

OBITUARIES

Virginia S. Chvatal

Jan. 3, 1927 - March 6, 2007

Virginia S. (Schandler) Chvatal, 80, died March 6, 2007 at Swedish Medical Center in Denver.

Mrs. Chvatal was born Jan. 3, 1927, in Leoville to John S. and Mary A. (Austerman) Schandler. She moved to Atwood in 1942 when her parents took over the operation of Schandler Funeral Home and Furniture Store. During her high school years, she assisted her parents with their business, graduating from Atwood High School in 1944. She then attended Barnes Business College in Denver, studying accounting and bookkeeping.

On May 18, 1949, she married LaVern M. Chvatal at the Sacred Heart Church in Atwood. They had three sons, John, 1950; Larry, 1953; and Greg, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Chvatal operated the Texaco distributorship on Highway 36 with their three boys for over 26 years. She maintained the company records and bookkeeping needs, and was usually on hand to greet customers.

She was also a homemaker,

cook and mother, and took pride in maintaining her home and yard.

After retiring, Mr. and Mrs. Chvatal loved to travel and visit their sons. She loved watching PGA golf tournaments in California.

Mrs. Chvatal was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Christian Mothers Altar Society, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Marlin and Arnold; and her son, John.

Survivors include her husband, LaVern; two sons, Larry and Carla Chvatal, San Diego, Calif.; and Greg and Cheryl Chvatal, Fort Collins, Colo.; and two granddaughters.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Monday at Sacred Heart Church with Father Galen Long as celebrant. Burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Atwood. A vigil and rosary service was held.

A memorial has been established to the Mount Calvary Cemetery. Contributions may be sent in care of Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. 2nd, Atwood, Kan. 67730.

Blanche B. Moody

Jan. 15, 1905 - June 15, 2006

Blanche B. Moody, 101, died June 15, 2006 in Lakewood, Colo., at the Western Hills Nursing Home.

She was born Jan. 15, 1905 in Norton County, the daughter of Harry W. Chittenden and Josephine Jones. She attended the Belle Plains rural school and, before she died, recalled how she and her older brother, Floyd, rode bareback on a gray mare two miles to school. Mrs. Moody graduated from Norton Community High School.

On June 1, 1930, she married Lester Moody, who was the county engineer in Decatur County and later Norton County. Mr. Moody died in 1974.

Mrs. Moody was elected Norton County Treasurer from 1957 to 1961 and then served as Norton County Clerk from 1965 to 1977. She was a member of the First Methodist Church and enjoyed fishing and playing cards.

In 1988, she moved to Colorado to be near her two sons.

She is survived by two sons, Darrell and Mary Ann Moody, of Lakewood; and Evan and Karen Moody, of Englewood, Colo.; two grandsons; six great-grandchildren; a nephew, Bruce and Marilyn Chittenden, Topeka.

Mrs. Moody was buried in the Norton Cemetery on June 19, 2006.

Gene R. Ward

April 6, 1925 - March 6, 2007

Gene R. Ward, 81, died Tuesday, March 6, at his home surrounded by family.

He was born on April 6, 1925, in Norton, the son of the late Mayme and James Ward.

As a World War II Veteran, Mr. Ward served his country in the Navy in both the European and Pacific Theaters aboard the USS Gurge and the USS Forester.

He graduated from Kansas State University, taught at Norton Community High School, and finished his career as a teacher and assistant principal for 27 years at Cheyenne Mountain High School in Colorado Springs.

Mr. Ward leaves a legacy in the lives of the people he touched. He was a great husband, father, grandfather, friend, and educator. Mr. Ward enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and the great outdoors in Colorado and Kansas — the two places he called home.

He is survived by his wife, Mar-

garet (Hix) Ward, who enjoyed 57 years of marriage; his two daughters Carla and Mike Cummins and Mary and Pete Hauck; his son, Jerome Ward; and his four grandchildren, Shane, Bonnie and Ryan Cummins and Ariana Hauck.

A memorial Mass was held Tuesday morning at Sacred Heart Church in Colorado Springs.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established at the Pikes Peak Hospice, 825 East Pikes Peak Ave., Suite 600, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903. Contributions may be sent directly to the hospice or may be sent in care of Blunt Mortuary, 2229 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80904.

Card of Thanks

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff of Pikes Peak Hospice for the care, support and love they provided to Gene and his family.

Evalene (Earley) Schulze

March 21, 1921 - March 11, 2007

Evalene Margaret (Earley) Schulze died March 11, 2007, ten days before her 86th birthday.

She was born March 21, 1921, in Norton County, to Charley and Grace (Greenwood) Earley, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by Laurena Binger Earley who was a mother to her from the time she was seven years old.

Evalene married Loyd Schulze on Aug. 2, 1941. They were married 42 years when he died April 5, 1984.

Mrs. Schulze was a member of the Norton Christian Church and worked many years at the Norton County Hospital giving loving and compassionate care to those she could. She had many interests and hobbies, which included her friends, card playing, bowling, gardening, crocheting, bird watching, and sports on TV. She had a great love for her children, grandchildren, and, great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, William Elling, who was so special to her.

Survivors include a son, Larry and Charlotte Schulze; three daughters, Linda and Jerry Kauth; Carol Elling; and Vicki and Tom Hiser; a sister, Frances Gallentine; a cousin, Claire Hemphill; a sister-in-law, Alma Schulze; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton with the Rev. Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial will be at the Norton Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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

CORRECTION

In the March 2 edition of The Norton Telegram, Norton County Hospital Board member Jennie Goldsby was incorrectly quoted, saying she would like to see if walk-ins would work if the hospital implements an evening clinic. Another board member spoke about allowing walk-ins. Ms. Goldsby feels that the evening clinic should be run with sched-

uled appointments.

This was a reporting error.

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The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify anything that is wrong in a news story. Call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe news stories should be fair and factual, and want you to tell us about any failure to live up to this standard.

READERS

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m., American Legion. Members and guests. 3/13**

Come Spring will give a book review at approximately 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

— **PINOCHLE Tournament, 7 p.m., Sunday, March 18, Norton American Legion. 3/13**

HANSEN MUSEUM

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON, Museum Director

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum takes great pride in bringing "Spirit of the Mask", owned by Carla Hanson of Shawnee. The exhibit includes over 100 masks from 5 continents, 40 countries and nearly a dozen Native American tribes.

Masking is a worldwide tradition. When a mask is put on one's face, that person is transformed into a new being. These mysterious captivating objects have many different purposes. Included in this exhibition are a variety of masks from around the world with explanation of their uses: Carnival, Celebration, Dance, Death, Fertility, Religion, Social Control, Theater

and Healing.

The mask is part of a much larger ritual, including costumes, musicians, singers, dancers, magic and drama. Here you will see only the masks, which can be appreciated as stunningly beautiful works of art.

Our March Artists of the Month are Tom and Mary Ewing from Oberlin. Tom and Mary have the Artist of the Month corner packed full of leather gift ideas for the Easter Bunny, Mother's Day, whatever your gift needs!

Please check out our website at www.hansenmuseum.org. If you have any questions please e-mail us at hansenmuseum@ruraltel.net.

Spring comes to the prairie

Child of the '40s
Liza Deines



The Master's paintbrush has swept firmly across the landscape leaving earth tones in its wake for many a month. From the paint box crystal shades of blue and lavender tint the snows of an icy winter. Thick white snow coverlets have nurtured and shielded tiny green shoots that hold the promise of spring rebirth. And then, one day in late winter a soft wind from the south ventures forth and there it is — the faintest haze of palest green washing across the valley that rolls away to the northeast. The painter's palette has changed overnight.

Tenderly the beguiling brush of early spring breeze coaxes color from the burgeoning buds of the cottonwood trees. In nearby pastures buffalo grass takes on its distinctive grey-green tint as it drinks in the welcome moisture from melting snow. The bitter cold of the winter months retreats slowly but surely as the brush strokes touch bluestem fronds with delicate shimmers of mauve and winey pink. Clusters of greening clover polka dot through the pastureland with the promise of sweet forage soon.

On the hillsides candles of the desert slough off their old brown stalks and pods as the master painter brings forth new green foliage. Fat, promising buds begin to form, looking ahead to the summer when tall spikes of ivory yucca flowers will burst forth in all their glory. Purple brushes of Canadian thistle blossoms appear, looking to lure cattle to eat their dangerously delicious thorny stems.

In the marshy dampness of grader ditches shy little purple and orange poppymallows raise their heads and peer at the sun. They blink winter-clotted eyes as the artist spreads color over their fragile petals. Bold golden dandelions stand right up to be counted, unafraid of late cold snaps. Their golden colors reflect the sun while here and there a bluebell or a clump of creeping phlox join in a wild flower salute to the end of winter. Small glades along the highway offer bramble patches of wild rose bushes, promising fragrance and beauty to come with the summer. Meadowlarks munch

the last of the fall rose hips, chirruping with pleasure at the retreat of winter famine and anticipation of months of future feasting.

Cattle nose their way among all this fresh greenery, nibbling happily after a long hard winter. Some find their way into fields of lush spring wheat and gorge on the vivid green shoots. Redwing blackbirds bob on greening stems of sand plum bushes, occasionally flitting into the thickets to snap up a bug or a cricket for dinner. Recently returned robins hop along below on worm patrol. Joyous contentment overflows from the artist's paints as the portrait of approaching spring develops stroke by stroke.

Unaware of the foraging robins, earth worms wiggle their way to the surface of prairie sod. Ground squirrels and prairie dogs stir around in their tunnels and consider peeking out when sunshine penetrates their hidey holes. Here and there a sun-warmed limestone ledge provides a cozy spot for a rattle snake to stretch out winter-chilled coils. Our paint master details each of his creatures from his color box to create a prairie masterpiece.

The plains start to yawn and stretch and unfold into green shoots of every variety, breathing in the fresh warmth of weak spring sunshine. As days pass and the south winds swirl, it all comes together in a color crescendo under the intensely blue Kansas sky. Puffy white cumulus clouds float high above with a teasing with a hint of refreshing showers in the offing.

The seasons come, the seasons go in measured tread, a one-man show of unimaginable proportions. Our creator amuses himself with his paints and smiles at our enjoyment of his talents. Our grateful hearts acknowledge his magnificence each year when the miracle of spring returns to the prairie.

Woman celebrates 80 years

Vada Randall of WaKeeney celebrated her 80th birthday on March 10. Her sons, Bob Randall and wife Libby, Lawrence; Don Randall and wife Pat, Gove; and Randy Randall and wife JoAnn, Wichita, plus all



Vada Randall

of the grandchildren and great-grandchild are honoring her birthday with a card shower.

Memories and best wishes can reach her at 124 N 10th, WaKeeney, Kan. 67672.

DEATH NOTICE

John Douglas Holeman

Graveside services and inurnment for former Norton resident Doug Holeman, 33, of Topeka, will be held at 3 p.m. on Fri-

day at the Norton Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to attend. Arrangements are with the Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

March 9-14

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