

# OBITUARY

## Alpharetta A. Williamson

Nov. 8, 1906 - Feb. 24, 2007

Alpharetta A. Williamson, 100, Norton, died Saturday at the Andbe Home.

Mrs. Williamson was born Nov. 8, 1906, near Almena. She was the daughter of Charles E. and Emma (Teaford) Whitney. She went to a one-room country grade school and graduated from Almena Rural High School in 1927. She taught country school for one year before marrying.

On April 21, 1928, she and Fred Williamson were married. After living on a farm northwest of Almena, they moved to Boulder, Colo., where they worked at the Boulder Sanitarium.

Even though she was the oldest member of her nursing class, Mrs. Williamson obtained her Licensed Practical Nursing degree and graduated with the highest test score. She worked for several years as a psychiatric nurse.

A highlight of her life was a missionary trip she and her husband took in 1977 to Whitehorse, Yukon. They were part of a team that built a Seventh Day Adventist Church. They took a little side trip west to Alaska and a ferry ride

down the coast before visiting their daughter in Hannah, Alberta.

She was active in her church as a Sabbath School teacher and superintendent, playing the piano and serving as leader of the Dorcus Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and four brothers, Floyd Whitney, Walter Whitney, Lewis Whitney and Arthur Whitney.

Survivors include: her son, Dale and Joyce Williamson, Lyons, Colo.; a daughter, Ruth and Lucky Simpson, Amsterdam, Mo.; three brothers, Vern Whitney, Wesley Whitney, Ed Whitney, all of Norton; a sister, Mabel Malcolm, Norton; four grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

There was no visitation and graveside services will be held at a later date. At that time, she will be laid to rest beside her husband at Green Mountain Cemetery, Boulder.

Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, is in charge of the arrangements.

# READERS

**- PANCAKE SUPPER, Long Island United Methodist Church, Feb. 28, 5-7 p.m. Sausage, juice, pie and coffee - By donation. 2/27**

Rural Telephone, Lenora, has hired Andrea Day as an Engineering Assignment Clerk. She began

her new position Jan. 22. Mrs. Day earned an associates degree in veterinary technology and lives in Lenora with her husband, Kelly, and their two children.

**- PITCH TOURNAMENT 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4, Norton American Legion. 2/27**

# HANSEN MUSEUM

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON

This weekend, the museum held the first Joy of Painting Class for 2007. There were a total of 30 students in attendance. Sandy Seamone and T.R. Mathews from Arriba, Colo., taught the class. They plan to come back in June.

Barbara Schaffner of Wheatland, Wyo., will be doing an oil painting workshop this week on Feb. 28, March 1, 2 and 3. The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum takes great pride in bringing Ms. Schaffner to Logan for her fifth year in a row. This dynamic four-day workshop will guide advanced and beginning artists in the completion of two paintings.

The 30th Annual High School Art Exhibit is under way. There are 12 categories with 407 pieces of art on exhibit. The categories are Acrylics and Oils, Watercolor-Tempera, Pencil-Drawing, Ink/Scratch Board, Printmaking, Col-

ored Pencil, Sculpture/Three Dimensional Design, Ceramics, Jewelry, Graphic Design, Pastel/ Crayon and Charcoal. The 11 schools participating include: Ellis, Hill City, Logan, Norton, Osborne, Palco, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Smith Center W.K. Keene and Wheatland. This exhibit will be on display until March 4.

Deb Berg and her fourth grade class viewed this exhibit on Tuesday and Sue Jackson and her third graders will visit on Friday.

The February Artist of the Month is Janice Kenney of Elm Creek, Neb. Ms. Kenney has wreathes, swags and planter pots on display.

Please check out the museum's website. The address is [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org). If you have any questions please e-mail us at [hansenmuseum@ruraltel.net](mailto:hansenmuseum@ruraltel.net).

# Quilters assemble varied display at Norton library

By BEVERLY KINDLER

It is new and different! Twenty-three different articles are on display in the art gallery and in one display case at the Norton Public Library. Seventeen members of the Heritage Quilt Club have shared items they have created. These will be on display until the end of March.

In this display you will see three full-size bed quilts, lap quilts, a crib quilt, wall hangings, a table runner and table toppers. Some of the patterns are "Christmas Ribbons", "Arabic Lattice", Romance at Camelot", "Blue Jay Stars", Tribute to our Heroes", "Winter Blessings", and "Weekend in the Woods". You will see bright colors, subdued colors, embroidery, beading, applique and bargello. Check out the hand-quilted whole cloth table topper, the miniature and the silhouette nativity.

Quilters with items in the display are: Judy Luft, Cindy McMullen, Ronda Mudloff, Jo Pakkebie, Irma Lee Gebhard, Janice Beale, Lynn Tacha, Lois Myers, Jerris McMullen, Regina Stark, Alice Goscha, Jan Volgamore, Jaclyn Rutherford, Dorothy Chandler, Pam Cuthbertson and Mary Ann Hadley.

# JENNINGS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

We have had several warm days now. The snow is melting and water running down the curbs.

At the Housing Authority meeting last Thursday evening, the future of the facility was discussed. Emma Sanford moved to Sappa Manor in Oberlin and Edith Foster moved to Quinter's LTCU. There are no residents in the units now. It will be listed for sale when the paperwork is cleared for the go ahead. The Housing Board has several options.

A "What's In Your Water" water meeting will be held March 12 in Sunflower Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. A meal will be provided at no charge. RSVP's would be appreciated by March 5.

You may call Norton County Conservation District at 785-877-2623 ext. 37. Funding assistance for the meeting in Jennings is also provided by the Decatur County Farm Bureau and the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

Bob and Neoma Tacha are announcing the birth of a great-granddaughter Brynna Grace born Feb. 17. Parents are Ashley and Jeff Brown. Grandparents are Royal and Gayle Tacha of Hoxie.

Wayne and Louise Cressler visited Sunday at the home of their granddaughter Amber and Johnny Klassen, Keith, Landon, Issac, Aleah, Haley and Allison in La Crosse. Other family members visiting were Russell Cressler, Bison; Nicole Scroter and Adalie; Robert Cressler, Trenton and Zachary; Preston and Jessica Cressler and MacKenze all of La Crosse.

City Council will meet on March 8.

# NORCATUR NEWS

By NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Due to the President's Day holiday, this week's *Norcatur News* was published and mailed Wednesday.

Weekend guests Feb. 10 and 11 of the Stan Millers were Mr. and Mrs. Rocky DeLane, Wichita. They all attended karaoke on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcatur, then went to Oberlin on Sunday for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller. Stan and Carol Miller also visited with Merle Shirley while in Oberlin.

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Dorothy Breiner, who died Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Andbe Home in Norton. She was 69.

Larry Sumner, Bill Woods and Troy Marshall helped with reopening the cemetery roads and around the grave site.

The Norcatur Newsheet volunteers were feeling "antsy" after putting out the newsheet on Tuesday, Feb. 6, as it was the first beautiful day after so many cold, dreary days. Lula Hix came from Norton, and Bee Nelson, LaVerne Milner and Veda Wood joined her in her van. Marguerite Clark, Norma McCallister, Dorothy Ward and Wava Reames teamed up in Marguerite's car, and all headed for McCook. They had lunch at Fuller's Restaurant, split up for shopping and appointments, and met again at Wal-Mart. Trunks loaded, they headed for Oberlin and the A&W. After indulging in root beer floats, the group headed for home.

The Chatty Hatters chapter of the Red Hat Society met Feb. 9 at the Norcatur Bar and Grill for their

# Rockhound husband shared love with family and friends

LeRoy's birthday was Feb. 20 so I'm going to tell you a little secret you may or may not have known about him. As rock hounds go, he was one of the most avid. It never occurred to him not to pick up rocks and examine them wherever we traveled. Did you have the privilege of an introduction to that pile of rocks on our patio? He knew what every one was, geologically, and where he found it, just as I did each piece of my glass, but Heaven forbid you call it his collection. They were just the rocks.

Rock and fossil hunting came naturally to a boy that grew up on a Kansas farm within view of the Castle Rock formations in Gove County. When we married he had a painted cigar box of little treasures he'd found over the years; that box grew to become a large but overflowing metal building. Some of his first real expeditions took place during our years of graduate school when we went picnicking in the Flint Hills around Emporia. We wives kid watched, grilled and gossiped. The geology buddies, properly attired in high, snake-proof boots and equipped with mineral buckets and pick hammers, worked off the stress of a week in a classroom. Our trip home at the end of the summer resembled Lucy and Desi and their long, long trailer.

Favorite viewing sites? So many it would be hard to choose only one. Some, like Shiprock, at Four Corners, we couldn't even get close to but we parked off the highway and looked at it for hours.

## Collector Chat Liza Deines



The Indians revere it as a sacred place and it is easy to understand why. Craters of the Moon National Monument near Arco, Idaho, is another awe-inspiring sight. Consisting of 82 square acres of black, volcanic rock in spectacularly twisted and tortured lava flow, some solidified sponge, some like black glass, some tunnels and caves, we spent an entire day there. He knew the names of every variety and since we couldn't take any actual samples, he took five rolls of film.

Yellowstone National Park was a good viewing area, too, despite the tourists and the commercialization of much of it; far better were Glacier National and the International Peace Park on the US/Canadian border. Best of all was Jasper Park in Canada. We also loved the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest in southwest U.S. Parks are pretty persnickety about even the most dedicated rockers carrying away their treasures; they must be purchased in their gift shops! We did. Thus, our really productive trips came from roadside grader ditches and walking pastures, ponds and ravines anyplace we went, even the Orient.

His happiest hours were spent introducing his children and grandchildren to rocks and hound-

ing. Coming back from a trip, David started pricing chunks of pink quartz in South Dakota and we arrived home with a ten-pound specimen that sits on his patio today. Joan carries crystals and polished rocks in her pockets and Dan has a hunk of selenium on his coffee table. Only one treasure came to the Carlyle, a beautifully shaped and polished agate egg with a very distinct crenoid as a highlight.

We had a number of those fascinating geode formations known as "thunder eggs". The look on any child's face was worth the trouble to crack one open when the fair-land of sparkling, purple crystals inside were revealed. There are also strange and mysterious lands to be found within the depths of picture sandstone or moss agate. I had two framed slabs of picture limestone that could take you right out into the desert or down a sandy beach on a dreamy day.

Many of LeRoy's geological specimens went to local students around Norton who had expressed interest over the years. He spent some happy, happy hours talking with you guys. And I learned a lot just traveling with him. Thanks to you, teacher, for sharing the joy as well as the knowledge of "rocking".

Happy Birthday, LeRoy. I never heard about rocks in Heaven but I suspect you had one in your pocket when you arrived.

**SPEAKING OF:** Happy Birthday to Alta Fahrenbruch, one of the best teachers from the Norton system.

cookies were served. Entertainment included a heart toss, door prize, and singing by Ron Temple's group, who sang golden oldies love songs.

Sunday dinner guests on Feb. 11 of Marguerite Clark were her niece, Janet Rippe, Allison and Nathan. They enjoyed a visit in the afternoon.

Francis and Arlene Hix received word Wednesday, Feb. 7, of the death of her brother, Lloyd Carver, Savannah, Ga. Other relatives are Gail and Denise Bailey and Lucas,

and Mark and Shayla Bailey and Raylynn, all of Norcatur.

Veryl VanDerWege of Norton was a visitor of Francis and Arlene Hix earlier this month.

At the annual Norton County Conservation District meeting held Feb. 3 at the Norton American Legion building, children's awards were given out and plaques presented for the county coloring and poster contest, limerick contest, and essay contest winners. Norcatur's Wyatt Wentz took first place for his limerick. Way to go, Wyatt!

Feb. 23-28

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