

DEATH NOTICE

Gloria Grace VanSlike, infant daughter of Joshua and Lisa VanSlike of Minden, Neb., passed away on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013 in Omaha, Neb.

Funeral services for Gloria will be at Maple Grove Church of the Brethren, 308 N. Brown Ave., Norton, on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 11 a.m.

OBITUARIES

Mildred June (von Forell) Schuette

June 23, 1922 - Aug. 14, 2013

Milred June (von Forell) Schuette, 91, Hays, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013 at the Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell.

She was born June 23, 1922 on the family farm near Lenora, in Graham County to August G. and Maude M. (McKenney) von Forell. She graduated from Norton Community High School, Norton, with the class of 1940. She has been a Hays resident since 1979. She was a florist at Drakes Norton Greenhouse from 1958 until 1975 and was a bookkeeper at Hadley Hospital

and High Plains Mental Health Center from 1979 until 1985. She was active in the Order of the Eastern Star and the Business Professional Women from 1958 until 1985. She was a volunteer at the Hadley Hospital Gift Shop and loved flowers.

Survivors include a daughter Gloria Battin and husband John of Ulysses, and three sons Galen McFarland and wife Rose of Hays, Gary McFarland and wife Martha of Edwardsville, Ill., and Greg McFarland of Olathe, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded

in death by a brother Arthur von Forell and sisters Fern Russ and Cleo Stone.

Private family services will be on Monday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home with private family burial in the Lenora South Cemetery, Lenora.

The family suggests memorials in Mildred's memory to the Hays Christian Church or to the TMP-Marian Girls Basketball Team, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.haysmemorial.com

Velma Lucille Lowry

April 1, 1928 - Aug. 16, 2013

Velma Lucille Lowry, daughter of Charles William and Ida Myrtle (Putman) Havens, was born April 1, 1928, in Norton County, Kansas, and passed away at the Via Christi Village in Hays, Kansas, on August 16, 2013, at the age of 85.

Velma grew up in Norton County and attended the local schools. On September 5, 1947, she married Jack Lowry in Norton. They made their home in Phillips County, Kansas, until 1949, when they returned to Norton County. Her husband, Jack, passed away 1993.

Velma was a member of the Norton Christian Church. She was also a member of the Ea-

gles Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Rebekah Lodge where she was a member of the Past Noble Grand Club. She enjoyed handiwork and quilting and greatly loved her family.

Survivors include: three children and their spouses, Myron and Diane Lowry, Florissant, Missouri; Susan and Pierre Baczkowski, and Roberta and Dennis Schukman, all of Hays, Kansas; seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, Harold and Ros-

coe Havens and Lloyd Havens in infancy, and four sisters, Violet Stover, Vera VanDerWege, Viola Collins, and Marie Delmont.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 19 at 10:30 a.m. at Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton. Burial was at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Via Christi Village, Hays Hospice, and the Norton Eagles Club.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.com

Arrangements by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Walta Wanda Russ

Nov. 1, 1925 - Aug. 17, 2013

Walta Wanda Russ, daughter of Walter and Inez (Driggs) Hunter, was born Nov. 1, 1925, in Edmond, and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on Aug. 17, 2013, at the age of 87.

Walta grew up in the Edmond community, attended and graduated from the schools in Edmond. She married Edward Freddie in Norton on Nov. 4, 1943, and she later married Mildard "Dude" Russ on Dec. 6, 1961, in Norton. During her life she and her family lived in the Edmond and Lenora communities before moving to Norton. Walta was not only a homemak-

er but also a hotel owner, café owner, nurse aide in Logan, and school cook. She also helped her husband, Dude, with the Standard station.

Walta enjoyed doing genealogy, crocheting, knitting, reading, and yard work. She had also served as a Boy Scout leader.

Survivors include: four children, Lova and (Sherral) Perkins, Lenora; Connie Morris, Shelton, Wash.; Terri (Wayne) Capps, Kirwin; and Walter Russ, Lenora; two brothers-in-law, Veral Montgomery, Hays; and Jim (Mildred) Bottomly, Wa-Keeney; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 10 great-

great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Walta was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands, and one sister, Enid Bil-lips.

Graveside service and inurnment will be Friday, Aug. 23 at 10:30 a.m. at Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Walta Russ Memorial Fund.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.com

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HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum present "The Eckman Method® of Fine Art Cast Paper Sculpture" on Aug. 16 through Oct. 6.

Patty and Allen Eckman have been creating wonderful, high-detail works in their handmade, acid-free cast paper sculpture since 1988. They have become internationally recognized as

not only masters in the medium, but at this time, the sole masters. The Eckman's have shared their work with millions of art enthusiasts over the years.

Patty and Allen Eckman both have done a series of signed and numbered limited edition pieces. All are really limited edition originals, as each piece requires hands on sculpting.

The Eckman's have developed a revolutionary process that allows the artists to turn their museum quality paper creations into bronze, while retaining the archival paper (in its original state). This process is only available through Eckman Fine Art. No other artists or foundry in the world knows how to do this.

Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Arhart, Norton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Renee, to Levi Raymond Ninemire, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ninemire, Lenora.

Jessica and Levi are 2008 graduates of Norton Community High School. Jessica graduated in 2011 from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture and is currently employed at First Security Bank and Trust.

Levi graduated in 2009 from North Central Kansas Technical College and is currently employed at Nex-Tech.

The wedding has been scheduled for Aug. 24, 2013 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in New Almelo.



Blueberries, the great mystery

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I have a great-grandson who is just nuts about blueberries! Yeah, blueberries! While it might be a bit more understandable if a little kid wanted a banana, or a couple of strawberries, or even an orange, this boy seems to prefer the fruit that very few of us know anything about.

When I was his age, I knew my way around a handful of sandhill plums that grew wild out in the pasture. Jelly beans were my true favorite, especially the black ones, and I had probably never laid eyes on a blueberry.

It's not like the kid tries to grab a box of blueberries off the top shelf of the produce counter when he's wheeled by in the shopping cart. He's only two years old and couldn't reach them if he tried. But at home, every time he walks by the fridge he's got his hand out.

You must understand here that Aiden comes by his food preferences naturally. His mom is a registered dietician and understands what kids should be eating. Jelly beans? The kid has probably never seen one. Blueberries? Absolutely, and Mom plucks a box of these de-

licious berries off the shelf and then quickly hides them under the other groceries so that Aiden can't eat them all before the shopping cart arrives at the check-out counter.

Lets face it...blueberries are probably a major mystery to most of us. Experienced gardeners may plant a few bushes and then wait five or six years for them to produce fruit. But generally if we crave berries, we'll plant, raspberries or blackberries, and certainly strawberries. But the beautiful blueberry bush is absent in most High Plains back yards.

But you know? There's a good reason for its absence. Gardeners around here probably shouldn't even think about planting them because our soils just aren't right for blueberries. High Plains soils are mostly alkaline soils, as opposed to acidic soils. Blueberries thrive only in acidic soil which have PH values of 4 to 5 on the sometimes complicated PH scale, while High Plains alkaline soils sometimes reach 7.5 or even 8 on the scale that considers 7 as neutral. To lower the PH, you must add sulphur to the soil. To raise acidic soils PH, you would add

lime. It's all a little difficult to understand, but the bottom line is that blueberries are not easy to grow in these parts.

And so, those of us who relish blueberries must pay about \$3 for a pint of the vitamin packed fruit, and if we only knew, they're worth every cent! Blueberries are described by those in the know as "the worlds most healthful food, rich in vitamins C, E, and K...loaded with manganese and fiber, and the highest level of antioxidants of any other food! Eating them regularly can make a noticeable difference in our overall health.

I'm glad Aiden likes blueberries and not jelly beans. Smart kid!



BIRTH

Brandon and Teresa Schulze, Norton, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kadon Bentley. He was born June 6, 2013, weighing eight pounds and two ounces, and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents of Kadon include James and the late Claudia Patry of Salina; Dale and Rosalie Schulze of Norton. Great-grandparents are Alma Schulze of Norton, and Tim Adrian of Colby.



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5th Annual Smokin' in the BARN BBQ & SMOKIN' CHALLENGE August 23 & 24 Elmwood Park Livestock Barn - Norton Check-in for Contestants is Friday, August 23 from 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday, August 24, the public is invited to watch the cookin' and judge people's choice. \$10.00 general admission and dinner (8 a.m.-8 p.m./dinner 6-8 p.m.); \$15.00 general admission, dinner and band (8 a.m.-midnight/8 p.m.-midnight) START YOUR SMOKIN' 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY START YOUR EATIN' 6:00 P.M. SATURDAY START YOUR DANCIN' 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY BAND WILL BE JIMMY DEE

A Card Shower is Being Requested for Della Connell Who will be Celebrating her 102nd Birthday on Sun., Aug. 25 Cards may be sent to: the Andbe Home Room 9E 201 W. Crane, Norton

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