

OBITUARIES

Aurel 'Curly' Hanchett Oct. 7, 1920 - Jan. 5, 2009

Aurel "Curly" Hanchett, born on a farm near Norcatour on Oct. 7, 1920, to Herbert and Bernice (Blickenstaff) Hanchett, died on his farm in Paul, Idaho on Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at the age of 88.

His youth was spent on a farm in Kansas. In 1936 his family moved to Tulelake, Calif. where he graduated from high school in 1940. In December 1941, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was initially assigned to duty in Pearl Harbor, followed by assignment to the battleship West Virginia. After two years of sea duty and the sinking of the West Virginia, he was assigned to the first Marine Division that landed in Okinawa, Japan. In one of the last battles of the war, he was wounded by enemy fire. His life was saved by his dog tag, which deflected the bullet from his heart to his lung.

After surgery on the front line,

he spent the remainder of his Marine Corps career recovering in Bremerton, Wash.

Following his decorated discharge from the Marines, he returned to his home in Tulelake and married Phyllis Snyder, his wife of 62 years. He rented farms in Tulelake and on the Klamath Falls Indian Reservation. In 1952, he farmstead near Miles City, Mont. He built the home his family lived in for the four years they ranched in Montana. In 1956, he drew a homestead in the Minidoka Project, where he and his wife lived for the next 58 years in the home he also built. An active member of the community, he belonged to the Paul American Legion, Rupert Elks, Paul Masonic Lodge, Rupert Lions, Burley First Presbyterian Church and the 57 Desert Dozen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Bernice

(Blickenstaff) Hanchett; his sister Nola Hanchett (Bell); and his brother Melvin Hanchett.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, one son, Keith Hanchett and wife Kathy, of Ogden, Utah; a daughter, Carol Lay-Abramovitz and husband Michael of Denver; and four grandchildren, Chase and Connor Hanchett, Jonathan Lay and Ali Abramovitz.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 9, 2009 at the Burley First Presbyterian Church in Burley, Idaho, with the Rev. Al Fry officiating. Burial was in the Paul Cemetery with military rites provided by the Paul American Legion Post #77.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Burley First Presbyterian Church, The Huntsman Cancer Center, the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of choice.

Alice Louise Heron Dec. 25, 1936 - Jan. 15, 2009

Alice Louise Heron, 72, of Rogue River, Ore. and formerly of Lenora, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009.

She was born on Christmas Day in 1936 to Sam and Minnie Bangle in Graham County. She was the 12th of 14 children.

She married Robert D. Stephenson in 1953 in Lenora. To this union five children were born. The family moved to Loveland, Colo. in 1970. Robert died on Nov. 15, 1973.

She later married Walter E. Heron in 1983 in Loveland. They moved to Medford, Ore. in 1984 where they lovingly opened their home to one of their children's friends, Rick, and

eventually adopted him into the family.

She was a member of the Rogue River Assembly of God where she and Walt were very active in the church.

She is survived by her husband Walt and their children, Pam Dickson, Brian Heron, Randy Stephenson, Merri Weber and husband JD, Rob Stephenson and wife Karen, Darin Stephenson, David



Alice Heron

Stephenson and wife Brenda, Rick Sharp and wife Susan, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, four brothers, five sisters and their families.

Family and friends are invited to the funeral service at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Church of God in Lenora. A pot luck luncheon will be held prior to the service at 12:30 p.m. at the church.

The family requests that donations be made to assist with funeral costs, in the name of Walter E. Heron at Evergreen Federal Bank, PO Box 730, Grants Pass Ore., 97528.

Linda K. Tomlin Oct. 15, 1943 - Jan. 15, 2009

Linda K. Tomlin, Hays, died Thursday, Jan. 15 at the Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell, at the age of 65.

She was born on Oct. 15, 1943 in McCook to Harold and Betty Jo (Eakings) Hodges. Her brother, Alan K. Hodges, was born a year earlier on Oct. 14, 1942 in Oberlin where the family continued to live before moving to Denver in 1948.

She was married to Chuck Tomlin for a brief time before he died.

She received her Bachelor's degree in social work from Fort

Hays State University and her licensed practical nursing degree at North Central Kansas Vo-Tech School.

She had worked at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell, the Good Samaritan Centers in Hays and Ellis and for Craig Home Care.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, whom she was instrumental in caring for during their final hours.

She is survived by many family members, including her brother, Alan and wife Charlene and their two sons, Michael and wife Nancy and Gary and his wife Ju-

lie; and her grand-nephews and nieces, Charles, Anika, Austen, Jana and Susan.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Liberty Christian Fellowship in Hays.

A private family inurnment will be held at the Oberlin City Cemetery.

There will be no visitation as she has been cremated.

A memorial has been established with the Humane Society of the High Plains. Contributions may be left at the funeral home.

Think, think!



Eisenhower Elementary 5th graders participated in the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl last Tuesday. The students, who worked together as a group to answer the questions, got 94% correct and received 1137 points. The score will be called in to Iowa and then the students will know where they stand in the state and the nation, based on their scores.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Readers share their memories

Reaction from readers is one of the most appreciated perks for anyone who tries to pin thoughts down on paper. I am sure you'll appreciate reading some of them, too, so occasionally I plan to share the stories that make their way back to me. It leaves me rejoicing to know some memories were revived. Let me know if you have a tale to be told in The Telegram.

THE POSSUM COLUMN: A Pennsylvania reader well acquainted with pestiferous possums, writes that her mother always made a special huge pan of mac'n cheese for Christmas dinner. In the days of small refrigerators, the pan was set out on the screened back porch overnight. Upon returning from Christmas Eve service the family noticed noise out back and went to check. There he was, a great big possum, all four feet in the formerly foil-covered pan, snuffing and slurping up the extra fancy sauce and pasta. They had a difficult time getting him to abandon his holiday feast and the reader swears he had a smile all over his homely snout when they finally shoed him down the back steps with the broom.

THE FURNISHED APARTMENTS COLUMN: Surely all of you have heard the urban legend of The Couch That Went to College?

Half a dozen watchful readers questioned why my column about

Child of the 40s Liza Deines



appalling furniture did not address this phenomenon of educational institutions. At last I have the "skinny" on the western Kansas version of the vagabond divan. It comes from a 90-year old lady who swears she was the first to send the couch to college back in 1946. Seems her GI son and his new wife were to be housed at Fort Hays State in the old Wilson Air Base military barracks that had been moved to Hays to accommodate the flood of married GI students. No furniture was provided — residents got cardboard walls, splintered floors, a nominal roof, and a gas heater that would never meet today's safety standards. Castoffs from relatives provided the rest. According to reader Sadie, the couch was grey nylon frieze when it left home. Rumor has it that it is now an indeterminate paisley of pizza stains, pop puddles, "special sauce" from fast food burgers, and various other fluids and substances best left unmentioned. To my knowledge, it still appears at semester breaks on curbs in the college area of Hays. Some fortunate student has graduated to a new sofa! The traveling sofa never seeks a new home for long — overnight, perhaps over a

weekend, but it always disappears before the garbage truck arrives. Readers tell me other campuses have their own versions of The Divan That Never Dies. Do you suppose they're all members of a secret organization?

EVERYBODY LOVES BEAN SOUP: More responses have come in on the Washday Bean Soup column than any other Cook's Corner recipe ever published!

A major question was raised, however, that must be addressed. Yes, the dog will enjoy that bone even without a shred of ham left on it. Gnawing on a huge, smelly, greasy, gristly bone, dragging it all over the yard, burying and digging it up time and time again — it's every canine's life ambition. And if you're an old softie like my mama, somehow you'll overlook a morsel or two....

CHRISTMAS 60 YEARS LATER: An unexpected package arrived shortly after Christmas and when opened revealed a kaleidoscope carefully rolled in bubble wrap. The accompanying letter from a dear old friend explained she was touched by my Christmas column of the grudging gift that became a blessing of belief. She wanted me to have a kaleidoscope of my very own! I know there must've been other kaleidoscopes in my toy box over the years, but none so special as this one. Cast your bread upon the waters....

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic
Dec. 18 — Donald Tyrrell, Norton, failure to have driver's license and speeding 38 in a 30 mph zone. 10 days jail times suspended if fines paid in full within 6 months. Fine \$230, court cost \$75.

Dec. 18 — Alicia Bergling, Atwood, speeding 29 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Dec. 18 — Craig Ploetz, Hermantown, Minn., speeding 45 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Dec. 18 — Steven Simmons, Norton, basic speed and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$90, court cost \$75.

Dec. 18 — Martin Segura, Salina, speeding 29 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Dec. 18 — Tonya Porter, Norton, speeding 45 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Dec. 18 — Justin Gibson, Norton, illegal tag, failure to have insurance, defective taillight. Verification of insurance provided at hearing, 30 days jail time suspended if fines paid in full by Jan. 31. Fines \$130, court cost \$75.

Dec. 18 — Allan Taylor, Norton, crossing unprotected fire hose with vehicle. To pay restitution to city for damages to fire hose in the amount of \$275, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Dec. 18 — Clea Hixon, Seattle, Wash., speeding 29 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Dec. 18 — Steven Kautz, Gibbon, Neb., speeding 30 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

District Court
These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic
Dec. 31 — Keith A. Baker, Norton, speeding 74 in a 65 mph zone and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Michael Lee Baker, Emporia, expired registration, driving under suspended license and transporting an open container, fine \$1,819, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Hector Castillo, Garden City, incomplete 7-day record and over weight limits on wheels and axles, fine \$109, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Fredy R. Castro, Fort Morgan, Colo., motor carrier safety rules and regulations, fine \$109, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Kurtis L. Coleman, Ulysses, speeding 77 in a 65 my zone, fine \$51, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Joshua R. Crawford, Denver, Colo., speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$81, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Glenn E. Davis, Burlington, Colo., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Eric Liudahl, Omaha, Neb., seeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Cory R. Martin, Alma, driving on left in a no passing zone, fine \$60, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Avangela L. Shaw, Beaver City, Neb., driving with suspended license, fine \$309, court cost \$66.

Dec. 31 — Nicholas S. Shepherd, Lenexa, driving commer-

cial vehicle while under the influence, fine \$704, court cost \$66.

Wildlife & Parks
Dec. 18 — Marcus E. Baker, Wichita, failure to tag deer, fine \$209, court cost \$66.

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Julia Faith Couch

It's a girl!

Julia Faith Couch was born to Amy and Rob Couch on Dec. 18 at Rose Medical Center in Denver. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches long. She has one brother, Brewer, 2.

Grandparents are Don and Aleta Brooks, Norton and Robert and Janet Couch, Easthampton, Mass.

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