

# OBITUARIES

## Thelma M. Dielman

June 15, 1919 - Dec. 6, 2003

Thelma M. VanDeWege Dielman, 84, died Dec. 6, 2003, at Norton County Hospital.

Mrs. Dielman was born June 15, 1919, in Republican City, Neb., to John and Mary (Rebman) Graf.

Mrs. Dielman's first husband, William VanDeWege, who she married in 1946, preceded her in death in 1970.

She married Jack Dielman, on Sept. 8, 1979. He died in 1996.

Mrs. Dielman lived in Long Island and was a retired school teacher.

Besides her husbands she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Sharyn Sloan; and a grandson, Abraham Sloan. She is survived by three daugh-

ters, Rosetta McFarland, Norton; Roxanne Cox, Long Island; Karyn Gunzelman, Sylvan Grove; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at the Long Island United Methodist Church with Pastor Shelly Cox officiating. Burial was in the Long Island Cemetery.

A Thelma M. VanDeWege Dielman Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established. Memorials may also be made to the Long Island United Methodist Church.

Contributions may be sent to either fund in care of Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, 1115 2nd St., Phillipsburg, Kan., 67661.

## Vera Velena Hazlett

Jan. 22, 1922 - Dec. 5, 2003

Vera Velena Hazlett, 81, died Dec. 5, 2003, at the Norton County Hospital.

Mrs. Hazlett was born Jan. 22, 1922, in Lenora to Walter and Laura (Fitzgerald) Brown in Lenora. She attended rural grade school and graduated from Lenora High School.

She married Cecil A. Hazlett in Norton on Aug. 26, 1946. They made their home in Norton. He died in 1962.

Mrs. Hazlett was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and a longtime member of the Family and Community Education unit. She was a member of the Lenora Senior Center for over 18 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a son,

Ricky Hazlett and a brother, Eugene Brown.

Survivors include four children, Ronal and Virginia Hazlett, Burlington, Kan.; Elaine and Jay Schukman, Almena; Wayne Hazlett, Stratford, Texas; Phillip Hazlett, Wichita; ten grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton from 3-8:30 p.m. today.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton. Nowell Krause will conduct the service. Burial will be in Lenora South Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Norton Public Library, 408 N. Norton, Norton, Kan., 67654.

## Lanny Ross Wilson

April 6, 1934 - Nov. 21, 2003

Lanny Ross Wilson, 69, of Loveland, Colo., died Nov. 21, 2003.

Mr. Wilson was born in Denver, April 6, 1934, to Ola and Neil Wilson.

He and his family lived in Norton, where he attended school. He graduated from Norton Community High School with the class of 1952. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army and graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in geophysics.

After college, Mr. Wilson worked for Independent Exploration Company, a petroleum firm.

In February of 1961, he and his wife, Bonnie, were married in Bismarck, N.D.

His job took them to many places, including Africa. In 1962 he began a new position as a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological

Survey. This job lasted until his retirement in 1994. His peers recognized him for his knowledge, hard work and dedication to his projects.

Mr. Wilson had a love for learning and read thousands of books. He shared many adventures with his wife and their two children, Mark and Ann. He enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling and golfing. His family remembers him as a man with a great sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie, Ann, Mark, Pat, Jean, Breanna, Austin, Samuel and Andrew.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made to the American Heart Association, in care of Allnut Funeral Services, 2100 N. Lincoln, Ave., Loveland, Colo., 80537.

# PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The Prairie Homemakers Family and Community Education Unit met Nov. 24 in the Long Island Community Room. The members shared lunch then listened as President Belinda Thalheim. gave a reading, "The Night Before Thanksgiving".

Fourteen members were in attendance plus a guest Annette Overlies. Doorprizes were won by Mrs. Overlease and Anissa Kats. Mrs. Overlease, owner of Norton Flowers Gifts and Greenhouse, demonstrated how to make floral bouquets. Hostesses were Pat Hammond and Vivian Jansonius. Others attending were LaVon Kats, Beth Ponstein, Judy VanDer Veen, Gloria DeWitt, Diana Grieving, Linda Hultgren, and Belva Leydig.

Kenny and Doris Van Kooten and Randy and Tami Rua of Holland, Mich., came to spend Thanksgiving and the weekend at the home of her parents, Dick and Ila DeWitt.

Jacob Jansonius, Golden, Colo.; Jennifer Jansonius, Lenexa; and Joni Jansonius, Manhattan, came to spend Thanksgiving with their father, Rodney Jansonius and their grandmother, Hazel Jansonius.

Mike Leydig, Courtney and Megan of Kearney and Burdett and Belva Leydig all attended Thanksgiving dinner at the Glade home of Tom and Lela Morgan. Courtney and Megan stayed until Saturday when they joined Mike and Lisa for a late Thanksgiving dinner with Gail and Doreen Harbers of Almena.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Walter and Darline Brown were Dale and Marilyn Brooks, Lance, Corey and Bob of Hays. Other guests were Rhonda Jacques and Blake, Norton; Barry Jacques, Manhattan; and Brandon Jacques, Elm Creek, Neb. Evening visitors were Gary and Sherry Kline, Norton.

Visitors the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the home of Walter and Darline Brown were Dale and Lois Leydig, St. Francis, and Terra Brown and Cody, Prairie View.

A group shared Thanksgiving Day at the Prairie View Senior Citizen/Community Center. They were Kenny and Doris Van Kooten and Randy and Tami Rua, Holland, Mich.; Kassy DeWitt, Sioux

City, Iowa; Darrin, Trudi, Darian and Tieneny DeWitt, Syracuse; Ryan and Dana Grammon, Blue Hill, Neb.; Brian, Michelle, Kaylee, Kelsie and Kallyn DeWitt and Crystal and Jason DeWitt and Jerry and Diane Ruder, Hays; and Dick and Ila DeWitt, Jerry and Gloria DeWitt, Roger and Roxie DeWitt, Dennis and Cathy DeWitt and Warren and Hazel Sidman, Prairie View.

Jim and Kayla Kreller, Morgan and Gordan of Phillipsburg entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner. Those coming were Jodi Wolfe, Zach, Aaron and Kyler of Hays; Opal Philbrick, Fairie Gaines, John and Sallie Jansonius, Phillipsburg; and Vivian Jansonius, Prairie View.

Hazel Jansonius hosted a Thanksgiving Day dinner. Present were Jacob Jansonius, Golden, Colo.; Jennifer Jansonius, Lenexa; Joni Jansonius, Manhattan; and Rodney Jansonius, Prairie View.

# Norton club begins 50th year of giving

The Norton Lions Club will be distributing Christmas baskets for the 50th year in a row.

This project was started in 1954 said Club President, Mark Griffin. Many families have benefited from the food and toys donated during the holiday season.

Individuals, the Lions and other groups contribute food and money for the project. Last year, about 90 Norton area families received baskets.

Support for the project has always been fantastic, Project

Chairman Tom Baumann said.

He asks community members to help again this year by contributing. Boxes for food can be found in both grocery stores. Canisters for donations have been placed in businesses.

Organizations and individuals who contribute to the project can mail their contributions to the Norton Lions Club, Box 235, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Club members will be filling baskets and delivering them on Saturday, Dec. 20.

# READERS

Nine students from Northern Valley Schools were recently recognized for having attained the Standard of Excellence on the 2003 state assessments. They are: Cody Hardy, Hannah Ponstein, Ashley Kingham, Abigail Ponstein, Justin Lee, Andrea Lowry, Melody Miller, Stanton Nelson and Thomas Ostmeier.

— **Norton County Horse Council Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. City Office. 12/9**

Jennifer Sloan, a junior majoring in secondary education at Kansas State University, was recently awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from A.O. Smith Water Products Company. Miss Sloan was one of only 10 students chosen out of 200 nation-wide applicants. Her parents, Jon and Wendy Sloan, owners of Sloan Plumbing, are members of the Professional Contrac-

tors Association. The association makes this scholarship available to children and grandchildren of members.

— **For Theatre schedule call 877-2075. 12/9**

Mid-Century Club will meet at the home of Doris Winteroth at 6:30 p.m., Thursday. Members are to bring a Christmas gift and their favorite food for a tasting table.

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 12/9**

**Winners of the Chamber of Commerce Drawing were Wednesday, Teresa Daniels, Shop and Save; Friday, Gloria Cole, Jamboree; and Monday, Joy Johnson, Norton Glass.**

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