

OBITUARIES

Don 'Shorty' Hauck

Dec. 9, 1927 - July 8, 2004

Don "Shorty" Hauck, 76, died July 8, at his home in Norton.

Mr. Hauck was born Dec. 9, 1927, in Miltonvale, the son of Leo and Arvilla (Jones) Hauck.

He graduated from high school in 1945 and served in the U.S. military.

On Sept. 17, 1954, he married Kathleen Millan in Phillipsburg. They made their home in Norton where he was a longtime employee of the Norton-Decatur Electric Co-op, now known as Prairieland Electric.

He was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post and the Norton Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing cards. He also enjoyed spending time at

O'Briens and the Beacon Cafe and sharing coffee time at the Town and Country Kitchen.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother, Frank Hauck.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen, of the home in Norton; and a brother, Roy Lee and LaDonna Hauck, Minneapolis, Kan.

Funeral services were held today at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church with Father Vincent Thu Laing officiating. Burial was in Norton Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to the American Legion Baseball Fund. Contributions may be sent to Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Jeffrey David Sierer

1964 - 2004

Jeffrey David Sierer, 39, died at his home in Norton.

Mr. Sierer was born Sept. 14, 1964, in Brighton, Colo., the son of Warren Howard and Carolyn Joyce (Fox) Sierer.

Mr. Sierer graduated from Glendale High School in Glendale, Calif., with the class of 1982. He also attended California State University in North Ridge. He remained in California for several years before moving to Colorado. He had been living in Norton for the past year.

He was a personnel director in human resources.

Mr. Sierer was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and coached youth sports. He was an avid golfer and sports fan. He enjoyed reading and trivia.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Warren Herbert and Shirley Sierer and Roy Hickman, and an uncle, David Sierer.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Warren Howard and Mary Beth Sierer, St. George,

Utah; his mother and stepfather, Carolyn and Stanley Applegate, Norton and Goodland; his maternal grandmother, Opal Hickman Dunn, Loveland, Colo.; a half-brother, Todd and Katie, Sierer, Provo, Utah; one sister, Melinda and Steve Elzinga, Longmont, Colo.; and a half-sister, Elizabeth Sierer, Provo.

Friends may call from 3-8:30 p.m., Wednesday at Enfield Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday at Enfield's. Galen Penner will conduct the service.

Graveside services and burial will follow on Friday at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) in Mountain View Cemetery, Longmont, Colo.

Memorials have been suggested to Second Chance Homeless Pet Society and the Jeff Sierer Memorial Fund. Contributions may be sent to Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Colorado arrangements were handled by Ahlberg Funeral Chapel, 326 Terry St., Longmont.

Neva Mae Smith

July 15, 1920 - July 8, 2004

Neva Mae Smith, 83, died July 8 at the Rossville Valley Manor in Rossville.

She was born July 15, 1920, at Norton, the daughter of Wilbert and Ethel (Frazier) Rowley.

She was married to Paul M. Smith on Feb. 7, 1940, at Great Bend. She moved with her husband to Eskridge in 1986. He died Aug. 9, 1988.

Mrs. Smith and her husband managed the Travel Lodge Motel in Emporia at the time of her retirement. They had previously managed the Kauffman Hotel in Oakley and motels in Albion,

Neb., and others in Kansas.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Full Gospel Church in Oakley.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy and Roscoe Peav, Phoenix; Sharon Smith, Asheville, N.C.; Patricia and Robert Eaton, Columbus, Neb.; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Monday at the Eskridge Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heartland Hospice and sent in care of the Crable VanArsdale Funeral Chapel, Box 338, Eskridge, Kan., 66423.

Harold E. 'Red' Stephen

April 25, 1930 - July 8, 2004

Harold E. "Red" Stephen, 74, died in Norton on July 8.

Mr. Stephen was born April 25, 1930, at the Gagel Ranch in Edmond to Lester Ross and Suzie Naylor (Zimmerman) Stephen.

He attended schools in Edmond. On Feb. 8, 1960, he and Evelyn M. Dean were married in Salina. They lived in Norton until 1961, when they moved to Dighton. They lived there for one year before moving to Hill City.

In 1969, Mr. Stephen took a position with Big A, and the family moved to Hays. In 1974, they moved to Norton and he worked at Jim's Big A in Phillipsburg for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Stephen died in 1986 and on June 5, 1993, he married Pat Hickert.

He was a member of the Norton Christian Church, Harmonson-Redd American Legion and the

Norton Eagles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, and three brothers, Everett, Harlen and Lester Stephen.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, of the home in Norton; a daughter, Patty and John Gall, Norton; six step-children, Jeanann and Robert Bowman, Almena; Tom Hickert, Clayton; Rose and Butch Beale, Smithville, Mo.; Rick and Betty Hickert, Selden; Tim and Dar Hickert, Hays; Linnette and Ernie Klaus, Hays; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Enfield Funeral Home with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial was in Edmond Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his name. Contributions may be sent in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

BIRTH

Coy Darrell Fiegel

Kip and Karen Fiegel, Hays, are the parents of a son, Coy Darrell Fiegel, born June 19. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 inches long. He has a brother, Samuel, 2.

Grandparents are Darrell and Kathie Skrdlant, Norton; Charlotte Fiegel, Protection, and the late Charles Fiegel.

Great-grandparents are Ernest Sauer, Norton; Vivian Skrdlant, Norton; and Fern Lampe, Nashville, Kan.

Ammonia is good for emergency forage

Treating crop residue such as wheat straw or milo stover can be an excellent way to provide some emergency forage.

Wheat straw is available now and good clean straw may be in demand for various uses. One that may become important is its use in ammoniation as a potential feed later on.

Developing a supply of any emergency feed from waste straw by ammoniation is a cost-effective, risk-management strategy. Some estimates have figured ammoniated straw at around \$30-\$40 per ton.

What does ammonia do? The anhydrous has the ability to seek out any material that has even the slightest bit of moisture and when the straw is uniform in quality and moisture content, an injection under a plastic cover will break apart the cellulose bonds in the straw and allow for greater rumen digestion, thus improving the energy available to the animal by 8-15 percent.

It will boost feed intake 15-20 percent due to increased palatability (acceptability) and increased passage through the rumen and digestive tract. It can double the crude protein from the original materials' source by being a non-toxic source of non-protein nitrogen.

The ammonia has also shown to be a preservative in higher moisture feeds. This treatment is best done in any straw or stover prod-

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uct with less than 5 percent crude protein.

The procedure can be applied to any forage (square or large round bales, or stacks). Warm weather speeds the process, taking only 3 to 5 days as opposed to 30-40 days when temperatures cool down later in the fall.

This is the key to a successful infiltration of the ammonia. Select a level site with some wind protection. An older bunker or pit silo makes an excellent "container" if it is level as not much plastic is needed to cover the sides.

One example is a roll 40-foot-by-100-foot 6-8 mm. plastic (black or clear) will cover a six round bale pyramid (three on bottom, two on middle, and one on top) about 14 bales in length. This is about 80 round bales.

With a bunker silo you can cover the sides and build higher stacks with the same plastic. After you pick a calm morning, cover the stack with plastic, seal the edges of the plastic with soil after the bales are covered. Straw works very good when covering the bales as the plastic just floats across the bales.

The ammonia can be applied

from a nurse tank, with a long applicator hose and pipe extended near the mid length of the stack, inserted under the plastic and soil. You do not need to stab the applicator pipe in different locations while applying. The ammonia under the plastic will swell the cover and penetrate all areas of the bales.

The application rate is at 3 percent or about 60 pounds per ton of dry matter. If the material is 15 percent moisture then the dry matter is 85 percent of the total gross weight. The ammonia can be released at 10 to 60 pounds per

minute over three to five hours.

Remember to work up-wind and handle the ammonia safely. You can build the stack with the correct amount of ammonia in the tank then allow the tank to run dry. The stack should be left covered, if possible, until about a week before feeding. Uncover the bales as you use them and allow them to aerate a little.

I have some fact sheets on this topic in the Extension office.

This time of year, with the availability of good clean straw, it may be something to really take a look at.

HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE, Director

The Museum has taken on a chaotic look with tables, cases, hat stands, photos, labels, and paintings strewn throughout the gallery. Even now, with hats laid out on tabletops awaiting their placement in cases or on pedestals, you can tell this will be a fabulous show.

One hundred hats and head-dresses from around the world are at the museum and will open for viewing on Friday. This exhibit is the result of years of collecting by Stacey Miller. Also organized by Ms. Miller, the show of hats was developed for touring by Smith Kramer Fine Arts service out of Kansas City, Mo.

From a simple beret to an elabo-

rate foreign headdress, what is worn atop the head tells a great deal about the person wearing it. Hats can identify culture and country, or may even be worn to scare off enemies or to attract a mate. "Hats Off" to this exhibit: don't miss it.

MARKETS

At close of business July 12

Wheat	\$3.33
White Wheat	\$3.31
Milo	\$3.90
Corn	\$2.50
Soybeans	N/A

Old luggage can be more than it seems

Collector
Chat
Liza Deines



To paraphrase a familiar quotation "Potential is in the eye of the beholder".

It's always interesting to sit next to a stranger at an auction and get into a conversation about what they collect, what they search for, and what they plan to do with the items they buy.

It never ceases to amaze me when someone comes up with the cleverest idea to use an object that seemed ugly, unusable or totally useless to me.

Something that often goes for a song at auctions is luggage. It's not unusual to see a whole batch of suitcases sell for \$5 to \$10.

Suitcases have multiple possibilities even if they are old and ugly. Avocado green and gold luggage goes begging but it can be utilized for storage. Slide those cases under a bed to store linens and extra blankets, out-of-season clothing or Christmas wreaths and other seasonal decorations.

How about a secure spot for those pesky tax files we all have to keep for years?

Vintage luggage is highly collectible.

For several years now the decorator magazines have been showing strapped leather traveling cases stacked up to serve as bedside tables or lamp stands. The texture of old leather gives any room a cozy warmth.

A large Pullman leather suitcase set on end and left open is a creative way to show off a tall vase or a sculpture.

Do you collect linens, gloves, vintage hats?

Display a few arranged in an open dressing case. A good solid suitcase makes an ideal file for those snapshots or clipped recipes you intend to get into a scrapbook eventually.

Another collector hot spot is luggage made of a trendy color for a particular period. Recently a set of pink Samsonite sold on eBay for a surprising amount because it evoked the 1950s when pink and black were the "in" colors.

Paisley print luggage sells well, especially if an entire set is available.

Luggage was a traditional gift at the time I graduated from high school. Mine was a full set of Sears-Roebuck white leather cases lined with royal blue quilted satin.

I gave them away when airline luggage came on the market. How

short sighted. One of my friends received a rouge red set and still carries the makeup case on trips.

Restoration?

Leather should be gently washed with a good oil soap, allowed to dry entirely, then rubbed down with neatsfoot oil. Let dry again, polish with a good wax shoe polish and buff till that old leather glows.

A few scuffs or scrapes give it a bit of personality. And if you should be blessed with some original travel stickers, try your best to preserve them.

Tin cases are often banged up a bit but if latches are operable and there's no rust, don't repair them too much.

Repainting looks fake. Rather, remove any sticky spots with a damp towel, then try a good rub-down with black shoe polish and a firm buffing with soft flannel to bring back their shine.

Those old brown striped cardboard cases from the 1940's can be spiffed up a bit with a good brushing. As a last resort to repair a solid but scabby cardboard case, try covering with contact paper or wallpaper to match a room.

If you have a suitcase that smells musty, open and set it outside on a hot, sunny day, then close it with several unwrapped bars of scented soap inside. If that fails, line with printed newspaper and fill with charcoal briquettes. Close tight for a week or ten days, then try the soap treatment.

If fabric linings are stained or torn beyond repair, pull them out carefully and use as a pattern to make replacement panels. Staplegun, tack or Super glue to the interior for a clean fresh look.

When you start choosing for the summer garage sale or thrift shop run, consider all the potentials before your final decision. You may come up with a whole new concept.

LITTLE JOYS, LITTLE PLEASURES— Did you drive around Norton to see the lilies blooming this past week? With all the glorious rain we've had they really outdid themselves this summer.

READERS

Twenty-seven descendants of W.O. Sproul gathered May 30 for a reunion at the Norton 4-H Building. Families represented were the McMulkins, Sprouls and Hillmans. Next year's reunion will be held in WaKeeney.

Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.

Amber Norman, a sophomore enrolled in pre-med at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, was recently inducted into Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

— Steak and seafood night,



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