

Adults and kids work together

By Karen Krien

Adults and young people worked together to complete projects on Tuesday. The effort was in recognition of Join Hands Day. This is the fourth year people in the community have joined together to work on different projects.

This year, 45 people met at the Shriner's shelter at the city park. From there, some picked up trash and limbs along the Riverwalk. Others delivered recycling bulletins to residences and others painted the restrooms at the Roadside Park.

"It is great to see young people and the adults working together, bridging the generation gap," said Elmer Kellner, one of the coordinators of the Join Hands events.

Following the work, a wiener roast was held at the entrance of the Riverwalk. The food was pro-

vided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Among those working were Lions Club members, Girl and Boy Scouts, members from the junior and senior classes, Thrivent Financial for Lutheran members along with individuals who volunteered.

In today's world, young people and adults have developed differing preferences in work, leisure and lifestyles — they don't know each other.

Mr. Kellner plans to work with young people throughout the year getting their input on what projects need to be presented for next year's Join Hands Day. He also has other ideas.

In years past on Join Hands Day, volunteers have delivered recycling pamphlets and picked up food items for the Food Pantry.



MATT BROWN AND TREVOR HENDERSON distribute fliers for recycling as part of the Join Hands Day activities.

Photo courtesy of Elmer Kellner

Fourth of July birthday for McDonald ladies

A "bang-up" birthday party is being held for two of McDonald's ladies, Amelia Banister and Vivian Curry, who were born on July 4. The open house party is set from 2 to 4 p.m. on July 4 at the McDonald Senior Center. Mrs. Banister will be 94 years old and Mrs. Curry, 90 years old.

They ask that there be no gifts, that only the presence of friends and relatives be their gift.



Obituaries

Fred Hilt

Dec. 19, 1936 - June 14, 2004
Fred Hilt was born Dec. 19, 1936, the fifth son of Fred and Elizabeth Hilt. His birth took place at the homestead near St. Francis, Kan. His mother gave birth to him on the kitchen table.

Growing up the youngest of five boys, Fred learned to do many of the household chores from his mom. His deep love of music began with the two of them sitting on the cellar door singing hymns in both German and English.

Fred was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. His faith and love of his Lord was an essential part of who Fred was. He was a faithful and active member of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church until his death.

He began his schooling at the Clough Valley School. When the family moved to St. Francis, he attended school in St. Francis and graduated in 1954.

After graduation Fred joined the U.S. Air Force. His duties included airframe repair and aircraft maintenance instructor. Following his honorable discharge, Fred moved to Burlington, Colo., and assumed the responsibility of Hilt Drilling Company from Fred Sr.

Fred married Martha Sivey and two children were born to this union: Timothy and Mary Ann.

Fred leased and managed the Burlington Airport, farmed land both north and south of Burlington, along with running the drilling company.

He married Bonnie Reynolds Oct. 7, 1968, in Amarillo, Texas. To this union Bonnie brought two children, Tami and Dave, whom Fred later adopted.

After planning and designing the family home, Fred and his father built the home in Burlington, doing everything from the electricity, plumbing and even hauling the

sandstone rocks from the quarry. They completed the house in the early 1970s.

Fred and Bonnie had been involved in many different groups and activities over the years, including singing in the church choir, stock car racing, square dance calling and dancing, antique tractor pulling, golfing, card clubs, traveling and following the grandkids in their various activities.

Spending time with family and friends was important to Fred. Whether it was teaching the grandkids to golf and drive his golf car, going to farm sales with his brothers, or playing a rousing game of cards with friends, Fred was always the first one to say: "Let's go!" Fred enjoyed restoring old cars and gas pumps, collecting antiques and numerous other things. His biggest achievement was restoring and fabricating a 1907 White steam car. His latest project was building an experimental two-passenger airplane with his son, Dave.

Upon completion Fred was working on renewing his pilot license, looking forward to attending air shows and fly-ins.

Fred took great pride in his country, proudly displaying the American flag above his house. He was an inventor at heart and felt the need to repair about anything that needed fixing, including his body. Fred endured 24 surgeries, many of them artificial replacements, and was anticipating his 25th. Fred died suddenly from a massive cerebral hemorrhage June 14, 2004.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Fred Sr., and Elizabeth and brothers Marvin Hilt and Ervin Hilt.

Surviving Fred is his wife, Bonnie, of Burlington; sons, Dave Hilt and wife, Donna, of Burlington, Timothy Hilt of Houston, Texas; daughters, Tami Vaughn and husband, Gene, of Bethune, Colo., Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, Texas; grandchildren:

Occasion

Miller Cousin Reunion

The descendants of John and Sophia (Lampe) Miller held their fourth reunion Saturday, June 12, at the senior citizen center in St. Francis.

Those in attendance were Charles and Cathy Bandel, Goodland; Gwen Miller, Concordia; Willard and Ila Miller,

Sterling, Colo.; Deanna Cook, Melanie Saunders, Jaxon and Bailey Beard, Jessica Edwards, Syracuse, Utah; Becky Brown, Cindy and Richard Els, Benkelman, Neb.; David, Megan, Nick and Zach Els, McDonald; Judi Miller, Fredonia; Sam Brown and friend, Sam Fluere, North Platte, Neb.; Marian Miller, Ruben and Bernice Bandel, Marion and Betty Miller, Kathleen Ewing, St. Francis.

The day was spent eating, visiting and taking pictures and looking at family pictures. A good time was had by all and they are looking forward to the fifth reunion to be held in 2006.

Jessi Vaughn, Josh Vaughn and Audrey Engle, Derek, Brock and Tyler Vaughn; great-grandchildren, Lexi Holmes, Talon Engel and Teagan Vaughn; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, June 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Burlington.

Memorials can be given in Fred's name to First St. Paul's Building Fund and/or Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital at the Kit Carson State Bank.

Arrangements by Love Funeral Home, Burlington.

Helen Madeline Kyle

June 6, 1914 - May 27, 2004

A memorial service was held June 3, for Helen Madeline (Kanel) Kyle of Cottage Grove, Ore., who died May 27, 2004, of age-related causes. She was 89.

Kyle was born June 6, 1914, in Bird City, Kan., to Herman and Pearl Mace Kanel. She married Basil Kyle in Colby on June 7, 1931. He died in November 1992.

She settled in Cottage Grove in 1935 and was a homemaker.

She enjoyed square dancing and was a member of the Boots and Sandals club for 35 years. She also enjoyed roses and belonged to the Neighborly Neighbor Sewing Club.

Survivors include a son, Robert of Long Beach, Calif.; a brother, William "Bill" Kanel of Las Vegas; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Thursday's service were held at 1 p.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

Inurnment was at Rest-Haven Memorial Park in Eugene.



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