

# OBITUARIES

## Hethie E. Tanner

Sept. 4, 1918 - March 22, 2012

Hethie E. Tanner, age 93, of Beaver City, Neb. died Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the Beaver City Manor in Beaver City, Neb. She was born Sept. 4, 1918 in Lincoln, Neb. to Andrew and Nellie (Hannon) Randall.

She grew up in the Denton, Neb. area. She married Vernon Tanner on June 12, 1949 at her parents' home in Lincoln. They farmed in the Precept area until 1958 when they moved to a farm south of Beaver City. They lived on the farm until 1997 when they moved to Norton to be near family. Her husband, Vernon, died March 19, 2006. She moved to Beaver City Man-



or on Jan. 21, 2010.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church

in Beaver City, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Vernon in 2006, sons: Dennis in 1978 and Arlen in 1990, sisters: Pearl, Esther and Katherine, brothers: Merle, Howard, Lloyd and Royal and two great-grandsons.

Survivors include her son, Steve Tanner and wife Donna of Norton; daughter, Marjorie and husband Norman Kingham of Almena; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, March 24, at Union Cemetery in rural Beaver City, Neb., with Pastor Jim Nichol officiating.

## Marjorie Jean Johnson

Nov. 4, 1921 - March 22, 2012

Marjorie Jean Johnson, 90, died Thursday, March 22, 2012 in Dalhart, Texas.

Marjorie Jean Yerton was born Nov. 4, 1921 in Norton County to James and Elizabeth (Duff) Yerton. Marjorie married Joe Johnson in January, 1939 and was a homemaker. She was very loving, caring and had one of the most beautiful smiles. Marjorie will be missed by all that knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Joe and son, Dennis Johnson.

Marjorie is survived by cousins Sue Downing and Barbara Smith of Denver, Colo., Dick VanDerWege of Phillipsburg; three sisters-in-laws Mildred Fielding of Dalhart, Texas, Gladys

Tautfist of Tucson, Ariz., Wilma Hamilton of Lombardi, Ill.; a niece and husband, Pat and Farrell Forry of Dalhart, Texas; and other nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27 in the Norton Cemetery with Pastor Larry Lyles officiating.

Mrs. Johnson will lie in state from 10 a.m. until noon in the Norton Christian Church.

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, 1115 2nd Street, Phillipsburg, KS 67661 is in charge of local arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at [www.olliff-boeve.com](http://www.olliff-boeve.com).

## Curtis Dean Blickenstaff

May 4, 1931 - March 22, 2012

Curtis Dean Blickenstaff, son of Clarence and Una (Wycoff) Blickenstaff, was born May 4, 1931 in Norton County and passed away at the Shawnee Mission Medical in Overland Park on March 22, 2012 at the age of 80.

Dean grew up in Norton County and attended the Norton schools. He was also a graduate of Kansas State University. On June 8, 1952, Dean and Myrth Maddox were united in marriage. They made their home in Norton where Dean was co-owner of Ideal Truck Lines for many years. Following their retirement, they moved to Overland Park to be near their family.

Dean was a member of the

First United Methodist Church in Norton and attended the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. He greatly enjoyed spending his time with his church, family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Myrth Blickenstaff, Overland Park; three sons, Bart Blickenstaff, Idaho Springs, Colo.; Bret and wife, Sandra Blickenstaff, of Overland Park; Curt and wife, Laura Blickenstaff, of Lenexa; four grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents and his infant son, Michael Blickenstaff.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist

Church and burial will be in the Norton Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 27 from 3-8 p.m.

A memorial service will be held Friday, March 30 at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection (Wesley Chapel), 13720 Roe Ave., Leawood, KS 66221.

Visitation will be Friday, March 30 at 9 a.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to Emeritus Alzheimer's Center.

Condolences can be made at [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

## Vivian Viola Hill

May 8, 1929 - March 25, 2012

Vivian Viola Hill, daughter of George Washington Ryan and Ruth Beatrice (Doss) Ryan, was born May 8, 1929 in Mountain Grove, Mo. and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton on March 25, 2012 at the age of 82.

She grew to womanhood in Mountain Grove and Marshall Mo. and attended schools in Mountain Grove. She lived in Mountain Grove and Wright County, Mo. then moved to Kansas City in 1988. She later moved to Texas, then to Norton in 2008. She was united in marriage to Harold E. Hill, Sr. on Feb. 4, 1954 in Mountain Grove Mo. and he passed away in November, 1989.

Vivian enjoyed cooking, listening to country music and she loved the family pets and playing cards. Her greatest love was spending time with her family and her friends. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She attended the Norton

Christian Church when her health permitted. She read her Bible regularly and loved the Lord.

Survivors include three sons, Harold Hill, Jr. and companion Cindy, Norton; Allen Hill, Bolivar, Mo.; Dan Hill and wife Amy, Atlanta, Texas; one daughter, Allie Whitt, Norton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, one sister, and twin great-granddaughters.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton, and burial will be at Norton Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 28 from 3-8 p.m.

Contributions can be made to the Vivian Hill Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home.

## Applicants accepted to fight medical fraud

The Kansas Department on Aging, Senior Medicare Patrol is partnering with Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging to recruit and train individuals

interested in fighting Medicare and Medicaid fraud. The Senior Medicare Patrol is a federally funded national endeavor created to help Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries protect, detect and report health care fraud. Since its inception in 1997, the Senior Medicare Patrol is credited with saving taxpayers more than \$100 million.

Volunteers serve a vital role in the Senior Medicare Patrol program. Each volunteer receives extensive training which includes the patrol's mission, Medicare basics, and how to recognize and report Medicare fraud. Upon completion, volunteers will have the tools and support needed to assist seniors in the community, protect their personal information, detect suspicious activities and report their concerns.

The Senior Medicare Patrol asks volunteers to serve in a number of ways. Opportunities

include activities that range from distributing materials such as brochures, flyers, and handouts to activities that allow volunteers to meet with beneficiaries and answer simple questions or to connect them with the right person to answer more complex questions. Patrol staff will meet with volunteers individually to ensure that volunteers are given an opportunity to serve in a capacity that fits their time, interest, location and strengths.

Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging is currently accepting applications to be reviewed and processed by the Kansas Department on Aging Senior Medicare Patrol. To obtain a copy of the application please contact Glenna Clingsmith at 785-628-8204 or Nikki Noe, Senior Medicare Patrol Program Administrator at 785-296-0377 or email: [Nikki.Noel@aging.ks.gov](mailto:Nikki.Noel@aging.ks.gov).

## Try something new in the garden

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I have this longtime gardening habit of planting something new each year. For whatever reason. It's kinda fun to go off the deep end and attempt to grow something that is unfamiliar to me due to different tastes or unusual growing habit. The challenge is the thing, and garden space is not a problem other than I have too much of it. I planted celery one year. Grew about a dozen nice large stalks of it, but it never blanched from dark green to white and was as tough as a large rope. I never tried it again although it was fun starting the little transplants.

Last summer, I successfully grew Waltham Butternut squash for the first time, after years of talking and writing about it. Squash is a bit far out for me but I can tolerate winter squash, and Waltham Butternut was excellent tasting and easy to grow. I've even grown tomatillos, popcorn, Malabar spinach, parsnips, (yum), Fava beans, habanero peppers, and radicchio. I've never planted arugula or edible chrysanthemums.

I know you can hardly wait to hear about my choice for this year's garden! I made the tough decision early in January after studying all those seed catalogs very closely. This year, drum roll please, I will plant....HEAD LETTUCE!! How exciting is that?

Please understand that I always plant and enjoy a short row of leaf lettuce and we thoroughly enjoy the many different shapes and colors that leaf lettuce presents us. Flavor? Not much. And so we add great gobs of different consistencies of dressings as we search for a reason to serve the stuff in the first place.

But head lettuce? I have always understood that it was difficult, if not impossible, to grow head lettuce in a normal backyard garden in this area because of overly warm summer temperatures. But I discovered an article in an old 1985 home gardening publication that told me I could do it. The secret seems to be that you plant very early, thus escaping the heat of summer which most lettuce types will not tolerate.

Head lettuce is one of four different families of lettuce. There is the aforementioned Leaf Lettuce, and also Romaine, Loosehead, and Crisphead. Head lettuce is a crisphead type and probably the most familiar of the foursome since we have access to Iceberg year around at the supermarket. There is, of course, no "crunchiness" to leaf lettuce and as a result, our homegrown salads tend to lack "body" despite the nice colors and the freshness. Maybe the crispness of head lettuce can provide that need as well as sandwich accompaniments.

With any type of head lettuce, you must start the plants inside and early in order to get good growth and early maturity before the heat sets in. I've chosen a variety of head lettuce called Calmar. It is described as one that has a strong resistance to heat, which it will certainly need in our area. So, I'll start the seeds inside, get some growth on them, and then set the transplants outside very early. To do so, I'll need to plant the seeds inside about.....uh oh..NOW!!! Gotta go! See you next week!

### 50th Anniversary

David and Charlotte Kindall, Norton, married March 30, 1962 in Ogallah and are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Children are Chris and Meridel, Kem and Melinda and Kyle and Malinda (Mindy). They have six grandchildren: Gaedan, Kylee, Coleman, Bailey, Makensy and Savannah. Granddaughter Crescent passed away in 2011.

## HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents two exhibits simultaneously: "The State of Kansas Historical Mural" by Dennis Schiel of Hays, and "Maxwell Berry's Wildflower Photography." These exhibits opened on March 16 and will run through April 15. Both of these exhibits are quite educational. Come in and learn some new information about Kansas that you had not previously known.

"The State of Kansas Historical Mural" consists of 10 three by four foot panels. Each panel contains historical subjects that pertain to the panel's coverage area. This mural has over 300 historical subjects covering the people, animals, landscape, trails, railroads and historical sites from the State of Kansas. Dennis Schiel's ultimate goal was to have painted a State Mural with historical content second to none. "If one picture says a thousand words, I can't imagine the number of words created with this Mural."

"Maxwell Berry's Wildflower Photography," which he donated in the mid-seventies, consists of over 100 framed photographs. Dr. Berry's hobby was photography and he was fascinated with the beauty of the Kansas prairie flower. Using a single lens Reflex 35 mm camera and a 50 mm macro-lens, Berry photographed wildflowers in Greenwood County, where he was born, and also Wilson and Woodson counties in Kansas. This collection has shown periodically in the past and we are pleased once again to share this exhibit with the public.

The annual meeting will be held Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. in the Dane G. Hansen Commu-

nity room. A presentation of a colored print of Dane and Polly Bales will be made. Polly will be present for the presentation. The public is welcome to attend and visit with Polly. Fort Hays State College will also be presenting a musical program.

We are looking forward to the Schaffner Watercolor Painting Workshop on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday,

April 11, 12, 13 and 14. The workshop starts at 9 a.m. and runs through noon and then from 1-4 p.m. If interested, call 685-4846 or go [www.hansen-museum.org](http://www.hansen-museum.org).

Our March Artists of the Month are Tom and Mary Ewing from Oberlin. Tom and Mary have quilting, leather work and baskets on display and for sale.

**The Norton County Treasurer's Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, April 5 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. for Statewide Training**

March 23-March 28

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### Meals on Wheels

March 26-April 1- Norton Correctional Facility, contact Kelly Gill (877-6667)

April 2-8- Church of God, contact Marilyn Colip (877-2461)

April 9-15- Mid-Century Federated Club, contact Eunice Neiltopp (877-2439)

April 16-29- Norton PEO, contact Deb McClymont (877-5441)

April 30-May 13- United Methodist Church, contact Jean White (877-3935)

Call Mike with all your social news.  
877-3361