

# OBITUARIES

## Aileen V. Boxler Aug. 27, 1907 - Oct. 18, 2007

Aileen V. Boxler, 100, died Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Norton Andbe Home.

Mrs. Boxler was born Aug. 27, 1907, at Dellvale in Norton County, the daughter of David and Jessie (Miller) Brunson.

She graduated from Norton Community High School in 1925 and attended Kansas State University.

She married Peter John Boxler.

Mrs. Boxler was a grade school teacher. She was a member of the Norton United Methodist Church, Federated Women's club and Norton Study Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Peter

Boxler on Oct. 17, 1963, and a daughter, Jane Boxler on Feb. 15, 2005.

Survivors include: a son, Jon and Bonnie Boxler, Norton; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday at Norton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lew Van Der Wege officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the church, 805 W. Wilberforce, Norton, Kan. 67654 or to the Norton Public Library, 408 N. Norton, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Pauls Funeral, Oberlin, was in charge of the arrangements.

## Howard Lee Taylor April 20, 1914 - Oct. 7, 2007

Howard Lee Taylor, 93, died on Oct. 7.

He was born on April 20, 1914, to William and Ida Taylor near Lyle. He was the grandson of Robert and Emma Taylor of Norton.

Mr. Taylor attended Norton schools, where he was active in music, sports and student government. He graduated from Norton High School in 1933.

He was a Music Education major at Kansas State University, graduating in 1939.

While at Kansas State, he met Shirley Jacobs of Lenora, who he married on June 17, 1937. They were married for 68 years.

Mr. Taylor had a career in Music Education and Industrial Arts for 40 years.

He served in the United States Army during World War II at

Camp Fannin, Texas, and Fort Riley, Kan.

He received a Master's of Music Education at the University of Colorado in 1951. He was a member of the Phi Mu Alpha-Sinfonia honorary music fraternity.

He was a member of the Masons for 63 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, in 2005.

Mr. Taylor is survived by two daughters, Anita Lee and Beverly Jean; a son, Richard; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A service will be held in Lenora at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Norton Community High School's music department, 105 E. Waverly, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## A family gathering...



Five generations gathered during a family reunion held Aug. 12 in Manhattan. They are: starting on the left, Doris Mizell, Norton, her daughter, Roberta McAllister, Clayton, Roberta's daughter, Judy Brynds, Lawrence, Judy's son, Joe Brynds, Overland Park and Joe's daughter, Kadence Brynds. — Photo courtesy of Roberta McAllister

## Wava V. Hickert March 1, 1921 - Oct. 20, 2007

Wava V. Hickert, 86, died at the Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, Neb. on Saturday.

She was born March 1, 1921, the daughter of The Rev. Earl and Beatrice (Russell) Jarboe at Marshalltown, Iowa. She had three siblings — Russell, Violet, and Kenneth.

In 1928 when she was ready to begin school, they lived in Burr Oak. In 1931, they moved to Springdale, Arkansas, and later back to Iowa to Grant and Elliott. When she was ready for high school, they lived at Hansell, Iowa, near Hampton where she started school again. She graduated with the class of 1939. In the fall, she attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. After completing two years, she was given her kindergarten/primary teacher's certificate. Her first teaching position was at Tennant, Iowa.

On April 5, 1942, she and Howard R. Gamble of Persia, Iowa, were married. She was then a farmer's wife and they became parents of David, Rose Ann, and Paul. On April 2, 1950, her husband died in a fatal tractor accident after helping a neighbor.

Mrs. Hickert was a substitute teacher for a while and then took a kindergarten/primary position near Desota, Iowa, to be closer to her parents. At that time, she lived in Adel, Iowa.

On Dec. 23, 1952, she married Lester Ankenman of Dellvale. She was, again, a farmer's wife and mother. They had two children — Lee and Shirley. Almost 16 years later, he died in a tractor accident on Dec. 5, 1968. She had been attending Fort Hays State University at the time, working toward her degree so that she could help with the family finances. After his death, she continued at Fort Hays State University, living for a year in Hays with her two youngest children.

She received her Bachelor's of Science degree in education in 1970, after which the family returned to Norton where she taught second grade at Eisenhower Elementary School for 15 years. While teaching, she served as president of the area's reading association.

On Oct. 30, 1979, she and Norman Hickert married. They were married for 20 years before he died.



Wava Hickert

After retiring in 1980, Mrs. Hickert served on the Norton School Board for eight years. She was a member of the Association of University Women and continued her membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's society in her retirement years. The Business and Professional Women named her Woman of the Year. She served on the Norton County Museum Board and was active in her church's activities on the local, district, and regional levels.

Mrs. Hickert loved to sing, especially sacred songs. She directed the Norton County H.D.U. chorus in the 50s. She was music director at the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren as long as she was able. She served as camp director for the Western Plains Church Camp of her church for five years.

She also loved traveling. She took a number of tours, but her favorite one was in Europe. She loved nature and enjoyed watching birds. She had compassion for the American Indian and helped Indian children for many years.

She is survived by her children, David and Sherry Ankenman, Lincoln, Neb.; Rose Ann and Jim Miller, Norton; Paul and Jackie Ankenman, St. Cloud, Minn.; Lee and Marla Ankenman, Wheatridge, Colo.; and Shirley and Chet Darby, Topeka; two brothers, Russell Jarboe, Everett, Wash.; and Kenneth Jarboe, Westminster, Colo.; a sister, Violet Laudner, Dumont, Iowa; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton with burial following at Norton Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

A Wava Hickert Memorial Fund has been established to the Andbe Home Activity Fund. Contributions may be sent to the Andbe Home at 201 W. Crane, Norton, Kan. 67654 or in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 213 W. Main St., Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Some thoughts are blown in by storms

### Collector Chat Liza Deines



hugs complete a stormy evening. Perhaps we stand at the window to watch the electrical show outside and relish the drops splashing into our yards and lawns, our fields and pastures. The winter wheat is drilled and this moisture has come at an opportune moment. Now all we need is a good hard frost for the milo crop.

Creeks, rushing full with the rains, host little woodland animals, raccoon and deer. From a whirlpool that spins falling leaves 'round and 'round, they drink deeply of fresh, running water. Sticks, leaves and branchlings pile up in miniature dams near rocks and then swirl away downstream in an untidy rush. Oh, if it were only day, what fun little guys could have sailing all sorts of craft, getting wet and muddy and delighted. But the children are tucked up into bed, wide-eyed and maybe just a

little bit frightened at the storm pounding down upon the house. Mamas soothe and papas read bedtime stories as together they secure their little ones in a cocoon of love that conquers fear.

And with the dawn the storm has passed, leaving a cool, freshly washed world. It's a great day to light the oven and make cinnamon toast and cocoa for breakfast, break out a sweatshirt, spend the whole day in the kitchen making chili and baking brownies. Perhaps muck out a closet or two and ready boxes for the rummage sale at church. Somehow the turning of the season wheel rouses the spirit and the soul to tackle tasks long delayed by summertime lethargy. Now, suddenly, life is real and life is earnest. How many days 'til the holidays?

Soon Jack Frost will paint our windshields in the early mornings and 'though we mutter as we scrape, somewhere in us we welcome the crisp brightness of the glitter and glitz that diamonds our day. A nip of the nose and a tingle in the toes, we set forth on our daily routine, refreshed and renewed, ears longing for earmuffs

and fingers wondering where we left our gloves last spring.

Those that know about these things say that late autumn rains will enhance the colors of the leaves when they begin to turn. Already the red maples are blushing gently and other trees look enviously at them as they await their turn for the paintbrush. Soon the sumac will be flaming beside orange bittersweet berries and entire hillsides will settle down to the business of decorating for Thanksgiving. Stony bluffs perk up and peek out when the fall comes blasting in, the grey of slate and limestone's gold in stark contrast with the glowing woodlands. Here and there a sunflower blooms on, a last dance before summer's ball is over.

Days of wine and roses, heedless joy and merry-making must give over to hot tea and bran muffins, reminiscent smiles and a few bittersweet regrets. Autumn is upon us.

MY MAMA SAID: Content yourself with the day; don't wish your life away, for it is too soon gone, it cannot stay.

## READERS

— Home-style chicken 'n noodles, baked goods and craft shop. Norton First United Methodist Church, 5 to 7 p.m., Sat., Oct. 25. Help support the radio ministry and other church projects.

Connie Pfannenstiel began working for Prairie Land Electric in Norton on Oct. 1, 1982.

Ms. Pfannenstiel said, "The advanced technology, not only in the office, but in the field, is one of the biggest changes I have seen over the years."

She has three sons, Bo, 21, Luke, 19, and Connor, 15. She also has a grandson, Brennen, 1. In her spare time, she enjoys attending sporting events and caring for her grandson.



C. Pfannenstiel

— STEAK and SEAFOOD night,

Thursday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.

A block party on the 1100 block of Nixon Drive, Norton, was held Oct. 14, for the block. The block party is an annual event.

Thirty-two friends and neighbors attended the party that served another purpose: to host a baby shower honoring Aaron and Sarah White.

Myron Veh cooked pork chops, while all the trimmings were pot luck.

— FOUND: Black and white kitten with green and white flea collar, lost at Pizza Hut about two weeks ago. Please call (785) 874-4294 for information.

## MARKETS

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## Planning meeting set for Nov. 6

The Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development, Inc., will hold its 31st annual meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the Americinn, Cole/Specter Conference Center in Russell.

The center is located at the 1-70 and Highway 281 intersection.

Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m., followed by the evening's speaker. A power point presentation will also be made showing this past year's business loan, grant and housing activity for northwest Kansas.

All individuals interested in economic development for northwest Kansas are encouraged to attend. For reservations, contact Ruth Deines at the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission office at (784) 421-2151 or email [nwkpdc@ruraltel.net](mailto:nwkpdc@ruraltel.net) by Nov. 2.

Oct. 19 - Oct. 24

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**Mr. Bean's Holiday**  
1 Hours, 37 Minutes — (G)  
Movie Showtimes:  
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COMING SOON: The Game Plan (PG)  
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**Homestyle Chicken  
and Noodle Dinner,  
Craft Shop and Baked Goods  
Saturday, October 27  
First United Methodist Church  
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**SUPPER SERVED 5-7 P.M.  
— ALL YOU CAN EAT —**

Home-style Chicken and Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Dinner Rolls, Homemade Pie, Coffee or Ice Tea

Adults \$6; Children (6-12) \$3; Children Under 5 Free

**Public Cordially Invited to Attend**

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