

# OBITUARIES

## G. Aileen Gibson

Dec. 2, 1922 - July 2, 2006

Gwendolyn Aileen Gibson, 83, died Sunday at the Norton County Hospital.

She was born Dec. 2, 1922, in Phillips County, the daughter of Goldsberry and Fannie May (Scott) Maddy.

She graduated from Norton Community High School.

On Dec. 31, 1941, she and Lawrence A. Gibson were married in Phillipsburg. They made their home in Edmond, where they owned and operated a restaurant for many years. Her husband died Aug. 7, 1996.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 296 in Lenora and had served as the Worthy Matron in 1957.

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

brothers, Gene (in infancy), and Lloyd Maddy, and two sisters, Avis Mathewson and Leola Luft.

Survivors include: two sons, Gary and Di Gibson, Salina and Dennis and Helen Gibson, Andover; two brothers, Leon Maddy, Riverside, Calif., and James Maddy, Norton; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with burial at Edmond Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to Norton CARES and the Andbe Home. Contributions may be made through the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.



Rusty Miller and Dana Knapp

## Couple to wed in tropical Jamaica

Dana Rae Knapp and Rusty Alvin Miller are planning a July 8 wedding in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Miss Knapp is the daughter of Larry Knapp, Hays and Mary Jane Knapp, WaKeeney.

Mr. Miller is the son of John and Beverly Miller, Norton.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Ignatius Flax, Ellis, and the late Martina Flax and the late Philip and Clara Knapp, WaKeeney.

Grandparents of the prospective groom are Ila Marie Ritter, Norton and the late Lloyd Ritter and Lucille Miller, Norton and the late Wayne Miller.

Miss Knapp is a graduate of

Trego Community High School, Northwest Kansas Technical College, in Engineering Technology and of Colby Community College with an associate's degree in applied science. She is employed by Rural Telephone Service, Lenora, as an Engineering Technician.

Mr. Miller is a graduate of Norton Community High School and of Central Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is a self-employed farmer west of Norton.

After the couple return from their honeymoon, there will be a reception in WaKeeney on July 15.

## READERS

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 7/4**

The family of Melvin Rupke invite you to join them for an open house to celebrate his 90th birthday. It will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 9 at the Johnson Commu-

nity Center in Alma, Neb. If you would like to send a greeting, it will reach Mr. Rupke at Box 363, Alma, Neb. 68920.

Stephanie Ruf, Logan, and Joshua Davis, Jennings were listed on the spring honor roll from Colby Community College.

# Best times come after the rain

"It's stopped!" I squeal with delight as a passing thunder storm slacks off to a few drips. "Can I go out now?" "MAY I go out now," my English teacher mother corrected. "You want to play with me?" I asked, missing the point entirely. Mama shook her head and smiled, "No, dear, it's baking day. Yes, you may go out."

Our yard presents enticing opportunities right after a rain. If I could get outside quickly enough I could put my bare feet under the drain spout and enjoy the fresh cold water washing off the roof. When that stopped it was on around the house to check the rain barrel. Is there enough water accumulated for the Saturday hair washing? Now, I was strictly forbidden to muddle about in the rain barrel which would stir up the sediment from the bottom, but if I was very careful I could dip my little toy teakettle in and get enough rain to make "rain tea" for me and my dollies later.

Circling on around the house to the north corner where an old chunk of concrete sits under the drain pipe. The dirt has washed away all around it over the years, leaving a very satisfactory ditch. I leap the moat around my concrete castle and sit sailing sticks and shingle shreds and a little plastic boat in the whirlpool created by my stirring with a long stick. Muddy water splashes my clean sunsuit but I don't notice.

Tired at last of my pirate ships and military naval battles in the miniature ocean, I head for the flower garden.

The hollyhocks are in full bloom. I make my choice of the six largest and most colorful blossoms plus six plump buds. These go with me to a leaky old

## Child of the 40s

Liza Deines



horse tank abandoned on the west side of the barn. Painstakingly I impale the buds on the stems and float them in the tank. Turned upside down the wide flowers with their bud faces magically transform into graceful ladies that dance on the surface of the water, swooping and dipping to the melody of the *Blue Danube Waltz* that I hum for them.

Lots of good mud around the horse tank for toe squishing and mud pie manufacturing. Nothing goes better at a dollie rain tea than good solid mud pies.

Two dollies and I enjoy our tea from doll dishes and little tin plates that are kept in the manger in the barn with my shabbier dolls and a scruffy old, bald teddy bear who joins us. Tea, of course, requires a bit of polite conversation regarding the nice rain and everyone's health. Teddy is distressed that he has become a bit damp so he gets extra tea with sand sugar to strengthen his elderly constitution.

After a good rain is a wonderful time when you're four years old.

Mama calls me for lunch and surveys my bedraggled, wet, muddy appearance. "I swan, I don't know how one little person can get so dirty so fast," she sighs. She hoses me off, produces a towel and a fresh sunsuit and in I go for lunch bubbling over with tales of my adventures in our rain-soaked fairy land.

## Mary Ellen Smith

March 15, 1941 - June 30, 2006

Mary Ellen Smith, 65, died Friday at Norton County Hospital.

Mrs. Smith was born March 15, 1941, in Selden, the daughter of Herman and Ellen Kathryn Schlageck.

She graduated from Selden Rural High School in 1958. After high school she attended beauty school to become a hairdresser.

On Oct 5, 3, 1964, she married Larry Smith in Selden.

She worked as a hair dresser in Colby before the family moved to Norton. She worked at Debbie's Beauty Boutique and also fixed hair at the Andbe Home for many years before she retired..

She was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and the Norton American Legion Auxiliary.

Her hobbies included camping, making crafts, flower gardening, scrapbooking, photography, animals, grandchildren, sports, school and church.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, John "J.B." Schlageck.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Smith of Norton; two sons,

Douglas and Shelly Smith, Norton and Robert Smith, Norton; a daughter, Kathryn and Brian Pfannenstiel, Norton; a brother, Herman "Jr." and Ann Schlageck, Hoxie; two sisters, Elizabeth "Betty" and Richard Pauls, Selden and sister-in-law, Marcia Schlageck, Selden; and three grandchildren.

A vigil service was held Tuesday evening at St. Francis Parish Hall.

Mass of the Resurrection services were held Wednesday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Selden with the Rev. Vincent Thu Laing officiating.

Burial was in the Selden Cemetery. Casket Bearers were Daniel Schreiner, Daniel Benoit, Boyd Wilson, Steve Schlageck, Pat Schlageck, John Schlageck, Joe Schlageck, Freddy Miers and Daniel Wilson.

A memorial has been established in her name. Contributions may be made to the Mary Ellen Smith Memorial Fund in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan. 67654.

## Shearer family gathers to welcome son home

Dale and Dorothy Shearer, Lenora, hosted a family cook-out June 24 at their farm home honoring their son, Kurtis Shearer, and his son, Dale, who were visiting from Georgia.

Those attending were Roger and Karen Shearer, Belinda and Amanda Turman; Debbie Kaus, Alyssa, Ben and Courtney; Mike and Shelly Shearer and Scott; Lisa Shearer, Dalton and Keegan; Arnold and Elaine

Shearer; Chris Eagleburger, Alasia and Lucas Eagleburger; Deanna Troutner, James and Laura; Brian and LeeAnn Shearer, Carson, Devin and Gavin; Lonnie Shearer; Randy and Deana Shearer and Amy; Brad Shearer; Jennifer Simoneau, Alex and Dane; Jule Shearer, Melyssa Applebury; Nyla Gebhard and Ashton; Diane Stutterheim; and Henry and Floyd Edgett.

Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!

## Memorial Praise Service in Honor of Connie (Mizell) Lillich

Saturday, July 8 - 6:30 p.m.

Norton Christian Church

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