

# OBITUARIES

## Daniel Applegate

Dec. 14, 1936 - June 11, 2010

Daniel "Dan" Applegate died at the Hays Medical Center on June 11, 2010, at the age of 73. Dan was born on December 14, 1936 on a farm in Norton County. He was the oldest of four children of Lester and Leita Applegate.

Dan grew up attending various schools in Norton, Osborne and Graham Counties. He graduated from Hill City High School in 1954 and attended Manhattan Christian College for two years and graduated from Fort Hays State University with a degree in Elementary Education as well as a Master's Degree in Administration. After teaching school for one year in Bogue, he married Sarah Lowry on August 22, 1958 in Grand Rapids, Mich. They made their home in Hill City while teaching two years at a country school in Densmore and then six years in Morland.

In 1966, they moved to Monument and he began teaching at Oakley-Monument USD 274 where he remained for 32 years. They had two children while living in Monument, Gina Lucille and Joel Daniel. After living in Monument for eight years, they purchased a home in Oakley in 1974. Gina and Joel continued to attend elementary school in Monument and Dan had the pleasure of teaching both of them in the 5th grade. Dan retired in 1998, after teaching 41 years in Kansas schools.

Dan was a faithful member of the Oakley Christian Church and held offices as Deacon and Elder. He was involved in teaching Sunday School for many years and attended the local Promise

Keepers breakfast until a couple of years ago.

Dan enjoyed working for various farmers during the summer months and mowing lawns with the family. He also enjoyed gardening. During the winter, he would clean the snow for his neighbors. He mowed and removed snow until Parkinson's set in.

Dan was a wonderful husband and father. He was a man of integrity, gentle and transparent. He had no greater joy than when he was able to be with family and friends.

Dan was preceded in death by parents Lester and Leita Applegate.

Survivors include his wife Sarah; son Joel Applegate and wife Korlynn of Beloit; daughter, Gina Applegate-Shutts of Salina; brothers, Richard Applegate and wife Ida of Florissant, Mo., Leroy Applegate and wife Monnie of Tucson, Ariz.; sister, Vicky Fox and husband Dwight of Pahrump, Nev. and 5 grandchildren, Graham, Whitney, Pierce and Mallory Applegate and Couper Shutts.

Funeral services were held today at Oakley Christian Church in Oakley with Pastor Bob Kelly and Pastor Jason Schmidt officiating. Burial was in the Oakley Cemetery. Memorials have been established to the Oakley Christian Church and Manhattan Christian College. Memorials can be sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, P.O. Box 211, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

Arrangements were by Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home of Oakley.

## Ellen R. Couchot

March 31, 1916 - June 10, 2010

Ellen R. Couchot, 94, of Abilene died June 10, 2010 at Memorial Hospital in Abilene. She was born March 31, 1916 in Norton County, the daughter of Joseph and Hilda (Saltzman) Perrill. She grew to womanhood in the community of her birth and attended the local schools.

On July 19, 1936, she was united in marriage with Elmer Hackney. They made their home in Manhattan. He preceded her in death in 1969. She married Roger Couchot in 1971 and he also preceded her in death.

She worked as a cosmetologist in Manhattan and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Rebekahs Lodge and the Eagles Club. She had made her home in Abilene for the past twenty years.

Surviving are one daughter, Judy Lightsey, Louin, Miss.; four sisters, Erma Hackney, Mabel Bohl and Gladys Minshall, all

of Norton and Iva Lee Grove, Horton; grandchildren, including Jamie Garten, Abilene; great grandchildren and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; son, Phillip Hackney and two daughters, Betty Gilmore and Trudy Stites.

Funeral services were held at the Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home of Abilene on Monday with Clarence Garten officiating.

Graveside services and burial followed in the Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan.

The family of Ellen Couchot suggests that friends contribute to the Hospice of Dickinson County in her memory.

Contributions may be left at the funeral home. Send condolences to www.mbcfh.com.

Arrangements were by Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home of Abilene.

# DEATH NOTICE

## Geneva Long

June 12, 2010

Geneva Long, lifetime resident of New Almelo, died on June 12, 2010, in Wichita at the age of 95.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph's

Catholic Church, New Almelo. Parish Wake Service will be held on today at 7 p.m. at the St. Joseph Auditorium, New Almelo.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

# FYI

The Norton County Senior Center announces the distribution of government surplus food for low income persons of all ages in Norton County.

Food available for distribution at this time: Milk, canned beef, canned chicken, corn, peaches and tomato soup.

Distribution times and places are:

June 16, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Norton Senior Center,

June 18, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lenora Senior Center,

June 16, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Almelo Senior Center

June 19, 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Clayton Library.

For more information call Ramona at the Norton Senior Center,

877-5352.

The results for the duplicate bridge at Norton Manor on June 9, first: Bob Jones and Carla Latimer; second Doug Johnson and Jerry Moritz.

## Getting into the spirit of pioneer women



Delores Knowles of Kirwin, Kristen Ewing of Phillipsburg, Mary Potberg of Kirwin, Marilyn Minkler of Phillipsburg and Peggy Mullen of Kirwin, period actors, went back in time to the days of pioneer women at the 30th Annual

Sunflower Pioneer Power Association celebration in Almema on Saturday and Sunday.

Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# Weddings create lasting memories

My cousin Margaret is finally getting married. Frankly, I've been a little worried about this for awhile. After all, she is almost 24 years old and I figured she was well on her way to being an old maid school teacher. I'm only 13 and my dad is already worried about getting me launched in life, which to him, means married.

Mama and Aunt Florence and I are in the basement at the Methodist Church helping everyone get dressed. We all have new dresses for the occasion made of the very newest fabric, crinkled nylon. It looked so thin and cool on the hangers; who knew it would be so warm?

This is the first time I've helped at a wedding and I had no idea it could be such a hectic affair. So far everything that can go awry, has done so. The bride is standing on a table in the kindergarten room while her mother whip stitches the hem of her beautiful white wedding gown, which got stepped on in all the confusion. Every two minutes Maggie says "Is George here yet?" and everyone assures her he is. He isn't and right now no one knows why. The flowers

## Rock and Roll Kid Liza Deines



haven't arrived and no one knows about those either.

Cousin Barbara, the matron of honor, is fighting morning sickness. Her mother is fussing with her pink taffeta dress and stole, vainly attempting to disguise the fact that she is "expecting."

Uncle Jim, who customarily wears overalls for every occasion, is in the kitchen struggling into his only suit. Apparently he is not quite as lean as he was when he last wore the suit, 10 or 12 years back and cannot button the pants. Mama and Florence dig through drawers and cabinets frantically searching for a safety pin but have to settle for a jerry rigged arrangement of rubber bands looped through the buttonhole and over the button. They stand him in a corner and tell him to hold his breath. He puts his false teeth in, leans against the wall and sighs.

Flowers arrive but no George. The organist launches into her entire repertoire for the second time. Twelve minutes past two and no groom. The minister is pacing. The best man comes downstairs and inquires if George is down here. Unfortunately Maggie overhears. Tears.

Twenty seven minutes past two, with Margaret near hysterics, George's car screeches up out front and he comes tearing down the stairs. "I left the rings home on the dresser in Hoxie so I had to go get them," George explains. Did he mention to anyone that he had to drive 20 miles to Hoxie where home and the dresser were? Of course not.

Above the soloist begins "O Promise Me" and the wedding party hastily ascends the steps to line up in the narthex. Mama and I slip down the side aisle to join Dad and turn to watch as Aunt Florence is escorted in, only slightly frazzled, followed by George's mother and her escort. George, his brother and the minister appear at the altar. Here comes Barbara, looking downright regal and elegant, bouquet artfully arranged

to cover baby.

With a relieved flourish the organist hits the opening chords of the wedding march. Margaret is an enchanting bride, dark hair glowing beneath her white veil, big brown eyes sparkling and a smile as wide as all outdoors. Beside her is Uncle Jim, dentures in place, jacket snugly buttoned to hide his makeshift belt, looking distinguished, if unusually erect.

Almost before I can draw a long breath the service is drawing to a close. Mama and I slip out and dash downstairs to fill the punch bowl and set out mints and nuts. An iced tower of cake, flanked by tall pink candles centers a table draped with Grandma Cafferty's Irish linen tablecloth. Descending guests cluster in chattering groups until the wedding party troops down, duly photographed and smiling. Cake and punch for all after the bride and groom cut the first slice.

Uncle Jim heads straight for the rest room and returns in his overalls, teeth tucked in the front pocket where they usually dwell, breathing again. And all's well that ends well.

## Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. James Myers, Goodland, formerly of Norton, wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Len to Anthony Dovidio, son of Daniel and Kim Dovidio, of Westcliffe, Colo.

Amy is a 2004 graduate of Norton Community High School and a 2008 graduate of Fort Hays State University with dual degrees, majoring in business management and marketing. Amy is currently an assistant manager for Family Dollar in Westcliffe and is also working with Encounter College Age and Twenty Something Ministry and Internships through the First Christian Church in Westcliffe.

Anthony is a 2005 graduate of Custer High School in Westcliffe. He graduated from Youth with a Mission Discipleship Training School in 2009. Anthony works at Eagle Summit Ranch with Rover Evangelistic Association in Westcliffe.

A June 25 wedding will take

place in Westcliffe, Colo. After a short wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Westcliffe, Colo.



Amy Myers and Anthony Dovidio

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Sunday, June 20, 2010

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