

# A peaceful and scenic location

**Now That's Rural**

By Ron Wilson

Sunrise. Sunsets. Serenity. That is an appropriate motto for the peaceful, scenic location where the Ringer family has created a bed and breakfast in rural Kansas.

Ron, Charlotte, Roger and Rodney Ringer are the family members who have put together this wonderful bed and breakfast. They have deep roots in rural Kansas, having farmed for four generations in western Sedgwick County. For years, the Ringers raised and milked Guernsey dairy cows. Ron Ringer then delivered bottled milk and subsequently went into sales in the Wichita area.

"My folks retired three times, but it never did take," Roger said with a smile. "They enjoy people a lot." For thirty years, the Ringers lived between Garden Plain and Cheney. They enjoyed wildlife and the great outdoors.

As the city of Wichita moved west, so did the Ringers. Charlotte said, "We should be close to church, close to a grocery store, and close to a doctor." The Ringers eventually found such a place and bought it in Barber County, north of Medicine Lodge.

One day Ron Ringer took his cousin hunting at their Barber County place. It went so well that he came home and said to his sons Roger and Rodney, "Next Saturday you're going to see what I saw."

When Saturday came, they all went to the property very early in the morning. As the sun rose,

they saw the deer come to water and watched geese and ducks fly overhead. There were even two raccoons who came out to greet them.

The Ringers loved it. Ron's wife Charlotte had always wanted to have a bed and breakfast, so they decided to build one on their Barber County property. Based on their old house plans, they built what looks like a wooden log lodge, complete with a balcony overlooking the landscape. The Ringers moved here in 2007. Over the years, they added a shop and another cabin for guests next door, plus a pretty gazebo.

Roger is a skilled woodcarver. Their buildings are filled with genuine antiques, some of which came from their farm, plus pieces of furniture which include those which Roger built himself. The Ringers are active members of Ducks Unlimited. Lots of wildlife art can be found throughout the buildings.

The place is named the Bunkhouse Bed and Breakfast at Wildfire Ranch. All of the buildings have beautiful wood walls, rustic decorations, modern amenities, and commanding views of the landscape around them.

"We serve a simple country breakfast," Roger said. "One of our recent guests from the Dallas, Texas area said it was the best breakfast he had ever had."

When a person drives onto the place, he or she meets a sign which proclaims "Open Range." Cattle guards are used on the road to keep cattle in, but otherwise the cows can roam the place. They are not con-

finied in a pen, which sometimes causes cultural confusion with city visitors. "Our guests sometimes say, "Do you know your cows are out?" and we will say, "No, they are in where they are supposed to be,"" Roger said.

The historic community of Medicine Lodge is located east of the spectacular Gypsum Hills, one of the most remarkable rock formations in Kan. The Bunkhouse Bed and Breakfast at Wildfire Ranch is located between Medicine Lodge and the nearby rural community of Isabel, population 99 people. Now, that's rural.

"The community has welcomed us with open arms," Roger said. "We've loved every minute of it." Roger is an active writer, western performer, and vice president of the Kansas Chapter of the Western Music Association. He enjoys interacting with guests.

"We've had guests from 43 states, 146 cities in Kan., and 22 foreign countries," Roger said. Those countries range the alphabet from Australia to Uganda. Guests seem particularly impressed with the peace and quiet. For more information, go to [www.bunkhouseatwildfireranch.com](http://www.bunkhouseatwildfireranch.com).

Sunrise. Sunsets. Serenity. Those are all things that can be found in this peaceful, scenic location in Kansas. We salute Ron, Charlotte, Roger and Rodney Ringer for making a difference by sharing this location with others. It's a place where sunrise, sunsets, and serenity are superb.

# Learning showmanship



The Norton County 4-H Council held a sheep and meat goat fitting, showing and care clinic on Tuesday at the Norton County Fairgrounds. (From left to right) Jenessa Ruder, Kiana Estes, Damian Wellman, Carson Wallace, Kim Lowry, Devin Shearer and Gavin Shearer got plenty of hands on experience and learned about showmanship from Brian Faris, K-State Research and Extension sheep and goat specialist.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

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# Bus applications due

Norton U.S.D. 211 would like to remind parents of children who reside outside of the Norton school district (i.e., Norcatur), and who will be attending the Norton schools in the 2014-15 school year, that our out of district transportation busing applications need to be completed and on file with the sending district. Current statutes allow the Norton buses to enter other districts to pick up students providing the student resides 2.5

miles or more from the attendance center they would attend in the sending district and if the student's application has been filed with the sending school district.

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HERMAN WUDTKE**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of **HERMAN WUDTKE, Deceased**  
 Case No. 2014-PR-20

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on May 20, 2014, a petition was filed in this Court by Ronald H. Wudtke, an heir, devisee and legatee, and personal representative of the *Pour Over Will* of Herman Wudtke, dated April 6, 1995, praying that the will and the *First Codicil To The Last Will And Testament Of Herman Wudtke* filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record, and that personal representatives be appointed without bond, and that Letters Testamentary be issued.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 16, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., with this Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton, 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.

Ronald H. Wudtke, Petitioner

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**•PUBLIC NOTICE•**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TODD E. BROOKS**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of **TODD E. BROOKS, Deceased**  
 Case No. 2014-PR-21

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on June 3, 2014, a petition was filed in this Court by Doyle Gene Brooks and Doak Lee Brooks, heirs, devisees and legatees, and named co-executors of the Last Will and Testament of Todd E. Brooks, dated April 6, 2004, praying that the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record, that they be appointed as co-executors without bond, and that they be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 30, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., with this Court, in the City of 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.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the later of four months from the date of first publication of this notice, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonable ascertainable, thirty days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Doyle Gene Brooks and Doak Lee Brooks, Petitioners

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# Norton Farmer's Market currently seeking vendors

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Vendors that would like more information regarding the market, please contact the market coordinator, Caryl Hale, at 785-550-1627 or by email at [Hale-shomesteading@gmail.com](mailto:Hale-shomesteading@gmail.com).

The opening day for the 2014 Norton Farmers Market will be June 7 starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 11 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Park location U.S. 36.

2014 Norton Farmer's Market Marlen Lewis, a staple vendor of the market, will have lettuce, spinach, onions, kohlrabi, cauliflower, broccoli, jelly, carrots, and radishes available. Other vendors will have eggs, possibly baked goods, and other early season vegetables.

Call Shylo with all your local news.  
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