

# OBITUARIES

## Ella M. Richardson June 17, 1935 - June 21, 2011

Ella Marie (Massey) Richardson was born June 17, 1935, the daughter of Fred Jr. and Lilly Marie (Hull) Massey in the Glenwood Township area. At the age of 76, she died Tuesday, June 21 at the Phillips County Retirement Center, Phillipsburg. On Feb. 20, 1972, Ella married Charles W. Richardson and to this union their only child, Barbara, was born.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Charles W. Richardson and a twin brother, Clifford LeRoy Massey.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Redeker and husband Steve of Long Island; a brother, Jerry "Butch" Massey and wife Gloria of Phillips County; a sister,

Darlene Nestler of Bunker Hill; three grandchildren, Mandi Lee and husband Chris of Kearney, Neb., Jessie Redeker of Long Island and Steven Travis Redeker of Kearney, Neb.

A Celebration of Life Services was held Monday, June 27 at the All Faiths Funeral Chapel, Smith Center with Pastor Mike Gooder presiding. Inurnment has taken place at the Osborne City Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Progressive Care of Alton in care of the funeral chapel. For additional information, please visit [www.allfaithsfuneralchapel.com](http://www.allfaithsfuneralchapel.com).

Arrangements were by All Faiths Funeral Chapel.

## Alberta J. Daniels

Sept. 23, 1939 - June 25, 2011

Alberta J. Daniels, Norcat, was born Sept. 23, 1939, to Albert and Hester Pierce in Kremmling, Colo. She died June 25 at the Norton County Hospital at the age of 71.

Alberta attended school at West High School and Denver University. After school she resided in Denver, Colo., Las Vegas, Nev., Fowler, Colo., and most recently, Norcat. She married Donald Daniels on Aug. 17, 2002. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Order of Eastern Star, Amaranth, and the Red Hat Society.

Survivors include: spouse, Donald Daniels, Norcat; daughters, Vickie and husband Kevin

Alexander of Bosque Farm, N.M. and Loretta Jamieson, Denver, Colo.; daughter-in-law, Darlene Artis, Leoville; three grandchildren.

Alberta was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Hester Pierce and son, David Jamieson.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Norcat at 11 a.m. with Reverend Ed Woods officiating. Interment will be held at the Norcat Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Memorials can be made in her name.

Arrangements are by Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin.

## FYI

The Norton County Farmer's Market will be held 7 - 9 a.m. and also from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Please note the location for the market will be the main entrance to Elmwood Park, south side of the entrance row of cottonwood trees. It will be held every Thursday morning and evenings until the first killing frost in the fall. The Farmer's Market allows local produce growers an opportunity to offer their foods to the public. The mission of the market is to encourage private vendors to take advantage of the opportunity to produce and sell locally grown vegetable produce and baked goods.



## Show Choir

Children from preschool to eleventh grade participated in this year's Show Choir Week and rapped it up Friday night with a great performance. The group was directed by Vicki Dinkel of Sharon Spring and Cindy Mordecai of Norton. Three assistants and six student helpers also pitched in to make it all work.

This year's theme was "Summer Fun". The participants learned songs and the choreography that went with them. The song "Fireflies", included sign language and "Praise You in the Storm" was a blacklight show, which was a beautifully visual experience.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Start chasing lightning bugs

## Pieces of life's puzzle Liza Deines



There once was a lovely melody that spoke of "summertime, when the livin' is easy" and another that mentioned "the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer." How is it that no one writes that kind of lyric anymore? Perhaps it's because we have frantically filled up our summers to the point that such happy, relaxed thoughts never occur to anyone.

Those of us who were raised in quieter times may recall reading a book and swinging in a backyard hammock for an entire day. Children of this day and age have no opportunity to discover the joy of a day entirely to themselves. It's up in the morning and off to swimming lessons before summer school classes. A hurried lunch, often fast food in the car, and dashing off to sports camp of one kind or another. If it's a slack day there may be time for an hour at the pool, followed by a gobbled supper and away to Little League games, or softball or soccer practice.

This is not to advocate TV summers or abandoning the kids to days in the electronic jungle. There are summer library programs, scout campouts, vacation

Bible school, dance class, 4-H projects, BB-gun practice and junior golf.

Children do need some structure to their summers, but for goodness sake, must they be enrolled in everything?

Parents, every child does not have to participate in every activity offered. Many of us grew up without being driven to learn how to wrestle, play football or baseball beginning at kindergarten level. We learned to play ball in vacant lots from siblings or neighbor kids, on our own, with no emphasis on win, win, win.

We biked, we roller skated, we skipped rope. If we said we were bored, we ended up hoeing potatoes, dusting mopboards or some other equally unappealing task. We learned very fast that whining brought no good rewards.

Exercise? Sure. We walked to music lessons, to the pool and downtown to pick up the mail. We walked to the library and over to our friends' houses. We walked to the ball diamond once a week to watch the American Legion team play. We walked to the tennis court to bat and chase tennis balls even if we didn't know how to keep score. We walked downtown to the movies if we had made any money baby sitting. If we were too young or it was too hot or too far to walk, we didn't go.

Every kid went to vacation Bible school at their own church. It was a two-week, all day affair, right after Memorial Day. We walked to it, too, carrying a sack lunch. Now Vacation Bible Study is squeezed into four evenings and a picnic. No time to memorize scripture or to build a scale model of the temple in Jerusalem for today's kids.

Four parents could afford it, we went to music camp, church camp or Scout camp but nobody got to do all three.

Expensive sports camps and cheerleader camps did not even exist, yet we still had pretty good teams and always plenty of girls

trying out for cheerleading.

If we were very lucky we got to go visit the grandparents on the farm for a week or two. No team schedules to worry about, no winning or losing. We taught calves to bucket feed, hung laundry, hunted snakeroot in the pasture, rode horses and gathered eggs. We ran barefoot, suntanned, free to spend hours down at the crick wading or watching frogs.

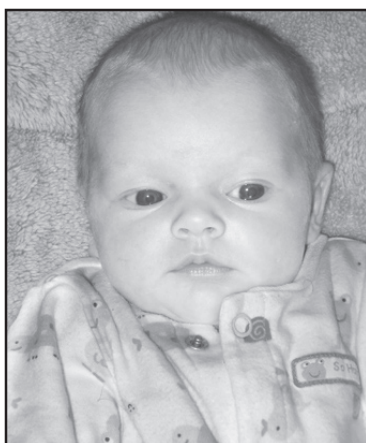
Children cannot and should not be left to run wild all summer but every learning experience does not have to be an organized activity. Sure, they may beg to be involved in everything, but it's up to parents to teach children to make choices. It's a learning experience in itself for a child to determine what they really enjoy the most as well as how to occupy themselves on a quiet day.

Life in the slow lane may never come again but we could learn some lessons from the past that would enrich family life.

Slow down, relax, stay home and eat supper together, chase lightning bugs in the twilight. It's summertime -- make your livin' easy!

## BIRTHS

Callie Jolene Stevenson was born May 18 to Matthew and Megan Stevenson. She was born at the Norton County Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and 20 inches long. Her grandparents are Frank and Susan Hillebrand of Clayton, Alan and Vicki Stevenson and Cecil and LaVon Wright of Ulysses. Her great-grandparents are Red and Kay LeBeau of Norton, and Ruth Moore and Shirley Stevenson, both of Ulysses.



Robert Donal Readle was born June 4 at the Hays Medical Center in Hays. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. His sisters, Jaylee, 4 and Alyssa, 2, welcomed him home along with his parents, Rob and Cari. His grandparents are Bob and Rene Readle and Don and Glenda Campbell, all of Norton. His great-grandparents are Marilyn Hadley of Almena, Gary and Kay Stivers of Otis, Colo. and Robert and Sarah Readle of Tucson, Ariz.



## Student News

Tyler Montgomery, Almena, will be joining youth from Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, July 9-15, near Steamboat Springs, Colo. While in Colorado, the students will learn about cooperatives by creating a complete cooperative. Instead of energy, they will use candy as their product.

When the students arrive at camp, the students will pay dues. They will also establish a board of trustees and select a general man-

ager who will hold daily membership meetings. At the end of the week, the group will decide how to handle any profit margins.

The campers will also take part in legislative presentations, a light and high voltage display and a competition to build a transmission line. They will explore the Steamboat Village, Old Town Steamboat Springs and tour the Craig Power Plant and Trapper Mine.

The students attending the trip

went through an application process and were selected by their local electric cooperative.

"Campers are selected based on their overall abilities as leaders. This includes their academic achievements, community and extra-curricular activities, and optimistic attitudes. While they are in Colorado, the students will learn how to improve their leadership and team work skills. They will also gain a greater understanding of how their electric cooperatives operate," said Shana Read, Kansas Electric Cooperatives director of communications.

The annual leadership camp is coordinated by Kansas Economic Cooperatives, the statewide service organization for the rural electric cooperatives in Kansas. Formed in 1941 and headquartered in Topeka, Kansas Economic Cooperatives represents the interests

of and provides needed services and programs to the electric co-ops that serve in Kansas. Today, Kansas Economic Cooperatives serves 29 distribution electric cooperatives and three generation and transmission electric cooperatives providing electricity to more than 200,000 Kansas households and to approximately 80 percent of the land mass.

For more information, or to view photos from last year's camp please visit [www.kec.org](http://www.kec.org).

Hutchinson Community College has announced the 2011 graduates. Amanda Lea Ann Delimont, Norton, received an Associate of Science degree at the graduation ceremonies held Friday, May 13.

## Couple Plans Wedding

Alex and Stephanie Nichepor, Ness City, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Baer Nichepor, to Mathew John Overlease, son of Gregory and Annette Overlease, Norton.

Grandparents of the couple are Alex Nichepor, Sr. Fountain Hills, Ariz., the late Betty Nichepor, the late Milton and Mildred Baer, Butch and Arlene Spesser, Norton, Ramona Overlease, Norton and Cecil Overlease, Truth or Consequence, N.M.

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of McPherson College with a degree in business management, finance, and marketing, and a minor in graphic design. She is employed by Michael Trout State Farm Insurance of Scott City, the Midwest Pro-

ducer Agricultural Publication of Tekamah, Neb. and Baer and Nichepor Farms of Ness City.

The prospective bride-groom is a 2007 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in Human Health and Performance and Physical Education.

He is currently pursuing his Master's in Special Education. He is the owner of Overlease Construction and is employed by Southwest Cooperative Association, Ensign, and USD 303 School system, Ness City, as a Special Education teacher, head high school boys basketball coach, head high school golf coach, assistant high school football coach and athletic director.

An Aug. 6, 2011 wedding is planned at the United Methodist Church, Ness City.



## Correction

In Friday's Home Run Ball Special Brianna Pinkerton of the Girls Division II softball team for Jamboree was in correctly identi-

fied as Brianna Schrader.

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