

Brewster man donates kidney to wife's cousin

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For Tony Horinek of Brewster, donating a kidney was the chance to do something with meaning.

Horinek donated one of his kidneys to Brennan Reinert of Greeley, Colo., the cousin of his wife, Anita. The transplant took place Nov. 15, 2005, at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver.

Horinek said his decision to become an organ donor started last summer. In June, he said, Reinert and his wife stayed with the Horineks while on the way to a family wedding.

"I really didn't know Brennan all that well until last summer," he said.

In August, the Horineks went to Estes Park, Colo., to celebrate their anniversary and stayed with the Reinerts in Greeley on the way. Horinek said Brennan never complained once about his condition and didn't ask for anything.

He said he thought it wasn't fair Reinert had already given up so much, including his job, because of his condition. Horinek said he felt a calling to do something about it, so he decided to see about donating a kidney. Reinert had been on the transplant waiting list for more than a year.

When they left, Horinek told Reinert he wanted to be considered as a donor. He gave him a number to call in Denver, and soon, the test-

ing process began. He went through all the necessary tests, both physical and emotional, and eventually found out he was indeed a viable match.

Then, the two had to go see their doctors together.

Anita said her cousin has polycystic kidneys, a condition where the mass of the kidney is replaced by cysts, which hinders their function and eventually leads to kidney failure. It's also a condition that has one of the highest rates of success for a transplant.

As a nurse, Anita said, she was familiar with the condition, and everything a transplant would entail. Still, she said, she was at peace with

the entire idea.

Much of the testing took place during fall harvest, her husband said, but each time when it was time for more tests, it was either raining or the crops were too wet to cut.

"Everything worked well," Tony Horinek said. "It was all in God's plan."

The day of the transplant, he was nervous. Anita said he isn't exactly fond of hospitals, but that day he was peaceful and even singing before they took him in for the operation.

Horinek said he was happy. At the same time, family, friends and church members elsewhere were praying.

"It was an awesome experience,"

he said.

Horinek said most people give money in offering, but he felt the calling to do something more.

"I really prayed it would be a rewarding experience and the opportunity to give sacrificially," he said.

He spent four days in the hospital after the transplant, and said it was hard to leave when it was time to go. "When I left, that was the best four days of my life," Horinek said.

Up to the transplant, the two each had a separate medical team working with them, but on the day of the operation, they interacted.

"They really looked out for me," Horinek said.

Now, nearly two months later, Horinek said he's almost completely back to normal.

Brennan is also doing well. He hasn't had any problems with rejection and is regaining his health. He's also doing things around the house.

The first few days after going home, Tony said, the men spent a lot of time on the phone, and they've become fast friends.

"We're best buds now," he said. "We can't wait to see each other."

Horinek encourage others to consider kidney donation. He said he was grateful for the opportunity and thought it was a rewarding, faith-filled experience he wanted and prayed for.

"It's a part of sharing and stewardship," he said.

Anita said there are many misconceptions about organ donation, one of which is the donor must pay for their operation. She said there is no expense to the donor beyond missing some work and four to six weeks of recovery.

Horinek said he was surprised at how quickly he found out he couldn't overdo things, but he has recovered quickly.

With holidays past, time to settle into routine

The New Year seems to be settling back to the normal routine, but we had a lot of visitors during the holidays.

Marion Crumrine's cousin David Mille from Lafayette, Colo., stopped in for a short visit on New Year's Day. On Jan. 3, Marion and Coleen's grandchildren, Jesse Crumrine and Christi Somers were dinner guests, along with their son, Willard.

New Year's guests at the home of Nadine Kammer were Lou and Warren Brown, Charlotte and Buff VanLandingham and daughter Brienna, all of Prescott, Ariz., and Annette Brown of Seattle, Wash. They also visited at the home of Kenneth and Norma Kammer and with Lucille Smith at Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

We received word that Wilma Burk fell and fractured some vertebrae in her neck. She is at the medical center in Hays. Her address is Hays Medical, Debakey Center,



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2220 Canterbury Dr., Room 2218, Hays, Kan. 67601. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We also got word last week that Lloyd Taylor passed away around Christmas. You will all remember he was the band instructor at Brewster in the 1950s and 1960s, and oh, what a band we had. Brings back a lot of memories.

The Heritage Center annual meeting will be held at noon Saturday, Jan. 21. Baked ham, roast beef and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a side dish or dessert and come on down.

The games at Tribune Friday night were successful. The boys

game was won 75-57. The girls won 62-32. Great going students and coaches.

Don't forget the blood pressure checks from 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the senior center.

Dearest Child, There's a battle raging all around you this very day. You cannot see the enemy with your human eyes, for this fight is in the spirit realm, against forces of evil. The enemy soldiers take their orders from the Prince of Darkness, the unseen power who controls this world.

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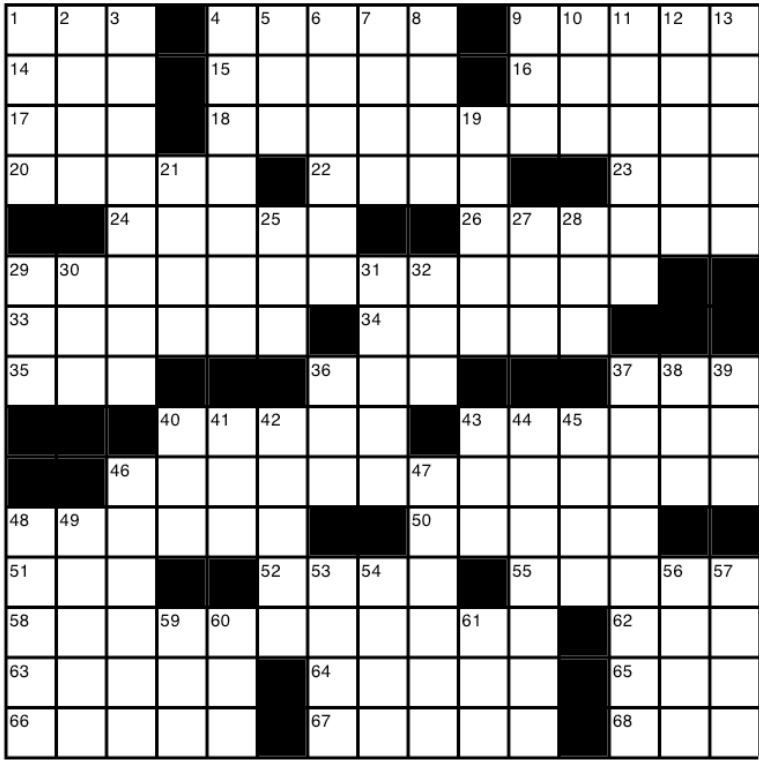
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ACROSS

- Time or Newsweek, briefly
- Topmost berth
- Roger Bannister, the first four-minute ____
- Sharer's word
- Like an old bagel
- Greet the day
- Windy City train initials
- Kitchen clove crusher
- Sub detector
- "Ignorance ____ excuse"
- "____ real!"
- Not won by either chess player
- 2004 Olympics city
- Woodstock eyewear
- Channel surfer's controller
- Fur tycoon John Jacob
- Coin-____ (candy machines, e.g.)
- Psychic's letters
- Dunderhead
- Becomes tiresome
- Full-price payers at movies
- British royal residence
- Makeshift shelter
- Out-and-out
- Airport monitor abbr.
- Parti-colored
- Curacao neighbor
- New Jersey coastal region
- Apr. addressee
- Part of a 43-Down
- Bench-clearer
- Wimbledon segment

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- Dog-____ (shabby)
- Thus far
- Snake eyes

DOWN

- Comfy shoes
- La Salle or DeSoto
- Sporty Pontiacs
- Opponent of R.E. Lee
- "Harper Valley ____"
- ____ knife (peeler)
- Right-angle bends
- Jockey's strap
- Hotel desk freebie
- Discount rack abbr.
- Feudal lords
- Krupp Works city
- Takes five
- Stop pedaling
- Ponte Vecchio's river
- Zee preceder
- General ____'s chicken
- "And I Love ____" (Beatles tune)
- Miracle-____ (garden products brand)
- Workout unit
- Calf catcher
- Cleopatra's killer
- Ernie of the links
- Selfless sort
- Insignia on Pujols' cap
- U-turn from NNW
- Mat outcome
- Farm insect
- Parkinson's treatment
- Play part
- Computerized records
- Exploitative type
- Taylor ex John
- In an uncouth way
- Expire, as a membership
- Author Jong
- "____ La Douce"
- "____ Tu" (1974 hit)
- Beer, informally
- Regarding, in memos
- Suffix with ethyl
- Four-poster, e.g.
- Maiden name preceder

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