

# Prom revisits 70's, gives prizes

## OBITUARIES

### Novella Ann Hewett July 28, 1914 - April 6, 2009

Novella Ann Hewett, age 94, of Beaver City, died April 6, 2009 at the Harlan County Hospital in Alma. She was born on July 28, 1914 in Deer Trail, Colo. to James and Grace (Booth) Nichol. The family moved to a farm near Logan in 1916.

She grew up in the Bow Creek community, graduating from Densmore High School with the class of 1933. She married Loren Hewett on Nov. 8, 1933 in Logan. They farmed in the Cactus community until they purchased a farm east of Beaver City. They continued to farm until 1972, then they moved into Beaver City. She worked for 25 years in the public at Harringtons, Maaskes, Fitz's and Kelley's Market and then Beaver City Manor. She retired from working in 1983. Her husband Loren died on Feb.

25, 1990. She wrote news for the Beaver City Times and Tribune for a number of years. She was a very active member of Hollinger United Methodist Church in Hollinger, taught Sunday School and was the Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years. She was president of the United Methodist Women. She worked at the blood mobile for a number of years as a volunteer. She was an active member of the Beaver City Senior Center. She was dedicated to her family and church and community.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Loren; a nephew, Michael Nichol; and a brother, Leslie Nichol.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy and husband Jerry Smith of Joplin, Mo.; a brother, Orville and wife Dorothy Nichol of

Sweet Home, Oregon; three grandchildren, Dawne and husband Doug Hicks of Oronogo, Mo, Travis and wife Stephanie Smith of Oronogo, and Branden and wife Kim Smith of Neosho, Mo; and eight great-grandchildren, Kolbe and Addison Hicks, Alexis, Mallory and Kinzlea Smith, all of Oronogo, and Kael, Kanten and Kynden Smith of Neosho.

Condolences or personal reflections may be left at [www.wenburgfureralhome.com](http://www.wenburgfureralhome.com).

Viewing was Thursday at Wenburg Funeral Home in Beaver City.

Funeral services were today at 10 a.m. at the Hollinger United Methodist Church with Pastor Linda Knipping officiating. Burial followed at the Union Cemetery near Hollinger.

Norton Community High School held its annual Prom last Saturday. The night's theme was "Forever Tonight."

The evening began with cameras and flashes — promenaded in the Stull Gymnasium. Juniors and seniors paraded out in front of family and friends to pose for pictures in front of a lattice backdrop, which was donated by Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse.

The dinner began at 7 p.m., and was provided by Danny Pfannenstiel, Claire Herman and the junior class parents.

Mike Sander, Sander Furniture and Sander Bed and Bath, was the honored speaker, along with junior class president Amanda Ray and senior class president Ashley Colip.

The dance followed, with music provided by Complete Music. Photographer for the evening was Roy Skrdlant.

Jordan Bebb and Katharine Roy were crowned King and Queen; and Taylor Rossi and Jacob VanSkiel were named Prince and Princess.

The after-prom party was a success. The theme was "The 70's Show." Peace signs, flowers and disco silhouettes decorated the junior high gymnasium. Sue Rossi was in charge of games, and the top three were the obstacle course, jousting and dodge ball. Jamie



Jordan Bebb and Katharine Roy were crowned King and Queen at Prom Saturday night. Jordan is the son of Monica Bebb, Lenora; Katharine is the daughter of Corey and Gail Roy, Norton.



Taylor Rossi and Jacob VanSkiel were named Prom Princess and Prince Saturday night. Taylor is the daughter of George and Sue Rossi, Norton; Jacob is the son of Keith and Karen VanSkiel, Norton.

### Harlan M. Snuggerud July 6, 1915 - April 6, 2009

Harlan M. Snuggerud, 93, died April 6, 2009 at Bridgeview Center in Ormond Beach, Fla.



H. Snuggerud

Harlan was born on July 6, 1915 in Holmen, Wis. to Bernt and Sarah (Hanson) Snuggerud. He attended country schools in Moody County through the eighth grade. Harlan learned farming at an early age and farmed in Flandreau, SD until the age of 80. He married Liala Jensen on Nov. 19, 1939 in Colman, SD.

Besides farming, he owned and operated an implement business in Flandreau and was Treasurer of Moody County for 12 years. Liala preceded him in death on May 28, 1995. Following her

death he moved to Norton to be near his oldest daughter and family; and then in 2004 he moved to Florida and lived near his other three daughters. Harlan especially enjoyed helping a neighbor, fixing something that needed repair and in his later days loved a cup of coffee and reminiscing about life on the farm. He was a former member of Clare Lutheran Church and a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Flandreau.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; one brother, Luverne and three sisters, Agnes, Sylvia and Marie.

Harlan is survived by four daughters, JoAnn and husband Bernie Bowen, Norton, Judean and husband Bob Frank, Elkton, Fla., Linda Allen, Jacksonville, Fla., and Patricia and husband Jack Dewees, Ormond Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, Janette,

Cheryl, Connie, Gail, Jackie, Sharla, Gerald, Christopher, Roxanne, Michelle and Nathan; 6 step-grandchildren, Dannette, Maron, Jana, Rob, Becky and Ramsey; 19 great-grandchildren, Lisa, Michael, Heather, Brett, Bo, Luke, Connor, Baron, Emma, Cordrey, Derek, Maggie, Carlie, Ryan, Eden, Brooke, Lacy, Sydney and Samantha; 13 step-great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandsons and one sister, Lillian Tjarks, Flandreau, SD.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Flandreau, with burial in Clare Cemetery rural Flandreau. Visitation will be today from 4 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Skroch Funeral Chapel in Flandreau.

Memorials may be made to the Sunflower Pioneer Power Association in Almena.

### Couple sets wedding date

Julia Elizabeth Bryie, Dodge City, is engaged to be married to Jeffrey Michael Springer, Dodge City.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Julia Ann Bryie, Norton.

She is a 2003 graduate from Norton Community High School and is a Junior Commercial Loans Clerk at Landmark National Bank in Dodge City. She is taking classes through Fort Hays State University and is majoring in Criminal Justice.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mike and Rita Springer, Dodge City.

He is a 2006 graduate of Fort Hays State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree



Julia Bryie and Jeffrey Springer

in Sociology.

He is a Case Manager at Arrowhead West, Inc. in Dodge City.

The couple met in Hays while attending Fort Hays State University.

The wedding will be held on May 2 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.

The couple plans to reside in Dodge City.

Call us at 785-877-3361

Happy 95th Birthday Erma Hackney (Tuesday, April 14)

A card shower is requested by great nieces Shelby and Samantha. Cards will reach Erma at: 12579 Hwy. 283 Norton, KS 67654

## Kindle could be the end of traditional books

One of my sons recently showed me a new horizon about which I had very mixed feelings. Have you seen a Kindle? No, it's not something with which you start a fire nor is it a misspelling of my friend Beverly's name, but it may be the beginning of the end of books as we know them. As different as ancient scrolls are from modern books, is the Kindle, an electronic reading device. It is about the size of the larger paperback books, only half an inch thick and within it a reader can store over 1,200 books!

A major advantage of electronic reading is not only portability of an entire library, but the ability to enlarge print size for those with visual impairments. Many books are available free through public domain, others require payment but none are as expensive as a traditional hard-back book. They download in seconds from Amazon and every title I could think of was listed. Easily recharged to last for hours, this little marvel is equipped with page forward and previous page, built-in dictionary and even a feature that allows the reader to "clip" and save favorite quotes to a special

### Child of the 40's Liza Deines



file. Do you see why I suspect that some day a child will see a book and ask "Mama, what's that?"

Books have been a huge part of my life as far back as I can remember. One of my earliest memories involves a child's storybook I checked out from the old Hill City Library, which was located in a building constructed of that Graham County green stone. The story was about a puppy that fell into a cistern where he swam and barked for hours until he was rescued. "We have one of those," I told Mama, "maybe there's a puppy in ours!" "No, dear, we don't," Mama reproved me, "It's just a story." "Yes, we do," I insisted "come see, I'll show you." Sure enough, around on the north side of our little rental house, hidden in a bed of iris foliage, I pointed out rotted wooden planks. Through a gap I showed Mama the water below. "I drop

stuff in there and it splashes," I explained innocently, "but I guess there's no puppy in ours." Mama looked down in shocked dismay and hurriedly pulled me away. Later that night I heard Daddy out there building a new, strong cover to protect a curious three-year old from a potentially dangerous situation. It was the first time I realized books were about real things that happen to real people.

In the years to follow I ate up all the books in the tiny WaKeeney Library, made substantial inroads into larger facilities in Hays and Salina, read everything the schools had to offer and started in on Norton Public Library. Plus, those of you who attended my auction a few years back saw how many volumes I'd purchased. Oh, how I miss the shelves of books that used to surround me. There is a nice small library here at The Carlyle and I receive books through the Mid-Continent Library-by-Mail service, so I am not totally bereft of the written word. During dialysis sessions I listen to books on

tape, thanks to another son who has loaned me an MP-3 player, so I'm somewhat familiar with electronic devices.

Don't mistake my intentions here. Electronic readers are the wave of the future and I would love to have one loaded with all my favorites. Still, there is nothing quite so pleasurable as opening up a brand new volume, smelling the ink and paper, gently pressing back the spine, anticipating the tale to be told within. Somehow I can't believe that traditional books we have known and loved for so many years will completely cease to exist. There are just too many book lovers out there to allow that to happen.

Book lovers, arise! No, on second thought, go sit down and start that new novel right now.

MY MAMA SAID: You need never be bored if you have a book.

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### Business notes

Boxler Insurance Agency, Inc., Norton, has been named a Farmer's Alliance Advantage Agent for 2009 by The Farmer's Alliance Companies in McPherson. To qualify as an Advantage Agent, an agency must exhibit superior professionalism and profitability over five consecutive years. Advantage Agents are recognized by Farmer's Alliance as the "best of the best." To reach this level of distinction is a reflection of this agency's commitment to their customers and their community. Congratulations to Boxler Insurance Agency, Inc. for this achievement.

The Farmer's Alliance Companies are represented by independent agents, and serve nine states.

Farmer's Alliance was established in 1888 and writes a full-range of property and liability insurance for homes, farms and commercial businesses.

### DESTINATION KITCHEN . . .

Thanks you for your amazing support over the past six months. Yes we have made it half a year! Lots of you have voiced your concern about our long hours of work. We appreciate your kindness and have also been trying to find a resolution. We have decided to close on Mondays. Our new hours will be: Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 to 6:00 — Serving lunch every day.

We ask for your understanding as we continue to adapt to our business adventure. We will continue to bring you yummy food and the latest in kitchen accessories.



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3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26  
East Campus Auditorium  
NORTON, KANSAS

Adults - \$8; Students and Reciprocity - \$4; 12 and Under - \$1  
Purchase tickets at the door or in advance at First State Bank  
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Showing at the  
**NORTON THEATRE**  
**Monsters VS Aliens**  
(PG) 1 Hour, 44 Minutes (Premiere)  
SPECIAL SHOWTIMES FOR EASTER WEEK:  
Friday and Saturday: 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
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**Race to Witch Mountain**  
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Friday, April 17  
Knowing

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