



Class of 1958 huddles once again

Members of the Norton Community High School class of 1958 present for their 50th reunion held at the American Legion Post #63 in Norton on July 26, 2008. A grand time was had with many stories told.

Front row (left to right) Georgia

(Cart) Temple, Naomi (Applegate) Adams, Margaret (Severens) Leonard, Creta (Lawson) Wonderlick, Judy (Heaton) Robinson, Rosalie (Wolfe) McMullen, Karen (Harper) Case, Deanna (Moody) Fine, Lydia (Herman) Kendall, Judy (Darling) Messer, Jackie

(Whetstone) Gebhardt.

Middle row David Milton, Teacher/Coach Jake Durham, Burt Schrum, Sherry (Herman) Rice, Ernie Rice, Judy (Johnson) Nelson, Edwin Derks, Frederick Gilhouse, Elaine (Kimmel) Johnson, Arthur Miller, James

Lorimer, Gerald Wright, Music Teacher David Stuewe.

Back row Frank Callaway, William (Tom) McGinnis, Richard Kline, Harold McCubbin, David Flynn, Arvid Hawk, Michael Schafer, Barry Cooper, Don McClelland, David Kendall.

Conservation award nominations sought

By KEITH VANSKIKE
County Extension Director

The Kansas Bankers Soil Conservation Awards Program will be held again this year. We look forward to public nominations of the awards.

This program is sponsored by the agriculture committee of the Kansas Bankers Association, local banks and the government agencies that cooperate with the District Conservation office. We are asking for nominations to be submitted by Sept. 10 to either the local Extension Office or District Conservation Office.

The purpose of this program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the agricultural resources in Kansas by giving recognition to farmers and landowners who have made outstanding progress in the establishment of soil and water conservation on their farms. Included in the awards program are a soil conservation award, windbreak award and wildlife award. These new awards are Energy Conservation, Water Quality, Water Conservation

Points to be considered in selecting soil conservation award winners include: (1) use of land according to its capabilities; (2)

completeness of farm plan applied; (3) balance of farm enterprise; (4) quality of conservation work done and maintenance of practices; and (5) special practices unique to the farming operation.

The windbreak award considers windbreaks which provide protection from damaging winds for residential, or other structures, areas, livestock, or fields. Windbreaks should be a minimum of three years old. Wildlife habitat awards recognize individuals for establishment and maintenance of habitat to encourage and protect wildlife.

These new awards are being offered this year:

Energy Conservation
Efficient use of energy in farmstead buildings, equipment, and operations including but not limited to building isolation; heating and cooling such as ground source heat pumps; lighting; and striving for peak fuel efficiency in high energy consumption components such as irrigation pumping.

Production of energy from renewable sources including but not limited to solar; wind; biomass; biofuels such as biodiesel, methane, ethanol, etc.

Co-utilization of energy through

combining processes such as heat one stream while cooling another by using heat exchanger; cool milk while heating water for cleaning by using a heat pump, etc.

Water Quality
Quality of water quality improvement and protection work. Adoption of cropping, grazing, and animal feeding operation practices to reduce sediment, nutrient, and bacterial contamination of surface water. Practices may include, but are not limited to: Conversion of cropland to total not-till farming systems (high residue levels), planting grass or forested riparian buffers, development of nutrient management plan, installing livestock waste management systems, rotational grazing, improved livestock watering distribution system, moving livestock operations out of riparian areas, creation of stabilized stream crossing, and mortality

management.

Water Conservation Award
Adoption of improved irrigation management techniques, improvement, and remote monitoring and/or control. Evidence of field tests for the evaluation of irrigation system performance. Improvement and/or development of on-farm or ranch water supplies.

These are separate awards but all have a familiar theme of conserving water and energy resources, adapting farm related practices and equipment to utilize forms of energy, improving quality and quantity of water in and around a farming system.

Nominations can be made by any person in the county. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Norton County Extension Office or Norton County Conservation District. The nominations should be returned by Sept. 10.

Clinton book features Fort Hays State professor

Mel Hanks, assistant professor of media studies at Fort Hays State University, is prominently featured in a new book on Bill and Hillary Clinton, "Tag-Teaming the Press," about the Clintons' sometimes stormy relationship with the news media and each other.

Hanks was interviewed by the book's author, Dr. James Mueller, assistant professor of journalism at the University of North Texas, about his 20 years of covering the Clintons in Arkansas.

"I began covering Bill Clinton in 1974, when he first ran unsuccessfully for Congress from northwestern Arkansas," said Hanks. He continued covering Clinton as Arkansas attorney general and governor and as a presidential candidate.

"Mel provided one of the most interesting interviews for my book," said Mueller. "I interviewed a number of prominent White House journalists for the book, but Mel gave me some of the most interesting and insightful anecdotes about what the Clintons' press relations were like in Arkansas."

Included in the book are Hanks' encounters with the Clintons over such issues as politics, criminal investigations and how they reacted to his investigative TV reports.

"Other journalists refused to be interviewed or were less than forthcoming when they granted

interviews," said Mueller. "I greatly appreciated Mel's cooperation in my research."

Hanks said he is looking forward to sharing these experiences with his students in the upcoming semester at Fort Hays State University.

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Sherman County election result one for the books

By Pat Schiefen
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The final result for the Sherman County Commission seat for District 2 primary left people scratching their heads after one candidate was declared a winner after his name was pulled out of a hat only to be told two hours later the other man had won by one vote.

When the canvass board checked the tape of the results, they first thought there was only one vote in Commissioner District 2, which was for Dee Miller and that tied the vote total with Mitch Tiede and Miller each receiving 49 votes.

The two men agreed to settle the tie by having a name pulled out of a basket and at that point Miller was declared the winner.

However, after the candidates had left the courthouse the canvass board found they had overlooked another ballot in District 2, and since it was for Tiede the board members called the two men and said that Tiede had won 50-49.

The unofficial results after the polls closed on Tuesday night gave Tiede the victory over Miller by one vote, 49 to 48.

On Friday morning the canvass board went through and validated the results for all the races.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said a total of 16 provisional bal-

lots were taken on Tuesday and it will be up to the canvass board to determine if the votes would count and then to open the envelopes and see who gets the votes.

When the canvass board reviewed the 16 ballots it allowed 15 to be counted.

It was originally thought by Rumpel there was only one ballot in Ward 4 on the Democratic side that could tie up the race in the District 2 county commissioner race.

Rumpel said that in the poll books the other provisional Democratic ballot was not marked. The voting machine caught the error.

The canvassing board was made up of County Commissioners Chuck Thomas and Kevin Rasure and Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts.

Candidates Dee Miller and incumbent commissioner Mitch Tiede were present for the counting.

Most of the provisional ballots were because people had moved in the county but had not changed their voting registration. There was also a case of a name change and moving within the county.

Once the provisional ballots had been checked they were put through the vote counting machine and a tape of the results was printed out.

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