

Obituaries

Otto Lillich

Jan. 28, 1920 - Sept. 26, 2006
Otto Andrew Lillich, son of Justina (Brauer) Lillich and William Otto Lillich was born Jan. 28, 1920, at the farm 7 miles southwest of Bird City, Kan. He grew up there and attended country school.

Otto was the youngest of eight children. His siblings were Edwin, Herman, Alma, Martin, Eulalia, Bertha and Adelina. Otto attended high school in Bird City and returned to the farm.

He loved playing baseball and for many years was a catcher for the Bird City baseball team. He was an ardent golfer and was good at it. Otto bowled for years on the Security State Bank's team. He and Eulalia loved to play pinochle.

Otto was inducted into the U. S. Army on March 1, 1942. He traveled by bus to Fort Leavenworth for induction. For basic training he went to Oregon by train where he was assigned to the 144th Infantry. A highlight for Otto was stopping by North Platte, Neb., and getting to participate in the canteen there that met every train during the war.

After Otto's basic training was completed, he was assigned to the San Francisco, Calif., area and helped build a camp south of the Golden Gate Bridge. It was here that Otto was first assigned to extensive guard duty. They guarded ammunition depots and supplies that were earmarked for the troops and bases in the Pacific Zone of operations during World War II. He was transferred to posts in Louisiana and Florida before leaving from Maryland for Europe.

Otto served in the European Theater of World War II with additional duty in Italy as part of the 10th Mountain Division. He guarded ammunition depots in the Po Valley of northern Italy close to the German Apennines. Otto felt this was extremely interesting duty. When Otto was in Italy he served with the Pioneer 729. Here he served with an anti-tank company

in the infantry and with a combat engineer battalion. He had experience in setting booby traps, land mines and other demolition charges. He helped build tank traps, bridges, culverts, etc. He served in the Mediterranean Operations and participated in the Apennine Mountain and Po Valley campaigns of Italy.

Otto received the World War II Victory Ribbon, EAME Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, Good Conduct Ribbon HCM and Efficiency with Honor Fidelity. He was discharged as a Private First Class on Nov. 4, 1945, at Fort Carson, Colo.

Otto was a loyal and active member of the Bird City American Legion post since his retirement from the service. When he first came back from the war he worked at Johnson's Garage in Bird City for a year before returning to the Lillich family farm where he lived with his sister Eulalia for more than 50 years. He was a farmer and also worked as a lineman for Northwest Kansas Electric Association for three years and for many years he did construction work for Carmichael Construction.

Otto was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. He held different positions on the church council and sang in the church choir for many years.

He was a member of the Tri-State Antique Engine Association and volunteered his services there for many years.

Otto marched with the color guard of the American Legion in many parades and took part in the Memorial Day Services at the cemetery until walking became a problem for him.

A favorite pastime for him was reading. Otto would check out 10-15 books from the library at a time. Even when his macular degeneration worsened, Otto would use his head magnifier and continued reading. Pinochle was his passion at the Senior Center. He liked nothing

better than to spend an afternoon there playing with friends.

Otto and Eulalia left the family farm in 1996 and purchased a home in Bird City. They lived there until October 2003. At this time Eulalia became a resident of the Good Samaritan Village and Otto rented an apartment in St. Francis so he could be close to both Adelina and Eulalia. He lived in the apartment until this November when he required full time medical care and was admitted to the Good Samaritan Village in Goodland. He died Dec. 26, 2006, at the Goodland Hospital from pneumonia

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Edwin, Herman and Martin; sisters, Alma, Eulalia and Bertha. He is survived by one sister, Adelina Walter of St. Francis, nephews and nieces, numerous cousins, and many friends

Memorial services are scheduled 2 p.m. Feb. 10, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City with ashes placed in the Bird City Cemetery. Memorials are designated for the church and the Bird City Library.

Leo Johnson

Died Dec. 15, 2006

Leo Johnson, age 75, of Keenesburg, Colo. died Dec. 15, 2006, at his home. He was born at home in Bird City, Kan., to Glenn and Minnie Johnson. He attended and graduated from Brewster High School in 1951.

Leo enlisted in the Air Force along with his twin brother, Lee in 1951. They went to basic training in Texas and served four years in Great Falls, Mont.

On Jan. 16, 1954, he married Pearl Peterson in Great Falls. They were married for 53 years. Leo and Lee and their families moved to Denver, Colo., after their discharge from the service. Leo worked as a drain layer and a carpenter. In 1967 he was hired by United Airlines as a fueler. He retired from the company after 30 years of service.

He loved to build and do wood-working as a hobby. Other hobbies

were fishing, hunting, watching his children and grandchildren in rodeos, and many sports. He enjoyed raising and racing greyhounds with his twin brother, and raising black labs for field trials. He was a devoted family man and enjoyed the outdoors.

Leo and Pearl lived in the Brighton, Colo., area for 38 years and then moved to Keenesburg, Colo., 10 years ago, where he lived until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl; three children: Debra and husband, Ray Strong of Greeley, Colo., Lanette and husband, Pat Walker of Hudson, Colo., and Kenny and wife, Sandie Johnson of Keenesburg; and four grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, LaNora Jackson, and one brother, LaVern "Buck" Johnson and sister-in-law Glessner Johnson.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters, Linda and Cheryl Johnson, his twin brother, Lee Johnson, brother, Glen Johnson, brother-in-law, Kenneth Jackson, and nephew, Lonnie Johnson.

Services were held on Dec. 27. A graveside service was also held at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Carol A. Sramek

April 14, 1953 - Jan. 25, 2007

Carol Ann Stewart Sramek was born at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, Kan., on April 14, 1953, to John B. "Jack" and Virginia (Covington) Stewart as the second to youngest of four children. Jack Stewart transferred to the Monsanto Plant in Nitro, W. V., in 1958. The Stewart family lived there until 1969 when Jack changed jobs to return to Kansas.

Carol graduated from Shawnee Mission East High School in 1971. In January of 1975, Carol graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor of science in elementary education. After substitute teaching in the Lawrence area for a year, Carol took a job with the Developmental Services of Northwest Kan-

sas working at the Children's Services office in Colby.

Mutual friends introduced Mike Sramek to Carol. On Feb. 12, 1977, Mike and Carol were married at St. John Catholic Church. They made their home on the south side of the Burk-Sramek farmstead. They were blessed with four children, William Michael, Andrew Jay, Cassandra Ann and Megan Virginia.

Carol shared her many talents with everyone she met, whether it was helping her kids with homework (she's the only one in the family who could spell), cooking wonderful family meals, or writing family histories. Everyone knew they would always be welcome in the Sramek house and could stay as long as needed - Carol made it that way.

Carol was also a very faithful member of St. John Church. She was the religious education coordinator for multiple years and a religion teacher for even longer. She served in the St. John Altar Society, and praised the Lord in the church choir and as a cantor.

If there was a community job that needed to be accomplished, Carol was the first to volunteer. She loved putting her degree to use by substitute teaching at all of the local schools and was a favorite of the students. She showed her love by sewing anything and everything her children or friends requested.

Hospital prohibits concealed weapons

In response to a recent law enacted in Kansas allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons, the Cheyenne County Hospital will be enforcing a policy prohibiting handguns, pistols or revolvers in the facility (and on all hospital property), which includes Cheyenne County Clinics in St. Francis and Bird City.

The new law, which took effect July 1, allows private entities such as the hospital to ban weapons on the premises. Individuals with a license to carry a concealed weapon are not exempt from the hospital's weapons ban.

The hospital's new policy, which goes into effect Feb. 1, states that weapons are strictly forbidden on the premises and all off-site buildings operated as part of the hospital (visitors may store firearms in vehicles, as long as they are stowed in accordance with Kansas law).

The no-weapons policy applies to all patients, employees, visitors, medical staff members, clinical practitioners, independent contractors, volunteers, vendors and any other persons entering the hospital for any reason. The only individuals permitted to carry a firearm on the premises are on-duty law en-

forcement officers.

Signs will be posted at all entrances of the hospital announcing the policy and prohibition of weapons.

If someone discovers a person with a weapon, notify the hospital administrator. The administrator will inform the person of the hospital's policy regarding possessing a weapon and will ask the person to remove the weapon from the hospital property.

If the person refuses to comply with the policy, law enforcement will be contacted, as it is a class B misdemeanor for a licensee to knowingly have a concealed weapon at a business that prohibits people from having concealed handguns on the property. In an emergency situation, people are to notify law enforcement immediately.

"Cheyenne County Hospital strives to remain socially responsible and to protect the safety of patients, visitors, employees, medical staff and volunteers, as well as the overall community," said Les Lacy, administrator.

Those having questions or concerns, should contact Administrator Lacy.

Public Notices

Notice of hearing set for final settlement

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of Shirley Ramona Bartlett, Deceased Case No. 06-PR-09

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed on January 26, 2007 in this Court by John L. Bartlett, executor of the estate of Shirley Ramona Bartlett, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of his acts, proceedings and accounts as executor, determination of the heirs, de-

vises and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will of Shirley Ramona Bartlett, deceased. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 20, 2007 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on such day, in such Court, in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause shall be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

John L. Bartlett, Petitioner Submitted by: Steven W. Wilhoft #15513 Law Office of Steven W. Wilhoft 2326 Clark Parsons, Kansas 67357 (620) 421-3164 Attorney for Petitioner

Proposed runway project is available

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The Cheyenne County Municipal Airport Authority invites you to see the "ENVIRONMENTAL

ASSESSMENT" for the proposed runway widening and extension. The booklet will be on the counter at the Cheyenne County Clerks office from January 29, 2007 through February 9, 2007.

Conservation district meeting set for Feb. 12

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Cheyenne County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 12th day of February, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. an annual meeting of the Cheyenne County Conservation District will be held at the American Legion Hall, Bird City, Kansas.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items: ONE:

The supervisors of the Cheyenne County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO: They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of one supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Lynn Query is expiring.

All in the county of Cheyenne in the State of Kansas.

By Roger Orth
Chairperson
Cheyenne County Conservation District

ATTEST
Jeanne Dunn
Manager/Secretary

Hotline published for discrimination

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HOUSING DISCRIMINATION HOTLINE

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the City of St. Francis? If so, please call the Housing Discrimination Hotline Number (1-800-669-9777) to discuss complaints, questions or discriminatory practices. Locally, please contact Mary Lampe, St. Francis City Clerk at (785) 332-3142.

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