wiltfong: recalls first students

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Eugene attended high school in Edmond, Clayton and Lenora. When he was a senior in high school, he took the normal training course, which would allow him to teach after graduation if he could pass the state test. He was one of 13 students to complete the course and one of only four who passed the test.

He said that, at that time, Norton County had about 90 rural schools, one located every three miles or so. He was hired by Fairmont District 59 south of Norton for his first teaching position. He remembers well the name of each student, all four of them! They were Lois Hazlett, Lucille Hazlett, Gladys Hazlett and Junior Horesky. Later in the year, three Blair boys joined the school.

Eugene lived five and one-half miles from the school but had cheap transportation. He rode his horse back and forth!

His second year of teaching in rural schools, Eugene was hired to teach at Good Hope District 86 located southeast of Clayton. He had the entire teaching load and had 17 students with every class represented through eighth grade except second.

After two years of teaching in rural school, Eugene was drafted and spent two years in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946 during World War II. He became a cook in the Army and his unit was the first to land in Japan after the U.S. dropped the atomic bombs. He said one of his best memories of the war was preparing a meal in Japan for General Dwight Eisenhower.

When Eugene was discharged, he learned that Goldie Georgeson, principal at Lenora Grade School, had a teaching position for him and two weeks after contacting her he was teaching grades seven and eight along with coaching.

"I needed to make a living and might not have gone back into teaching if Goldie had not had a position for me," said Eugene. "That job allowed me to continue in my lifetime career."

Eugene taught a total of 44 years before semi-retiring and turning to substitute teaching in Norton Community High School in 1989. He taught two years in rural schools, 12 years in the Lenora Grade School and 30 years in Norton.

While in the Norton school system, he was Eisenhower Elementary principal for 21 years which included six years with the additional duties of assistant superintendent and junior high principal and high school athletic director for seven years.

Eugene furthered his education for 13 consecutive summers to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees.

"I feel most honored by the Hall of Fame induction but I have to remember that many people helped me reach that point in my career," said Eugene.

"My tenure in Norton was outstanding. I felt I had a good working relationship with students, parents and faculty.

"Today, my former students treat me with the greatest respect and I appreciate that. They tell me I was always fair with my discipline.

"I feel fortunate to have been able to stay in Norton."

Among those who attended the induction ceremonies were Martha Larsen, widow of Andy Larsen, and their son, Randy.

"Andy Larsen was the superintendent who hired me in Norton," said Eugene. "I give him a lot of credit for my success in teaching and administration. He was my mentor. In addition to being the elementary principal, he made me assistant superintendent for six years."

Eugene also appreciated the presence of Lary and Peggy Stull at the induction. Lary is the former longtime NCHS principal and Peggy was an art instructor.

During his teaching and administrative career, Eugene always found time to volunteer for a wide range of community services and intends to continue to donate his time where needed.

## Livestock deadline days away

Eligible livestock producers only have until July 18 to apply for benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program and Livestock Indemnity Program, said Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director of the United States Department of Agriculture Kansas Farm Service Agency.

The Livestock Compensation Program provides benefits to livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, due to a natural disaster. He said livestock must have been physically located in the disaster county on the first day of the disaster declaration to be eligible, and livestock producers must apply in the county where the livestock were physically located on the first day of the disaster.

The Livestock Indemnity Program compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers must apply for this program in their Farm Service Agency administrative county office where their farm records are maintained.

Eligible losses must have occurred in counties with Presidential or Secretarial disaster declarations between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, he said.

For either program, producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 qualifying years will only earn benefits in one of those years.

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# Birds attack area town

By Sharon Corcoran  
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GOODLAND — A huge bird — imagine a three-foot wingspan — swoops in for the "kill" as a lawyer rides his bike down the street. It zips past and another zooms in, just clipping the man's head with its wing.

A scene out of a movie? No, a normally quiet street in Goodland. And wildlife officials want people to know how to handle the situation.

City Attorney Jeff Mason said he was riding on Broadway between Second and Fourth streets recently when the Mississippi kites decided to attack.

The birds have "dive bombed" several people walking and riding bikes in the area lately, said Wildlife Officer Mike Hopper. He said people need to know they should avoid the area to protect themselves and their children, but they should not retaliate if the birds do dive on them.

Although people have felt like the birds were trying to hurt them, he said, they actually are just trying to get people to stay away from the nest.

The birds, about 15 inches long with a three-foot wingspan, are actually a medium-sized hawk, he said, but they look very large when coming at your face. Thraptors are protected by state and federal law, Hopper said, and there are penalties for killing or injuring them or even removing their nest.

If someone were to kill the birds or remove the nest, he said, they would be arrested, and fines start at \$850 per bird killed or injured. Besides, he said, if you attack the birds, swing a broom or throw things at them, it will only agitate them.

The birds are doing what their instincts tell them to do, he said — protecting their young.

They have a nest in the area, he said, and when people get too close, the adults swoop in to scare them away.

"We live in town," he said, "but we still live outdoors. Just because a bird is problematic doesn't mean it should be destroyed.

"Wildlife has the right to be here as well as anybody else.

"They're doing what they're

programmed to do. We're supposed to think about our actions. We should adjust."

The problem is likely to be short-lived, he said, but people should avoid the area for the next two to three weeks.

By then, the young ones will grow up and leave the nest, he said.

The kits are migratory birds, he said, and will leave this fall but, it's possible they could return in the spring.

"I checked into what you can do," Mason said, "and the city could apply to the federal government for a permit to remove them, but the permit is unlikely to

be granted." And even if it was, Mason said, the birds would still have to be captured, and after they are moved, they could come back.

It isn't likely the birds will come back each year, Hopper said, but there is an unusually large variety of bird species in the area this year.

If weather is different next year, or their food source isn't as abundant, he said — the kites eat large insects, although some amphibians, reptiles, bats, and other small mammals are taken. This bird catches insects in the air, often eating them while flying — they are likely to go elsewhere.

## •PUBLIC NOTICE• IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENEVA L. PERSINGER, DECEASED

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
GENEVA L. PERSINGER, Deceased  
Case No. 2008-PR-27

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO  
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on July 2, 2008 a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Vicki Lynne Gruen and Patti Kay Bonnett, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Co-Executrixes named in the Last Will and Testament of

Geneva L. Persinger, deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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## •PUBLIC NOTICE• IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN LEE DOW, DECEASED

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
KAREN LEE DOW, Deceased  
Case No. 2008-PR-24  
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO  
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on July 1, 2008, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in the Court by Theresa Sue Weaver, a devisee and legatee, and the executor

named in the Last Will and Testament of Karen Lee Dow, deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Theresa Sue Weaver,  
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# Boomers do it their own way



Steve Haynes (left) as a cub reporter doing an interview for the Kansas City Times in the early 70s. Today he is the President of the National Newspaper Association.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
MORRIS D. SCHABEN, Deceased  
Case No. 2008-PR-03

NOTICE OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR  
FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO  
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Robert J. Marx, Executor of the Estate of Morris D. Schaben, Deceased, praying that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the court finds the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses and executor's fees are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Petitioner by finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Morris D. Schaben, Deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 23, 2008, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Norton, Norton County, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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