

OBITUARIES

George E. Smirl

July 13, 1944 - Feb. 8, 2014



George E. Smirl, 69, of Topeka, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 at the Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

He was born July 13, 1944 in Great Bend, the son of Joseph and Viola Grow Smirl. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1962. George earned his Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and Elementary Education from Emporia State Teacher's College in 1966 and his Master's Degree in School Administration from Emporia State University in 1973.

In 1966 George started his teaching career at Kinsley. He was then director of Hettlinger Education and Training Center in Emporia, principal in Pomona, high school principal and superintendent at Northern Valley in Alma, Grade school principal and superintendent at South Gray School District in Montezuma, superintendent at Barnes-Hanover-Linn School District, principal at Holy Name Grade School, special education instructor at Highland Park School and then at Landon Middle School, all in Topeka, until his retirement. George's

profession involved educating and mentoring many children, young adults as well as those he supervised. The most memorable and cherished aspects of his profession were being his daughters, and grand-daughters, principal/superintendent.

He was a member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council No. 4254, and James Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly, all in Topeka.

George married Kathleen J. O'Brien on Oct. 12, 1963 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. She survives, of the home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Jerry Smirl, and one sister, Wilma Neilsen.

Other survivors include: a sister, Virginia; two daughters, Karen Leiker and husband Wayne, Holton, and Stacy Stromgren and husband Spencer, Osage City; and, three grandchildren, Jessica Hutton and husband Joey and their children, Kiera, Ayden and Bryson, Alisha Quigley and her daughter Ambree, and Richard Leiker.

There was a Knights of Columbus Rosary and 4th Degree Chalice Service on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, and a Mass of Christian Burial. Cremation followed the service.

Burial will be at a later date in St. John the Baptist Cemetery at Bazine.

Memorials are suggested to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, 66436.

Condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com.

Presentations develop life skills

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operation and appreciation for the work of others.

Giving presentations in 4-H will teach members many skills that have value later in life, including these marketable skills:

How to organize thoughts in a logical manner

How to find information and research a subject

How to express ideas clearly and convincingly

How to prepare visuals and use them to support the presentation

How to listen to the opinions of others and accept feedback

How to teach others

How to manage time

How to manage stress

Learning takes place through the five senses: seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting and smelling. Research indicates 85 percent of learning comes through the sense of sight, 8 percent through hearing, 3 percent through feeling, 2 percent through tasting and 2 percent through smelling. All presentations include seeing and hearing, but some presenta-

tions involve all five senses. Effective presentations involve as many senses as possible.

The purpose of the evaluation or score sheet is to help members accept and benefit from constructive criticism. The evaluation is designed to give feedback to help members improve their performances.

All youth need to develop healthy attitudes toward competition. Throughout life, youth will be in situations in and out of school where they will be judged and compared with peers or set project or presentation standards. Competition should be an exciting experience, not something youth dread or fear.

Competition, done the right way, is a way to motivate youth to work hard and to try to do their best. Youth, and adults, often learn more from failures or mistakes because they provide opportunities for improvement and growth. The ultimate goal in any presentation experience is for members to complete the presentation with a good feeling about themselves and what they have done and learned.

Come out and support our local 4-H youth at the Club Day event on March 18, 2014 at Norton Junior High School with presentations beginning at 6 p.m.

CLUB NEWS

The Beta Alpha members of Phi State could be found checking out the Norton Thrift Store on Feb. 3, 2014. A very informative program and tour was presented by member Pam Menagh. The Norton Thrift Store was started in 1974 by the United Methodist Women. Since that time a total of \$638,488 has been raised to be donated to several worthy causes. The Shop is run by a board of women who meet monthly. Everyone who helps out is on a volunteer basis. After the normal utilities and rent are paid, the rest goes to missions. There are three categories of missions: Local, Other, and World.

World Missions include Mercy Ships, Partner of Compassion where the Shop supports two Compassion Children, and the Mission Society.

Other Missions include Youthville, United Methodist Open Door, Mexican-American Ministry, and schools and facilities in various states and cities.

Local missions include medical funds, house fires, God's Pantry, Ministerial Alliance, Andbe Home, The Rock, post proms, and many other community funds.

Besides missions, the Shop supports non-monetary missions with donations of clothes, books, blankets, etc. These missions include the Orphan Grain Train, Goodwill, Hospice, dog shelters, Unwed Mothers Home in Hays, and many other community organizations.

Pam took us through the daily work of taking the donations in, categorizing them, preparing them for sale, storing "out of season" articles, sales, and even e-Bay, as it is used for items that are of more value than what they could sell for locally. Pam Shelton, Lynn Hehn, and Pam Menagh all illustrated the incredible value of a thrift store, as they modeled their "treasures" found at the Shop.

After a tour of the whole facility, we proceeded to Pam Shel-

ton's for lunch and our business meeting. A yummy Valentine dessert was served by the co-hostesses Lynn Hehn and Joyce Lofgreen. A "Surprise Sticker" attached to a napkin brought Glenda Campbell a little something special. Thank you ladies for making the February meeting so enjoyable.

The business meeting was called to order by President Verlaine Schooler. The minutes were not read, as the secretary could not be present. The treasurer's report was given. Money the Fun Way was won by Virginia Will.

After a brief discussion, the chapter decided to donate \$50 scholarships to both the Norton and Northern Valley Post Proms. The meeting was adjourned and the Collect read.

The next meeting will be held March 3, 2014 at the home of Terry Hillman. The program on Economic Development in Norton County will be presented by Scott Sproul.

Alberta "Bertie" R. Ritter

March 1, 1930 - Feb. 9, 2014

Alberta "Bertie" R. Ritter of rural Oberlin died on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014 at Hays Medical Center, Hays, at the age of 83.

The daughter of Gottfried Mumm and Sarah McDonald, Bertie was born March 1, 1930 in Selden. She was raised on the family farm northwest of Selden and graduated from Selden Rural High School.

On Oct. 23, 1950, Bertie was united in marriage to Seraphim "S.J." Ritter and they lived on a farm west of Leoville. She was a farm wife and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church & Altar Society in Leoville.

Bertie was preceded in death by her parents, Gottfried and

Sarah (McDonald) Mumm; husband, Seraphim "S.J." Ritter; and three brothers, Paul, Frederick and Hubert.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty (Dick) Vahling of Dresden; three brothers, Charles "Bud" (Vickie) Mumm of Herndon, Clem (Pat) Mumm of Colby and Kenny Mumm of Selden; seven sisters, Anogene Rogers of Selden, Josephine Douglas of Greeley, Colo., Eleanor Rogers of Selden, Marge Roy of Atwood, Dolores Raile of Hoxie, Clara (Dick) Newton of Denver, Colo., and Judy (Gordon) Smith of Greeley, Colo.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held

at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville, on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m., with Father Mark Berland officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Leoville.

Visitation will be on Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the funeral home in Selden and after 5 p.m. at the church in Leoville, with a vigil service at 6 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville and to the Kansas Food Bank.

Pauls Funeral Home of Selden is in charge of arrangements.

Band program set for Feb. 22 in Oberlin

Jeff Davidson and the Trail Riders band will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Oberlin Gateway Center on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Using songs, historical facts and pictures, Mr. Davidson leads audiences through the history of Kansas, from the time of Coronado to the end of the 1800's. The making of the state of Kansas had a tremendous influence on Western U.S. settlement, helping to shape the economy, ideology and heroism of a young nation.

He has presented his unique program to a variety of audiences, mostly in Kansas, but has also performed in Missouri and Washington D.C. For over 25 years, he was the entertainer for the Flint Hills Overland Wagon Train, which gave him a keen interest in Kansas history and an appreciation for the early travelers on the Santa Fe and Oregon trails.

He is the 2013 winner of the serious division of the Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest and is currently serving his third

year as president of the Kansas Chapter of the Western Music Association.

He and his wife Kelley make their home in Eureka, where he works as a watershed specialist for Kansas State Research and Extension.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket event or \$12 for adults, \$7 for students grades 1-12.

For information, call Ella Betts (785)-475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785)-470-0218.

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PHONE 785-874-4844

The Norton PEO Chapter will be hosting a Baked Potato Bar Scholarship Fundraiser on Tuesday, February 18 before the Norton/Hoxie Basketball Game in the NCHS Cafeteria
Baked potatoes with a variety of toppings, dessert, and a drink will be available for \$6.00. They will be serving from 4:30-7:00 p.m.
PEO is a philanthropic educational organization for women

PUBLIC RECORD

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

Jan. 16 Nov. 24-Veronica Marie Adkinson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 84 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$195.

Nov. 27-Wesley Allen Baintner, Hoxie; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Dec. 13-Jerel D. Barnett, Jr.; Healy; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

Dec. 15-Randy Bellamy, Goodland; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

Nov. 27-Jennifer R. Breyer, Longmont, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171

Dec. 1-Mandy Lynn Broussard, Castle Rock, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 86 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$210.

Oct. 17-LaRoyce Lee Brown, Lenora; Charge: Vehicles; unlawful acts, e.g., registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$186.

Nov. 27-Justin F. Carroll, New York, N.Y.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Dec. 1-Mark E. Carter, Bloomington, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Jan. 3-Kurtis R. Conkel, Lincoln, Neb.; Charge: Driving on left in no-passing zone; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Dec. 11-Heather Ann Crain, Phillipsburg; Charge: Speeding 61 in 45; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$177.

Aug. 11-Michealle Denise Daniels, Republic; Charge: Speeding 88 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$309.

Dec. 16-Christopher Lee Evans, Jennings; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

Nov. 24-Marion L. Garcia, Hill City; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

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