



MODERN WOODMEN member Marie McKisson put on her painting clothes and joined other volunteers to add a fresh coat of paint on the shelterhouse breezeway recently. The group donated \$500 for paint for the project.

—Photo by Janette Votapka

Volunteers gather to paint building

Members of the Oberlin Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, along with other volunteers, put their hands where their hearts are to paint the breezeway in the shelterhouse at the park east of Oberlin.

across the country \$500 each for hands-on repair and community beautification projects.

"As a member-based fraternal organization, Modern Woodmen strives to give member families opportunities to volunteer and enhance their communities," said Marie McKisson, activities coordinator for the Oberlin group.

Man recuperating well

When Garland Turner of Georgetown, Texas, a son-in-law of Dick Carman of Oberlin, was hospitalized last year with influenza, things turned serious as he developed pneumonia, then went into acute respiratory distress.

for all the prayers for him and his family.

He and his wife Becky, and their two daughters, Kati and Cori, visited over the weekend with her father. They were on the way to Denver, where Cori will pitch in a college softball recruiting game this week. Her younger sister also is a pitcher.

Dick Carman was host for a hamburger feed at the Bohemian Hall to honor his son, Bob Carman, and daughter, Becky, Mesa, Ariz., and the Turner family on Sunday. Others present were Duane and Norma Carman, and Kendal and Amy Carman and family, Oberlin; Kyle and Natasha Carman, Dresden; and Jim and Linda Campbell, Omaha.

Chapter meets at state park

The Oberlin Chapter of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees met Sunday, June 12, at a reserved shelter in the Prairie Dog State Park near Norton with 17 members and guests present.

garage sale the group sponsored at his home in May. He said that about \$775 was donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Anyone who wants to contribute to the fund should contact him. He also encouraged members to start saving things for another sale next year.

The next meeting will be at the Atwood American Legion building on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Following the meeting, everyone socialized and enjoyed a supper with hot dogs cooked on a grill.

Chapter members include active and retired federal employees from Norton, Decatur and Rawlins counties.

Legislator gives program

Ward Cassidy of St. Francis, the new state representative from District 120 of northwest Kansas, gave the program for the June 14 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. He was introduced by Rusty Addleman.



To celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Rea & Dee Magers, their family is hosting an open house at the Educational Building in Norcatur, Ks on July 9th from 2-4 pm. Cards, but no gifts please, would be great! Send cards to P.O. Box 100, Norcatur, Ks 67653



People in Our Community

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Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for Lloyd Emerson on June 13 were Raymond and Pat Emerson, Rawlins, Wyo.; Don and Vera Hunziker, Nixie, Mo.; Ron Hunziker, Breckenridge, Colo.; Bill and Vicki Hunziker, Shani Sauvage, Selden; Patrick and Nancy Emerson and Ian Emerson, Lawrence; Paige and Madison Gawith, Colby; Nikki and Harve Truskett, Longview, Texas; Harve Aaron Truskett, Houston, Texas; Andrea and Gary Schuette, Henry, Eric and Dalton, Barb Albers, Colby; Margaret and Wes Moore, Kansas City; Nancy Jackson, Atwood; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Emerick, and Agnes Winter, Hoxie.

and are making their home at 710 East Ash St.

—Sizzlin' Summer Sale @ The Dresser, 35-75% off selected merchandise.

Pfc. Josiah Russ was honored with a birthday party at the home of Phyllis Screen on Saturday. Others present were Shara Russ, Cadillac, Mich.; Ed and Vivian Russ, Michelle, Nicole and Andrew Russ, and Joey Richmeyer, WaKeeney; Megan, Levi, Timothy, Jonathan and Aiden Nelson, Tryon, Neb.; Sarah Andrezjeski and Adrionne Russ, Copperas Cove, Texas; Richard and Clara Russ and Julie Cunningham, Oberlin. His birthday is July 4 and he will be returning to Afghanistan on July 2 for nine months.

Ann Mines is recuperating from a fractured pelvic, which she suffered in a recent fall. She was hospitalized for 10 days at Decatur County Hospital, but was never in Kearney, Neb., as reported last week. Her daughter, Sheri Coon, returned to her home in Georgetown, Texas, after spending time with her parents, Don and Ann Mines.

Nadene Lafferty of McCook was honored recently with an anniversary cake for 60 years of membership in the Family Frolic Square Dance Club. Among others honored for 50 plus years of dancing were Jerry and Delores Dellere of Selden.

Among those named to the spring honor roll at Pittsburg State University for the spring semester was Hana Withington, Chetopa, senior, Early Childhood/Late Child, All A Scholastic Honors. She is the daughter of Dale and Debbie (Erickson) Withington of Chetopa. Her maternal grandparents are Gary and Mary Ann Erickson of Oberlin.

Mary Ann Amack and Florine Vernon accompanied Eldon and Sharon Parde of McCook to Wellington on Friday, where they attended the wedding of Shala Parrish and Paul Reitz on Saturday afternoon at the Church of the Nazarene. They returned home Sunday.

Kira Meitl, a pre-med freshman at the University of Kansas, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll List with a 3.89 grade point average for the spring semester. She is a 2010 graduate of Decatur Community High School and the daughter of Gary and Tina Meitl.

Those attending the memorial military graveside services held for Chay L. (Porter) Moss on Saturday at the Oberlin Cemetery were: Bill Moss, Las Vegas, Nev.; Jan Evans, Rose Hill; Trever Evans, New York City; Brandon and Courtney Evans and Porter, Fort Worth, Texas; David and Linda Porter, Sharon Springs;

Steve and Susan Nelson were in Wichita this past weekend visiting Makenzie Nelson. They also attended the graduation ceremony for Matt Buesch who has completed his training at the Law Enforcement Basic Training Academy and will begin work with the Wichita Police Department.

Lexus, Rayleigh and Johanna Shellito, Norton; Charles and Mary Ann Porter, Molly and Michael, Leawood; Bill Starnes, Wichita; Cecil Hess, Oberlin; Steve and Jean Ann Confer, Jenna and Jessica, St Francis;

Ronald Miller, the oldest son of the late Glen and Jean (Janzen) Miller, was also among those present for the 90th birthday celebration in Grand Junction, Colo., which honored Mildred Holmdahl of Oberlin recently.

Gary and Judy Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; Laura Vaughn and Megan Vaughn, Westminster, Colo.; Eric and Jodi Smith, Wichita; Jan Carroll, Tonya King, Hoisington; Diane Deines, Galatia; Kathy Gomez, Benton; David Bremer, Newton. and Judy Wenger and Betty Jones, Oberlin. The Oberlin American Legion was in charge of committal rites.

The Rev. Mike McVay of Colby is serving as interim pastor for the First Christian Church in Atwood. A native of Oberlin, he is a former pastor of the United Church of Oberlin, and has taught philosophy, ethics and world religions for the past 22 years at Colby Community College and will continue in that position. He also is a licensed clinical professional counselor with a private practice in Colby. His wife, the former Marie Schultz, is a health information manager at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Mildred Holmdahl is undergoing physical therapy at the Decatur County Hospital after being hospitalized in Kearney, Neb. She underwent surgery for a cracked pelvis and broken hip after a recent fall.

Neighbors in the area of East Ash Street met the evening of June 23 in the back yard of the Eldon Smith home for ice cream and cake to welcome Mike and Bernita Gawith who have moved back to Oberlin

Winning highs in pinocle at the Golden Age Center last week were Norma Anderson, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Veanna Carman, Marie McKisson and Henry Edgett. Lows went to Ivis Hanson, Veanna Carman, Henry Edgett, Doris Fringer, Ardythe Cederbeg, Neil Marshall and Marie McKisson. Chicken Foot winners were Martha Fringer and Kay Marcuson. Pitch highs were won by Max Carman and Henry Edgett with lows going to John Cederberg and Pat Abbey. Bridge highs went to Marty Olson and Annette Miller.

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Norcatur man receives kidney

By MARY LOU OLSON
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Ron Temple of rural Norcatur was pleasantly surprised on Monday morning, June 13, when he had a call from the University of Nebraska Hospital in Omaha, telling him that a long-awaited kidney was available.

years, then started the dialysis four years ago.

All of his daughters, Mrs. Wyrens and husband, Ric; Lisa and Jerry Rhodes, Tracey Hartzog, and Suzanne and Larry Cahoj, spent time with them at the hospital.



Ron Temple

His wife Gerry said that she was going about her usual morning chores when Ron answered the phone.

He told her, "We're leaving in 30 minutes. They've got a kidney for me!"

Things moved quickly, as his wife and two hired men packed their suitcases. After a six-hour drive, they arrived in Omaha, where they were met by their daughter, Marcy Wyrens of Ceresco, Neb., who took them to the hospital.

"I had about given up ever getting a transplant," he said, "especially after I was told at Mayos that with all of my past surgeries, it probably would not work."

During the past few years while going through three treatments a week in Kearney, he started the Faith, Hope and Charity Gospel singing group, which meets on Sunday afternoon at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

"After undergoing pre-op and blood work that evening and the next two days, Mr. Temple said, "We were all getting pretty worried about when the new kidney would arrive. However, the staff assured me that it was coming.

"The past few months, I have had to give that up, but my plans are to start again after my recuperation. My goal is for the group to make a recording," he said. "Two of my lifetime goals have been to be lead singer in a good quartet and drive an ambulance with a red light flashing."

I told them, 'I know Jesus is coming, too; we just don't know when!'"

Mr. Temple headed up the Cornerstone Theater when it was in Norcatur and played the lead role for many productions.

It finally arrived and he was taken to surgery around 6 p.m. on Wednesday. A friend of his daughter, Marcy, brought him a prayer blanket and he told the family to make sure it was left on him throughout the surgery, and it was. He was moved to the recovery room at 11 p.m.

The couple met at Fort Hays State University and were married on Nov. 12, 1953. Besides farming, he coached sports, including football, baseball volleyball and basketball, and taught school at Junction City, Norcatur, Leoville and Selden. They live on their farm west of Norcatur.

Mr. Temple first started having problems nine years ago after it was discovered that his creatinine level had gone to over 10 with 1.2 being normal. He doctored for five

They will return to Omaha for a check-up on his 77th birthday on July 1. Mail will reach him at 2126 2800 Road, Norcatur, Kan., 67653.

Annual family reunion held at Lenora church

The annual Troutner family reunion was held Saturday, June 18, at the United Parish Church in Lenora with a potluck dinner and "white elephant" sale.

Lacy Myers, Salina; Dallas and Bobbi Troutner, Fairbury, Neb.; Ryan, Emily and Paige Schamber, Lincoln, Neb.; Hannah Troutner and friend Cody, Phillipsburg; Von Ellis, Aurora, Colo.; Todd and Annie Hatfield, Scott City; Virgil and Carol Hatfield, Keri Chessmore, Devin, Miyah and Laustat, Atwood; Joe, Teresa and Breanna Troutner, Liberal; Steve Oesair, Palco; and Stacey Hileman, Haylee and Kaleb and Myrna Jones, Oberlin.

Attending were Lee, Melissa and Kristen Troutner, Candice and Alex Stevens, Almena; Myles Boyce, Dodge City; Roger, Deanna, Jordan, James and Lora Troutner, Emporia; Lee Ann, Carson, Devin and Gavin Shearer, Roy and Mary Gnagy, Doug and Sherry Strayer, Norton; Rachel, Sam, Drew, Larry and Shirley Shepard, Mary Boyce, Les and Sally Ellis, Lenora; Don and Linda Phelps, Crystal and

Myrna is the daughter of Ethel (Troutner) Ellis. The reunion was held in conjunction with the Lenora Jubilee.

Service receives \$75,000 grant

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas has won a \$75,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to install fire sprinklers in group homes in Hill City, Atwood, and Hays.

gift will help us assure that the home environments can be safe as possible for these individuals."

"This grant award will be used to assure the safety of those ... who have mobility issues ...," said President Jerry Michaud. "This generous

The agency, a private, nonprofit organization, serves more than 500 people with developmental disabilities in the 18 counties of northwest Kansas.

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