

OBITUARIES

Marybelle Haslet Rowley

Sept. 5, 1922 - Oct. 17, 2013

Marybelle Haslet Rowley departed this life on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013. She enjoyed a rich, full life of 91 years. Born Sept. 5, 1922 in Colfax, Ind. to Berdena and Jesse B. Haslet, she was raised and baptized there. She married Sharrol "Sparky" Rowley in Salinas, Calif., March 5, 1943 and moved to Norton when "Sparky" returned from serving in World War II with the U.S. Army. They raised three daughters, Linda Tritt, Springdale, Ark.; Karen Vasconez (deceased); Joyce Moriarty, Lenexa.



and later the probate judge's assistant in Norton. After Sparky's death in 1974, Marybelle moved to Logan, and earned her MHT degree at Colby Community College. She worked at the Norton State Hospital for the mentally retarded and retired in 1984. In June 2007, she moved to Lenexa, into assisted living.

Even then, Marybelle's sense of humor was strong and she enjoyed bringing a smile to others.

Marybelle had many talents and a huge gift of helping others in need. In addition to serving as BPW President, she was Worthy Matron in Eastern Star, held numerous local and state offices in AA, received the Golden Heart Award from Valley Hope, and was a proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Marybelle leaves eight grandchildren: Brad Fegter, Mike Fegter, Michelle Pulley, Tracy Tiller, Stacey Montgomery, Brooke Bergquist, Brandie Zschietzschmann, Cortney Moriarty; and 10 great grandchildren: Olivia, Kennedy and Madelaine Fegter, Jeremy and Hailie Tiller, Tyler and Sabrina Montgomery, Grace Bergquist, Ashton Zschietzschmann, and Claire Pulley.

James A. Maddy

May 5, 1930 - Oct. 19, 2013

James A. Maddy "Jim" Maddy, age 83, died at his home in Manhattan, Oct. 19, 2013, surrounded by family members, after losing his long battle with cancer.

James A. Maddy was born May 5, 1930, on a farm 4 miles northeast of Norton, to Goldsberry and Fannie Scott Maddy. He attended early grade years at Hillman School. In 1940, the family moved to his grandfather's homestead, 11 miles south of Alma. He finished grade school at the Pleasant Hill School. Jimmy, as he was known as a youngster, was a bright boy - taking two years in one term. Being a child of the 1930's, having no school bus, he boarded in town and had different jobs to pay his board and room. Jim attended Norton Community High School, graduating in 1947. After high school he farmed with his father until joining the U.S. Air Force in 1951 where he excelled in electronics. In 1952 he married Suzann Sidman. After his discharge in 1954, he and Suzann and their first son Steve returned home to his grandfather's homestead to farm with his father. After his father's death, Jim and Suzann were on their own, with a large growing family of five children.

They were at the mercy of the 1950 drought and other hardships. Their home burned in 1959, and with the help of family and neighbors they moved a house to the homestead. After many renovations it was built into the home it is today.

With an amazing work ethic and a thirst for learning, he attended farm schools and was constantly reading agricultural materials and trying to keep up with the latest methods of farming to become the best farmer and businessman he could be. He was a progressive farmer and

with his family's help he built a successful farming operation and started a custom harvesting operation in the early 1960's. He was involved in the formation of the U.S. Custom Harvesters Organization. Jim and his sons continued the harvesting business for many years. Jim always enjoyed the crews, many with whom he stayed in contact. He could be a tough taskmaster, to which his family can attest.

In 2010 Jim purchased a home in Manhattan, where he planned to enjoy retirement and attend K-State sporting events. He never completely retired but did enjoy his frequent visits to Manhattan where he had many warm and friendly neighbors. Those last two years he was able to enjoy many basketball and football games.

His high school friends have always been dear to him and he kept in touch with them throughout his life.

Jim and Suzann continued to operate the business together and continued their friendship attending family and Norton and K-State events together. Recently Jim stated that 2013 was the first time in 65 years he had not operated a combine.

Jim served many years on the Norton County Farm Bureau Board, serving as president, and various other offices. He also served at the state level on the membership committee. He was awarded Farmer of the Year by Farm Bureau in 1968, and received other awards for farming. He belonged to the American Legion and the Eagles Lodge. He was baptized as a baby and renewed his vows to God in 1963.

Some of his happiest moments were looking down the rows of beautiful green corn, across a field of golden ripe wheat, watching his herd of Hereford

cows with calves, and relaxing with his family and crew after a long day cutting wheat. He was a farmer to the end.

He was surrounded by a loving family, and his last words were encouragement to his family to carry on the farm as a family, to the best of their ability.

He is survived by his former wife Suzann, sons - Steve, Dave and wife Patsy, Duane, Rod and wife Tammy, and daughter Cynthia Abend. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren - Kara Miller, Lucas Maddy, Christopher Maddy, Katie Gualtieri, Marisa Maddy, Molly Maddy, James Donahey, Kelly Donahey, Ryan Maddy, Kristen Fahrenbruch, and Cassandra Padia; five great grandchildren, Jacob, Madeline and Olivia Miller, Caroline Fahrenbruch, and Caleb Padia. Also surviving are his nieces - Dalene Horton, Pat Mitchell, Cathy DeWitt, Amanda Hartley, Carmen Sidman, Jocelyn Henson, Sandra Downing; his nephews, Gary Gibson and Dennis Gibson, Mike Luft, Ron Sidman, Danny Mathewson, Gene Maddy, and Ron Maddy, with whom he enjoyed over sixty years of hunting and fishing expeditions, and whom he called his little brother. He is also survived by brothers-in-law Warren Sidman and Eric Sidman.

He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Lloyd and Leon, sisters Avis Mathewson, Aileen Gibson, Leola Luft, and an infant brother Gene.

Funeral services were Friday, Oct. 25 at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton, with Darel Boston officiating. Burial will be at Norton Cemetery.

Memorial can be made to the James Maddy Scholarship Fund or the Norton Chapter of FFA.

Arrangements by Enfield Funeral Home.



Dr. Jon S. Smith

March 18, 1946 - Oct. 23, 2013

Dr. Jon S. Smith, 67, died Oct. 23, 2013, at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center. He was born March 18, 1946, in Rural Clayton, Kansas, to Thomas Clifford (T.C.) and Emma (Eichenberger) Smith. He graduated from Clayton High School and received his Doctorate of Chiropractic. He had his chiropractic practice in Liberal. Jon retired in 1997.

He is survived by: his daughter, Jona Carter and husband Gene of St. Augustine, Fla.; grandsons, McKenzie Carter, Jon Carter, Chance Carter all of St. Augustine, Fla.; companion, Gretchen Theisen of Hutchinson; and brother, Alvin Smith.

Jon was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bill, Bob, Walt, Larry, Vern; and granddaughter, Mica Smith.



Cremation has taken place.

Per Jon's wishes there will be no services. Elliott Mortuary & Crematory, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, Ks, 67501, was in charge of the arrangements.

Experts featured at conference

Kansas Rural Center's 2013 Farm and Food Conference, "Farming as if People Matter: How to Feed Ourselves, Build New Farms and Adapt to a Changing World," will feature a host of local, regional and national experts to present information on a wide variety of farm and food related topics.

Wes Jackson, founder and President of the Land Institute in Salina, will be the keynote speaker at the conference, which will be held at the Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct., Newton, Kansas, Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jackson is an internationally recognized leader in sustainable agriculture and author of several books, and will present on "When Ecology Replaces Agronomy for Food Production."

Workshops focusing on Farm Transitions, Farm Management, Local Food Marketing, Community Food Solutions, and Food & Farm Policy will be led by experts involved in these

topics and issues at the state or national level. Kansas-based experts who will be joining us to present at the conference include producers, educators involved in local foods' projects, and representatives from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, K-State Research and Extension, University of Kansas, Kansas Department of Education, and Kansas Department of Agriculture. National experts will include speakers from the National Center for Appropriate Technology, the Public Health Law Center, Monarch Watch, and Partners for Sustainable Pollination.

A full list of speakers and workshops offered during the day can be found at kansasruralcenter.org/conference.

To register, please visit www.kansasruralcenter.org. Registration is \$45 per person, which includes conference materials and a lunch made from locally sourced ingredients. To secure a lunch for the day, registration

must be completed by Monday, Oct. 28.

This conference is an annual event presented by the Kansas Rural Center. Sponsors this year include Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension, Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, Farm Aid, and Heartland Mill, Inc.

The Kansas Rural Center is a non-profit organization that since 1979 has promoted the long-term health of the land and its people through research, education and advocacy that advances economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially just food and farming systems.

A conference agenda, list of exhibitors and sponsors and other upcoming events are available at www.kansasruralcenter.org. Or contact conference coordinator, Natalie Fullerton, nfullerton@kansasruralcenter.org or 402-310-0177 for more information.

Incentives program deadline is Nov. 15

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Eric B. Banks, announced an application evaluation cutoff date of Nov. 15, 2013, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The Conservation Service has provided over \$26 million in financial assistance for fiscal year 2013 to help Kansas producers implement conservation practices through Incentives Program, the agency's largest Farm Bill conservation program.

"The Environmental Quality Incentives Program offers farmers and forestland managers a variety of options to conserve natural resources while boosting production on their lands,"

Banks said. "This conservation investment helps improve environmental health and the economy of Kansas' rural communities."

The Incentives Program is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land, such as cropland and rangeland, and non-industrial private forestland.

The Incentives Program helps address the unique circumstances of socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land. Qualifying Kansas producers compete separately and receive higher payment rates.

For more information visit the Kansas Conservation Service web site www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center. To find a service center near you, check your telephone book under "United States Government" or on the internet at offices.usda.gov

Juggling program coming to Oberlin Nov. 3

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will present a juggling program at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Reneé Crosby says she is a mild-mannered secretary by day, and a juggler nights and weekends. An Omaha native, she learned to juggle at the Omaha Community Playhouse while in college. She was working backstage, met a juggler, asked him to teach her the art, and the rest is history.

She has performed for all ages and all types of events, including birthday parties, parades, picnics, Cub Scout banquets and wedding receptions. She said

she loves to entertain and likes to involve the audience in her comedy juggling performance. She has taught juggling at the Playhouse, Metro Tech Community College, Iowa Western College and through various private organizations, and also gives private lessons.

She is an approved artist with the Nebraska Arts Council's Artist in the Schools/Communities Program, through which

she's taught juggling in schools throughout Nebraska. She's also an artist with the council's touring program. She is currently president of the Omaha Juggling Club and a member of the International Jugglers Association.

This is a season ticket event or \$12 for adults, \$7 for students, at the door. For information, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

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