

OBITUARIES

Richard Dean Hockman

March 23, 1931 - Nov. 30, 2012

Richard Dean Hockman was born in Hoxie on March 23, 1931 to Ora Hockman and Martha (Boys) Hockman. He died on Nov. 30, 2012 at the age of 81 years, eight months, and seven days, at the Norton County Hospital. As a young child he moved from Hoxie to Colorado, and later to Densmore to attend Densmore High School, where he graduated with the class of 1949. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, and was a member of the American Legion in Norton. He married Rita Marie Riemann on Aug. 7, 1951 in Densmore, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. To this union, six children were born, Paul, Robert, Keith, Mary Theresa, Lyle, and Kirk. In 1954, they moved to the farm north of Densmore, and in 1958 they moved to their current home where Richard and Rita farmed until he retired in 2010. Richard loved to hunt, talk on the tele-

phone, and was always there to lend a helping hand.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents Ora and Martha; son, Paul; daughter, Mary Theresa; great grandson, Ethan Sauron Hockman; brother, George Therwin Hockman; brother-in-laws, Harold Riemann, Duane Riemann, and Gene Walters.

Survivors include his wife Rita Hockman; children, Robert Hockman and wife Beverly of Salina; Keith Hockman and wife Patti of Plainville; Lyle Hockman and wife Brenda of Phillipsburg; Kirk Hockman and wife Anita of Topeka; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister-in-laws Joan Riemann, Ruth and husband Roger Roe of Osage City; Karen Walters of Albion, Neb.; Mary Ellen Posson of Norton; Darlene Hockman of Centennial, Colo.; Lila Riemann of Phillipsburg; brother-in-law, Bernard Riemann of Mesquite,

Nebraska; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard had struggled with multiple medical complications in his life, especially in the last 13 years. Nevertheless, he will long be remembered by his friends as loyal, yet always eager to joke and tease.

Rosary service was held Sunday evening, Dec. 2, in the Logan Funeral Home, Logan.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, Dec. 3, in the St. John's Catholic Church, Logan, with Father George Chalhbagham officiating.

Burial followed in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Densmore, with military honors.

Visitation was Sunday from noon - 9 p.m. at the Logan Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fence Fund.

Patricia Jones

April 30, 1931 - Dec. 2, 2012

Patricia Jones, Smith Center, died on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 at Deseret Health & Rehab Center in Smith Center at the age of 81.

She was born on April 30, 1931, the daughter of John and Agnes (East) Wiehl. She was a homemaker.

She married Harry Jones Jr. on Aug. 10, 1947 in Smith Center at Harry's parents' house.

Survivors include her son Harry Jones III of Smith Center; daughter, Sherri Clark of Norton; sister-in-law, Phyllis Coulson of Bossier City, La.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the mortuary.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at the Simmons-Rentschler Mortuary with Pastor Phil Olson officiating.

Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Smith Center.

The family requests memorial contributions be given to the American Cancer Society and can be sent in care of the mortuary.

Online condolences can be left at www.simmons-rentschler.com.

Jean Marie Sullivan Horner

April 18, 1934 - Oct. 31, 2012

Jean Marie Sullivan Horner, of Sundance, Wyo., died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012 at Crook County Nursing Home at the age of 78.

Jean was born on April 18, 1934 in Solomon, Kan., to Michael and Anna (Yeadon) Sullivan. She attended school in Solomon and graduated from Solomon High School in 1952. Jean married her childhood sweetheart, Bennie Lloyd Horner, on Jan. 31, 1952, and to this union five children were born: Catherine Jo, Bernard Joe, Cynthia Jo, Brandon Joe and Bradley Joe.

Jean was gifted with a beautiful singing voice and received many honors and awards for her vocal solos. Jean chose the path of marriage and motherhood instead of pursuing an education in the field of music. However, throughout her life, music played a significant role in her life, and she graciously passed this onto her children and grandchildren.

Jean resided with her husband

in Solomon, where they started their family. Jean was a homemaker while her husband was employed in the dry cleaning business. In 1967, Jean and Ben purchased their own dry cleaning business in Phillipsburg. Jean quickly learned the business and became proficient in alterations, a trade she taught herself. While operating the cleaners, Jean and her husband expanded their small business operations to include a fast food restaurant, and as antique dealers. After her children were raised, Jean was employed at the Phillips County Nursing Home as the Activity Director. Her nurturing and caring manner blessed so many in the final stages of their lives.

Jean was an active member in her community, participating in several local organizations and clubs. She was also an active member of the Catholic Church and served on many committees and in various leadership roles.

Jean will be remembered as a compassionate and loving woman. She was spunky and

energetic until robbed of her health.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ben Horner, son, Bernard Joe Horner, her parents, her sisters; Helen, Anna, Bernice, Josephine, Katherine, and Margaret and brothers; Bartholomew, Michael, Gerald, and Charles and granddaughter, Natalie Kathleen Clonch.

She is survived by her children, Catherine (Lonnie) Kellerman, Stockton; Cynthia (Don) Clonch, Moorcroft, Wyo.; Brandon (Beverly) Horner, Moscow; Bradley Horner and Richard Goldberg, Montclair, N.J.; her brother, George (Marie) Sullivan of Rossville; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, Nov. 19 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Solomon, with Father John Wolesky officiating.

Burial was at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Solomon.

Lyle E. Hackney

April 9, 1952 - Dec. 1, 2012

Lyle E. Hackney, Herndon, died on Dec. 1, 2012 at the age of 60.

The son of Kermit and Betty (Lorimer) Hackney, Lyle was born on April 9, 1952 in Atwood.

Lyle was raised on the family farm south of Herndon and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1970 and served his country in the U.S. Navy.

He married Janet Stevenson on July 3, 2004 and they resided mostly in the Decatur County area. Lyle worked as a truck driver and was a member of the Herndon Covenant Church, Oberlin American Legion, Herndon VFW and the Herndon Fire Department.

Lyle was preceded in death by his father, Kermit Hackney.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Hackney of Herndon; mother, Betty Grout of Atwood; two sons, Coley (Chelsey) Hackney of Atwood and

Tyler Hackney of Denver, Colo.; one stepson, Carl (Jody) Stevenson of Anchorage, Alaska; one stepdaughter, Janeize Stevenson of Norton; one brother, Marlin (Betty) Hackney of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Vicki (Roger) Houston of Denver, Colo., and Sandy (Ross) Vancuren of Peabody; one granddaughter, two step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at First Christian Church, Atwood, on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 1:30 p.m. with Reverend Mike McVay officiating.

Burial will be at Rosefield Cemetery in Hitchcock County, Neb.

There will be no visitation. Visit www.paulsfh.com.

In lieu of flowers contributions are requested to the Lyle Hackney Memorial Fund.

Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

from 2-3:30 p.m. with the advanced sessions from 3:30-5 p.m. Classes will be held at the Logan City Building, in Logan. Participants must be 13 years or older. Instruction may include waltz, two-step, swing, polka, cha-cha and lots of new fun steps. Registration deadline is

Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012.

This fabulous learning opportunity is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continued Education Program and offered to the public. For more information or to register by phone, call 785-689-4846.

Ross 60th Anniversary



Maynard and Carol Ross of Alma, Neb., will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on Dec. 10. They were married on Dec. 10, 1952 in Phillipsburg. The couples children, Rita Peters and husband Rod of Colby, and Rodney Ross and wife Tonda of rural Almena, their granddaughter, Robin Faber and husband Jerry, along with their great-grandchildren, Kaitlynn, Peyton and Tyler Faber would like to honor them with a card shower to celebrate 60 wonderful years.

Cards can reach them at: Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ross, 100 Carlyle Street, Alma, Nebraska 68920.

Battalion feeds and honors troops

By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute

There's a battalion on the move. This battalion is mobilized and has a mission in mind. But these aren't uniformed troops on foreign soil. These are people in the U.S. beef industry who are finding a way to support our brave soldiers here at home.

Bill Broadie is the founder and chairman of the board of the All American Beef Battalion, a voluntary organization of people in the beef cattle industry working to support U.S. troops. Bill is a fourth generation cattleman from Ashland, a Marine and a veteran who was wounded in the Vietnam War. He also works for Superior Livestock Auction.

One day Bill was driving to Colorado for a load of cattle. He got disgusted with what he was hearing on the radio: "I was listening to the mainstream media and all they were talking about was what was wrong with young people," he said. Bill had seen another side, having served with brave young men and women in the military, and he wanted to honor them.

"I come back to this statement," Bill said. "Who out there wouldn't buy a soldier a steak?" Since many people would be willing to buy a steak dinner for a soldier who is getting ready to deploy, Bill conceptualized an organization which would provide steak feeds for soldiers. It was a way of uniting two of Bill Broadie's passions.

"There are only two things I've done," Bill said with a smile: "The Marines and cattle." As a lifelong cattleman and a decorated Marine, he liked the idea. To his boss, he pitched the idea of a non-profit organization to support steak feeds for soldiers, and he got enthusiastic support.

On April 26, 2008, this new organization put on its first steak feed. The organization was called the All American Beef Battalion.

The goal of the All American Beef Battalion is to organize and sponsor steak feeds, entertainment, programs, meetings, and projects for service members and their families. The larger purpose, according to the organization's website, is to "foster among the people of the United States an appreciation, respect, and honor for our Armed Forces military service members whose sacrifices

have and will continue to make our freedoms possible."

With support from private sector donations, Bill and a group of volunteers joined together to implement this project. Typically, they provide 18-ounce ribeye steaks with complete dinners to wounded warriors or to military units who recently redeployed or are getting ready to deploy. Local hosts provide water, electricity and tables, and the All American Beef Battalion provides everything else. There is no charge to the soldiers.

Demand for these events has been strong across the nation. The All American Beef Battalion has held steak feeds for soldiers and their families in California, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Georgia, and Virginia. Bill estimates that, as of October 2012, the All American Beef Battalion fed more than 140,000 people.

That's quite an accomplishment for rural America. Bill comes from the rural community of Ashland, population 962 people. Now, that's rural.

How is this possible?

"The ag community has been very supportive," Bill said. Creekstone Farms and U.S. Premium Beef have donated steaks and others have made cash donations. Cattlemen like Galen Fink have supported the cause. One eight-year-old in Wyoming donated \$500 from his 4-H project. Funds have been raised at rollover auctions, where the buyer donates the animal back and it is sold over and over again.

The result is a touching but tangible tribute to the troops. "We thank them for what they're doing," Bill said. "I've had soldiers say, 'I didn't know people out there cared this much.' I've seen a lot of healing."

For more information or to donate, go to www.steakfortroops.com.

This battalion is on the move - not on some foreign battlefield, but supporting our soldiers right here at home. We commend Bill Broadie and all those involved with the All American Beef Battalion for making a difference by feeding and honoring these troops. They are on a mission worth accomplishing.

Funding to improve rural electric service

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced funding to modernize and improve the efficiency of rural electric generation and transmission systems. Several of the loans contain support for smart grid projects.

"USDA and the Obama Administration continue to fund electric projects to improve system reliability and efficiency for rural businesses and residential consumers," Vilsack said. "A strong American economy is contingent upon a strong rural economy. Infrastructure investments like these will promote job growth."

Secretary Vilsack announced in August that USDA had met its goal to finance \$250 million in smart grid technologies in fiscal year 2012. Today's \$107.5 million in loan guarantees includes nearly \$3 million in smart grid technologies. The loan guarantees are provided by USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service. USDA also funds energy conservation and renewable energy projects.

Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Kansas will receive USDA funding, which is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the loan agreement.

Kaw Valley will get \$8,860,000. The funds will be used to serve over 400 customers, build and improve about 100 miles of distribution line, and make other system improvements.

*Celebration of Life
Memorial Service for
Charlene Eastin*
at the Norton Community Center, 208 Main, Norton
Saturday, December 8
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 30-
Dec. 5

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HANSEN MUSEUM

Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum announced Kerry Ferguson, Kensington, will be offering dance lessons for beginning and advanced learners. Eight weekly sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons, beginning on Jan. 6, 2013. Beginning dance classes will be