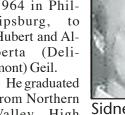
Sidney L. Geil Oct. 1, 1964 - Jan. 29, 2007

Sidney Lee Geil, 42, Elkhorn, work, woodworking and photog-Neb., formerly of Almena, died raphy. Monday at Lakeside Hospital,

Mr. Geil was born on Oct. 1, 1964 in Phillipsburg, to Hubert and Alberta (Delimont) Geil.



from Northern Valley High School in 1983.

He attended Oregon State University for one year before transferring to Kansas State University where he received his bachelor's degree in 1987.

He married Sheila Brown on April 6, 1991 at St. Cecilia's Church in Hastings, Neb. They made their home in Omaha and

Mr. Geil worked at Servi-Tec Technologies in Hastings before moving to Omaha with Cetac Technologies and finally Transgenomic, Inc. as a Customer Support Manager.

ing, hunting, scuba diving, yard Home of Norton.

Decatur County Hospital,

Mrs. Ritter was born Aug. 11,

1927, in rural Dresden, the

daughter of Frank J. and Anna

She was a homemaker and

lived on a farm in the Dresden

She was a member of Immacu-

late Conception Catholic

Church, Leoville, the Altar So-

ciety and Daughters of Isabella.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, three brothers, Vic-

tor Dempewolf, Gerald

M. (Meitl) Dempewolf.

Leoville High School.

Francis Ritter in Leoville.

Pauline M. Ritter

Aug. 11, 1927 - Jan. 31, 2007

father Hubert.

Survivors include: his wife Sheila Geil; a daughter Carissa of the home; his mother, Alberta Geil, Almena; a brother, John and Stacy Geil, Garden City.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Reichmuth Funeral Home, 21901 W. Maple Rd., Elkhorn. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Baptist Church, Papillion, Neb.

A visitation will be held in Norton from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, at the Norton Christian Church.

A funeral service will be held at the church at 2 p.m. followed by burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery,

Memorials are suggested to an educational fund for Carissa Geil or an educational fund for children in the Dominican Republic through Grace Baptist Church, 205 E. Halleck, Papillion, Neb.

Local arrangements are under His hobbies included trap shoot- the direction of Enfield Funeral

## DEATH NOTICES

Friday, February 2, 2007

**Agnes Marx** 

Agnes Marx, New Almelo, died Tuesday at Graham County Hospital, Hill City.

Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin, is in charge of the arrangements.

#### Jay Miller

Jay Miller, age 78, Norton, died He was preceded in death by his Monday, Jan. 29 at the Andbe Home in Norton.

> Graveside services were held today at the Norton Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Jay Miller Memorial Fund.

> Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home in Norton

#### **Mary Smith**

Mary Maxine Smith, 86, Oberlin, died Tuesday at her residence in Oberlin.

Funeral services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin.

### **Dorothy Wudtke**

Dorothy A. Wudtke, 90, died Sunday at the Norton Andbe Home. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m.

to 11 a.m. followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, is in charge of arrange-



Gerry and Phillip Loughry, 2007

## Norton couple celebrates 40 years

Phillip and Gerry Loughry, Norton, will soon celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Phillip Loughry and Gerry Rogers, Long Island, were married Feb. 5, 1967, at the Norton Christian Church. They have lived and farmed in Norton County all their married lives.

They are the parents of two daughters. They also have six grandchildren.



Phillip and Gerry Loughry, 1967

Their children Pam and Mike Blochlinger, Concordia, and Mindy and Chris Harting, Norton are requesting a card shower to honor their parents. Anniversary greetings will reach Mr. and Mrs. Loughry at RR 1 Box 114, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Brass school bell collection found new homes

Nothing delights my heart more than the knowledge that something I once treasured is now in the possession of and treasured by a dear friend. It was such a pleasure to receive a number of Christmas letters in which people mentioned items they had chosen to purchase at my recent auction. Among those was one from our dear friends Gene and Maxine who now own some of LeRoy's brass school bells. One of my early Norton memories was being at the Wiltfong home and seeing Maxine call her children in for supper by vigorously ringing an old brass teacher's bell. Bells have been announcing

good news for years and years. Remember the ends of the wars? And Christmas morning? Bells announce not only the crowning of a royal monarch but something as humble as suppertime at the farm. Bad news, too, came via fire and emergency bells. School bells signaled minor bad news in the form of the "take up" bell when you were still a block away or perhaps the end of a too-short recess.

**Collector** Chat Liza Deines

LeRoy's first brass school bell was a gift from his father. It was from the two-room country school where the southwest Trego County children attended grade school. Excelsior School is long gone but years later Dad found the bell in a nearby ditch. Complete with a slightly cooked orangepainted handle, a lot of tarnish, and a scar from being hit by a road grader, it had a place of honor at home. I couldn't bear to sell it so it came to the Carlyle with me.

The next acquisition came from Waldo, Mo., one more came from a grade school in Bartley, Neb. That made three which qualified as yet another collection. So began our quest for brass school bells. Our group was small due to limited Mexico. In the marketplace at criteria, but LeRoy did make some Monterey the students learned they're stress relievers, as well as exceptions. In the corner of our liv-how to bargain for a deal by watch-collectibles.

not only purchased but sneaked home in his luggage from Hong Kong as a Christmas gift for me. Of course, we both knew it was truly for him! How he purchased that at the Stanley Market and got it home on the plane without my knowledge is still a mystery to me. It now has a new position as a supper bell in the Archer home near Almena. Another exception was a won as a pinochle prize. An outdoor exception was a cast iron bull bell he lugged home from the El Texas. It hung on our patio and no now hangs on David's patio here in Lee's Summit.

My favorite bell of all was another "gift" to me. It was a tiny antiqued metal bell hung on a hook under a glass dome. A few Nortonites may remember the year LeRoy drove a school bus of eighth graders on a field trip to

ing room hung a large brass bell he ing Mr. Deines talk a Mexican merchant down from an exorbitant price to a very good bargain on this bell because it had a tiny hole in the body. When he presented it to me he showed me what a sweet tone it produced and said the others that were perfect did not have that sweetness. Life lesson: flaws are not always fatal!

Bells can make a wonderful collectible because there are many small china Bicentennial bell he available. The secret here, however, is to exercise discrimination in your choices lest you end up with the entire house full of bells. Paso Saddle Blanket Company in As he chose brass, perhaps one could choose only crystal, silver, doubt our neighbors hated it. It or china. A choice to keep only one color or one floral decoration or possibly a particular designer, such as Fenton, will prevent your enthusiasm from running amok at an auction.

> LeRoy would sometimes come home from a long day at work and ring all the bells before he popped his head in the kitchen to see what was for dinner. How about that —

# **CITY COUNCIL** "I want to work for you!" Paid for by Harriett Gill

sweetheart

Pauline M. Ritter, 79, Connie Ritter, Colby and Gerald Dresden, died Wednesday at and Phyllis Ritter, Overland Park; three daughters, Ann and Bob Middleton, Goodland, Mary Jane and Ford Wiltrout, Wichita and Su-

san McKenna, Eugene, Ore.; two brothers, Dick and Jean Dempewolf, Colby and Don and She graduated in 1945 from Laurene Dempewolf, Oberlin; two sisters, Delores Zerr, Andover and On Aug. 21, 1951, she married Dianne and Myron Kleidosty, Simi Valley, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Marion (Dempewolf) and R.D. Thornton, Oberlin; and eight grand-

> Friends my call until 4 p.m. at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church in Leoville. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the church in Leoville.

Funeral services will be held at Dempewolf and Eugene 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church in Dempewolf; and three sisters, Leoville with the Rev. Henry Saw Carolyn Peterson and Edna Lone and the Rev. Roger Meitl. Survivors include: her husband, etery, Leoville.

Contributions may be made to the John and Tammi Ritter, Dresden; Pauline Ritter Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home, Selden,

## READERS

Francis Ritter, Dresden; five sons,

Donald Ritter, Dresden; David

Ritter, St. Francis; James and

Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session with three tables present. Winners were: first, Larry Sumner and Jack Graham; second, Sam and Bonnie Manning.

- There will be NO PITCH Tournament Sunday because of Super Bowl XLI.

Several area students have been listed on the fall semester honor roll from Kansas State University. They are: Peggy Foster, Jennings; Denton Bailey, Norcatur; Chelsey Cox, Klaire Mann, Drew Sebelius and Megan Walter, Norton; and Mackenzie Ostmeyer, Northern

Kyle Douglas began working for Rural Telephone, Lenora as an IT Equipment Technician on Dec. 18. Mr. Douglas performs maintenance of network printers and copiers, completes server backups and negotiates equipment vendor maintenance agreements. He also addresses vendor, database and hardware issues, provides computer support and performs upgrades. He received certification

At close of business Feb. 1

Wheat ..... \$4.43 Milo ..... \$3.66 Corn ...... \$3.86 Soybeans ..... \$6.40

The Duplicate Bridge Club met in IT Essentials through CISCO Networking and lives in Norton with his wife, Shannon.

> Jaclyn Krueger, Norton, was  $listed \, on \, the \, Dean's \, Honor \, Roll \, for \,$ the fall semester from Barton

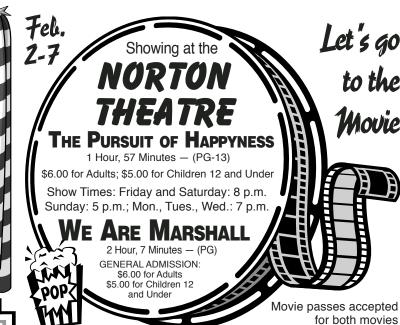


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