

# OBITUARIES

## Dorothy J. Hawks

Jan. 23, 1923 - Dec. 16, 2005

Dorothy Jean Hawks, 82, Norton, died Friday at Norton County Hospital.

The daughter of Robert and Grace (Sidman) Schulze, she was born Jan. 23, 1923, in Norton.

She attended the Union and Enterprise No. 107 rural grade schools, where she won the county spelling bee and participated in the state spelling bee.

She graduated from Norton Community High School and then went to work as the secretary for the county school superintendent. She later worked at Southwestern Bell Telephone as an operator.

On July 31, 1946, she and Dwayne H. Hawks were married. They lived in Norton, Dighton, Ness City, and Pratt, and later returned to Norton. Mr. Hawks died on Feb. 14, 1967.

She was a member of the Norton Christian Church and the Veterans

of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She also enjoyed playing Bingo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, Francis, and two grandsons.

Survivors include: a son, Roger and Beverly Hawks, Amarillo, Texas; two daughters, Judy and Marvin Moppin, Norton, and Melba and Galen Engel, Beatrice, Neb.; a brother, Glenn and Ella Mae Schulze, Norton; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Enfield Funeral Home with Jeff Nielsen and Wilmer Severns officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Almena.

Memorials have been established to the Norton Senior Center and the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Barbara L. Kershner

March 11, 1938 - Dec. 16, 2005

Barbara L. Kershner, 67, Bloomington, Neb., formerly of Norton, died Friday in Franklin, Neb.

Mrs. Kershner was born March 11, 1938, in Monte Vista, Colo., the daughter of Ellis H. and Hope L. (Baker) Sewell.

She graduated from Monte Vista High School.

On Sept. 16, 1956, she married Warren Kershner in Monte Vista. They made their home in Creede and Del Norte, Colo., Riverside, Calif., and Norton. She was living in Bloomington, Neb., where she was a nurse's aide.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Beaver City, and the Rebekah

Lodge. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, and a sister.

Survivors include: three sons Ken and Mary Kershner, Grand Island, Neb., Rick and Patricia Kershner, and Jerry Kershner, Bloomington; a daughter, Deborah and George Gooden, Las Vegas; a brother, Cecil Sewell, Mesquite, Nev.; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at Enfield Funeral Home. Burial was in Norton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Barbara Kershner Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

# Christmas memories play again

## Child of the 40s

Liza Deines



living room and the flat side was hidden in a corner. Yesterday's project, cranberry, popcorn and paper garlands are quickly draped through the branches.

"Better get a wiggle on, girls," Mama says, "or we won't get the tree up by suppertime." Ann mutters something fortunately unintelligible just as the third to the last bulb is replaced and the entire string bursts into vivid bloom. At last! I burst into chatter, after having been silenced for so long. Mama and Ann grin at each other

and probably roll their eyes. The lights go on the tree in short order, followed by ornaments.

No expensive glass baubles for us. We have walnut and pecan shells magically transformed into Santa faces by the addition of aspirin bottle cotton beards, inked on faces and red crocheted sock hats. Next come chicken wishbones painted with red nail polish and tied with little bows; pinecones and seed pods hung with leftover loops of ribbon from previous years, fronts cut from old Christmas cards, and various other odds and ends of salvaged finery. The only commercial ornaments are a few figural bulbs left from a long lost string of lights. One is shaped like a Santa, a few like elves, a candle and a sleigh. We tie ribbon around the old screw tops and hang them on the tree, never minding that they no longer light up. Our crowning star is yellow construction paper glued on cracker box cardboard. Ann wires it to the top-most bough.

Here's brother Roger home from his job at the service station with a red, chapped face and hands frozen from washing icy windshields all afternoon. He still took time to stop off at the local Duckwall's store and has brought

a package of candy canes to hang on the tree and a bag of gumdrops for our one new decoration, the gumdrop tree. It receives the place of honor in the center of the buffet, flanked by two choir singer candles. I'm allowed the happy task of impaling the gumdrops on the tiny plastic twigs. Purple for the royalty of the Triune, white for Jesus' purity, red for the Blood of the Lamb, green for Everlasting Life, yellow and orange for the Light of the World. I happily warble "Away in the Manger" as I work, much to everyone's annoyance.

Dad arrives bearing a square, wire handled cardboard container of fresh oysters to go into the milk and onion broth Mama has simmering in the kitchen. We put oyster crackers on the dining room table in Grandma's glass cracker dish, carry our mugs of warm, buttery oyster stew in from the kitchen, and sit down to admire our handiwork.

The tree shimmers gloriously in the twilight. We hear an ominous "pop". The entire string of lights blinks off. Ann sighs, takes her mug of soup, sits down under the tree and patiently begins to check bulbs. Christmas Eve is complete once again

## BIRTHS

### Emma Mae Dibble

Jason and Kelley Dibble, Phillipsburg, are the parents of a daughter, Emma Mae,



E. M. Dibble

born Dec. 5 at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 9 pounds 5.5 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She has a sister and brother, Gracie, 6, and Parker, 4.

Grandparents are Jim and Patty Northup, Max and Pam Dibble, and Ellen McCartee, all of Phillipsburg.

Great-grandparents are John and Opal Mason, and Maxine Dibble, all of Stockton.

### Katy Danna Mitchell

Jeff and Jennifer (Roth) Mitchell, Montezuma, are the parents of a daughter, Katy Danna,



K.D. Mitchell

She was born Dec. 9 at the Women's Center,

Dodge City. She weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have another daughter, Toby, 4, and a son, Joshua, 2.

Grandparents are Dave and Linda Long, Norton, and Rocky and Susan Mitchell, Garden City.

## READERS

— Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 12/20

— Almena State Bank will close at noon, Friday, Dec. 23. 12/20

— American Family Insurance office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. 12/20

Megan Hawks, Almena, and Adam Conkey, Edmond, were listed among the 44 seniors at Fort Hays State University who have been featured as outstanding campus leaders in the 2006 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

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## James R. Underwood

July 31, 1972 - Dec. 15, 2005

James Robert Underwood, 33, Eudora, formerly of Norton, died Thursday at the Barnes Jewish Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo.



J. Underwood

He was the son of Robert Eugene and Virginia Lee (Rice) Underwood, born July 31, 1972, in Norton.

He graduated from Norton Community High School with the class of 1991.

He also attended Coffeyville Community College and Goodland Vo-Tech. In 1998, he was selected as the Communications Technology Student of the Year at Goodland.

He worked for Kansas Cellular in Salina for a year before moving to Lenexa, where he worked as a sales site technician for Sprint. He was working for Sprint and living in Eudora.

He was a member of the Norton Christian Church and enjoyed golf, four-wheeling and snow skiing in Breckenridge, Colo.

He was also an avid sports fan, especially when it involved teams in Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, James Underwood; his maternal grandparents, Homer and Jewel Rice; an aunt; and a nephew.

Survivors include: his parents, Bob and Virginia Underwood, Norton; his paternal grandmother, Jacqueline Underwood, Norton; a brother, Dan and Russchelle Underwood, Joes, Colo.; a sister, Deanna and Todd Sumner,

Norcatour; a niece and three nephews.

Funeral services were held today at Norton Christian Church with Jeff Nielsen conducting the services. Burial was in Norton Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory. Contributions may be sent in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

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