

AREA NEWS

Kay Gibson



Kay Yvonne Gibson, 89, died November 29, 2025, at The Cedars Retirement Community in McPherson, Kansas. She was born November 27, 1936, in Minneapolis, Kansas, the youngest of three daughters of Ernest and Ima (Merryfield) Pogue. After graduating from Minneapolis High School, Kay attended Kansas State Teachers College (now known as Emporia State University), Emporia, Kansas,

where she met her first husband, Robert (Bob) Hawk. They were married on June 10, 1956, and were the proud parents of Tacy, Kyle, and Troy Hawk.

Through the years, Kay lived in many locations throughout Kansas: Great Bend, Valley Falls, Topeka, Lyndon, Hill City, Montezuma, Beloit, as well as Holdrege, Nebraska, finally settling in Salina, Kansas, with her second husband, Keith (Hoot) Gibson. Following his death, she moved to The Cedars in McPherson, Kansas. She spent many years working in education and secretarial jobs. She loved playing the piano, reading, putting puzzles together, as well as attending her kids' and grandkids' many sporting and school events.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother Kenneth Pogue, oldest sister Janice Ferrell, husband

Hoot Gibson, daughter Tacy Hawk, and infant grandson Axyl Leven. She is survived by two sons, Kyle Hawk and wife Tammy of McPherson, KS, Troy Hawk and wife Carol of Beloit, KS, and adopted daughter Jennifer Leven and husband Willie of Canyon, TX. Kay is also survived by her sister Beverley Woodruff of Minneapolis, KS, 9 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 A.M., Friday, December 5, at the First Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, Minneapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to the First Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, KS, or St. Joseph's Catholic School in McPherson, KS, and may be left in care of Wilson Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 166, Minneapolis, KS 67467.

Ada News

Friday, November 28, the Thanksgiving Dance was held at the Bohemian Hall. Higher Yields Band performed. Everyone had a great time.

Saturday, November 29, lots of Christmas activities in Minneapolis, including a light parade and lighting of the huge Christmas tree downtown. The New Image Singers performed at the tree lighting. It was a very cold day, but everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

Tuesday, December 2, the Ada Senior Citizens met at the Community Building for coffee and donuts. They discussed details for the upcoming Pancake Day at the Ada Community Building on Saturday, December 13, 8:00-1:00. All are welcome.

Rosie Prochaska visited their son Seth and his family in McPherson on Tuesday. She is able to visit them almost every week. Those two little granddaughters are a

great reason for those visits.

Lots of Christmas in the air. Near Ada, you can see Christmas lights at the homes of Russ and Jana Van Meter, Rich and Cindy Boucek, Kay and Amy Baccus, and Mike and Susie Miller. Also on the Ada Road is a beautiful Christmas tree displayed at the Ada Depot. Many thanks to all who have shown their holiday spirit through decorations.

We have had some snow. Fortunately, although it has been very cold, the snow didn't stay around long because of lots of sunshine. Temperatures will be somewhat warmer over the next several days, and no rain or snow is expected. However, winter does not actually start until Sunday, December 21. As is well known, Kansas weather can be fairly unpredictable.

If you would like to submit Ada News, please send it to adanews2022@gmail.com.

Wells News

By Donna Adee

The Friday after Thanksgiving, Donna Adee gave her niece Marie Adee Norris and her husband from Denver, a tour of where Marie's father, Russell Adee, went to grade school at Sunnyside School, and the Bethany Free Methodist, the church he attended near the Richard Adee homestead. They drove on to Miltonvale to where Russell had attended high school with his brother Aubrey driving the Model T each day to school. The long 11 or 12 mile trip on country roads presented all sorts of problems. At one farm there was a dog, who loved to chase the Model T. Every day, Aubrey teased the dog out further and further and finally ran over him. That was not too smart in a Model T and it ended up on its nose with the motor still running; Aubrey was stuck behind the steering wheel because for some reason he had unbolted the seats. He was pinned in the car until some men working nearby pushed the car back on its wheels. One of the wheels had broken spokes so they had to find another ride to school. Ben Adee was not happy at finding out what they had done.

If you are having problems with mice this year, you are not alone. Donna wonders if that is a sign we will have a hard winter. Always before, Coke

or Pepsi would kill the mice but the companies must have changed their recipe because the mice that have cleaned up a whole dish of Pepsi in the oven will still not step on the sticky traps nearby. One morning there was noise from a sticky trap in the office with 2 mice stuck. Since it was snowing and so cold, Donna threw the trap and mice out into the snow. Victor, the dog, took one look and walked away, but later Donna saw cat tracks around the area and no sticky trap or mice. Being sure that she would find one of the cats stuck to a sticky trap, she walked out to feed them. All the cats were there and there was no sticky trap anywhere! Maybe the 12 degree cold kept the sticky trap from sticking. Anyway, while being desperate to find some way to prevent these pests, she saw online a natural treatment that Donna had used in the garage for years, but didn't know if this electrical device was still available. At the farm store she found a Pest A Cator, which plugs into the electrical outlet. It sends a silent pulse to annoy pests. This one is made in Trenton Missouri and if it works as well as the one in the garage, it will be much better than sticky traps, Pepsi and poison.

News from the Good Old Days Minneapolis Messenger November 24, 1938

Overloaded with Shoes (front page)

Sparger's front windows are certainly overloaded with old shoes this week. They are being gathered by the high school students in the race for Carnival Queen of the big carnival Friday night. After the carnival is over, we understand that folks needing shoes will be welcome to look over this big heap and pick out what they can use. We venture to say that you haven't seen that many old shoes gathered in one place. It is some sight!

Had A Great Carnival.

The High school seniors had a great time in their carnival held at the high school building last Friday night. The evening was a complete success financially. Everything was sold out at the dinner and most everything at the carnival booths. The grand drawing of prizes took place at 10:30 and there were so many prizes that it took a full hour to draw all the numbers. Total cash receipts of the whole affair amounted to \$299 and when all expenses paid they netted \$200. Phyllis Markley, senior class candidate, was elected Queen of the Carnival by votes cast upon purchase of tickets and the collection of shoes (in Sparger's window) Her total votes were 367,900. Ethel Tasker (later Mrs. Bob Humpert) 383,900 votes and Florence Ewart, Junior candidate received 192,500 votes.

Wells News: the health officer was out Wednesday morning and closed the school and quarantined all school children in order to check the scarlet fever epidemic. Wells looks forlorn without any children on the street.

Saturday little Eldon Dale Harder (who was almost 3 years old) and his dog Sport decided to hunt rabbits. During the hunt Eldon got lost so he kept wondering. (Eldon's family lived where Evelyn Doring lives now) Everyone who was able to walk and those who weren't drove cars and joined the hunt to look for him. Eldon was lost from about 10 o'clock until his father found him almost asleep on the bank of the Ottawa Co lake dam. He had walked north from the picnic grounds of the lake. Mr. Harder called and Sport barked which led Mr. Harder to Eldon.

Bible Verse: Psalms 97:10-12 You who love the LORD hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart, rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of)
Donald Eugene Mutschler,)
a/k/a Donald E. Mutschler,)
a/k/a Donald Mutschler,) Case No. OT-2025-PR-000028
a/k/a Don Mutschler, Deceased)

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Megan Chase, surviving daughter and heir of Donald Eugene Mutschler, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the decedent's following described real estate in Ottawa County, Kansas:

Lots 1-8, Block 2, C.C. Schur's First Addition to Lakeview, Ottawa County, Kansas, and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death.

And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned to the decedent's heir under the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before December 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Minneapolis, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Megan Chase, Petitioner

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