

Oberlin man charged with first degree murder

An Oberlin man has been charged with first degree murder in the killing of an Air Force enlisted man home on leave.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt filed the charge against Dylan Robert Coryell Jr., 24, who was charged with first degree premeditated murder and an alternative count of first degree felony murder in the death of Airman Corey Cook, 22, also of Oberlin. Coryell was also charged with aggravated battery and aggravated burglary.

Coryell was taken into custody Sunday after Decatur County sheriff's deputies responded to a rural home on the report of a person being shot. Bond has been set at \$500,000 cash or surety.

A release issued by the Decatur County Sheriff's Department on Sunday said that the call came in around 1:34 a.m. of a person being shot at the house at 2048 N Lane, in the Big Timber district of Altory Township, northwest of Jennings.

Cook was taken by ambulance to the Decatur County Hospital, then flown to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

Coryell was reportedly with two friends when he went to the house. The case is being investigated by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Decatur County Sheriff's Office and the Oberlin Police Department, the sheriff's release said.

Jeff Wagaman, deputy chief of staff with the state attorney gen-

eral's office, said county officials had asked the attorney general to take the case and the office has accepted. Nicole Romine, an assistant attorney general newly stationed in Goodland, will lead the prosecution. Coryell's next court appearance is at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28.

The community was in shock Monday as the news spread. Cook, 22, graduated from Security Forces Technical School in Texas at the beginning of the month.

His father, Todd Cook, said his son was part of the 823rd Special Tactics Unit out of Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. He had been at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio for school, graduated and was on his way to Georgia. His dad

said he had two weeks to get there and had come home for a visit.

Cook graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2007 and is remembered with kind words from his friends, family and others.

"Corey was such a special person," said Ron Jansonius, technology coordinator for the Oberlin schools, who worked with the young man for several years and considers himself a friend. "I always cherished the time we spent together.

"I cannot find the words to fittingly describe him, his character, his integrity, his willingness to help others, his love and compassion, his loyalty, his spirit, his determination and his desire to do the right thing."

Cook was hired as a summer helper on July 19, 2004, Mr. Jansonius said. He worked the summers of 2004 and 2005 and in his junior year, 2006, began helping during the school year under the work-study program. Mr. Cook continued work-study and summer work through graduation in May 2007, then during the summers of 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Classmates remember Corey as a friend who was always there for them.

"Corey was a great friend to me," said Chet Ely. "I have a lot of great memories of he and I hunting, fishing and just hanging out when we had nothing else to do.

"He was always there when

something was wrong and I needed someone to talk to. Corey was like the brother I never had. Rest in peace, Corey. You will be greatly missed."

A 24-hour-a-day prayer and preaching vigil is set to begin at 3 p.m. Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin and will last as long as there are preachers to lead anyone wanting to pray.

Organizer John Paulson said he hopes the vigil will last a week.

"People have been praying for a revival (in Oberlin)," he said, "and maybe this is how the Lord is starting it."

If you can lead at least one hour of prayer, call Paulson at (785) 386-8635.



Circle-K members visiting in Goodland helped stain a fence at Golden West on Saturday. Photo by Brad Schields

Circle-K hosts 'bull session'

Northwest Tech Kiwanis Circle-K was host for a Kiwanis District Circle-K International "bull session" in Goodland over the weekend.

Circle-K International is the collegiate level of Kiwanis, and three colleges were involved including K-State, Hutchinson Community College and Northwest Tech.

The Circle-K met on Friday at the Maverick Inn for a get together, discussion, games and district planning.

District CKI board members attending included CKI Governor Leah Corn from K-State, CKI administrator Kelly Leach, Kansas District Kiwanis Governor-elect Mary Hammond from Hays, Regional CKI representative from West Texas A&M University and Kansas District Kiwanis Governor Brad Schields.

On Saturday the students took a tour of Mt. Sunflower, Van Gogh and did a service project with Golden West Skill Center where they

stained a fence. They finished up eating pizza and held a meeting before returning to their respective schools.

Circle K International is the premier collegiate and university community service, leadership development, and friendship organization in the world. With more than 12,600 members in 17 nations, CKI is making a positive impact on the world every day.

Flamenco guitarist to perform Sunday in Atwood

Western Plains Art Association presents a special concert with Flamenco Guitarist Ronald Radford at 2 p.m. (mountain time) on Sunday at Rawlins County High School Auditorium.

Radford, a Flamenco guitar virtuoso who has performed on four continents, will present his program on Sunday and will present several school programs in the days following the performance.

A protégé of Carlos Montoya, Radford lived and traveled in Spain where he immersed himself in the musical wisdom of the Flamenco guitar masters, in addition to classical studies with Andres Segovia. He is the only individual ever to be awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in Flamenco.

He takes his audience far beyond the usual guitar concert. Radford complements his masterful technique with an illuminating narration, which recreates the very spirit and essence of this ancient folklore.

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Radford

dance rhythms of Flamenco – the heartbeat of Spain.

Radford's warm and engaging stage manner along with the unusually appealing music provides an intimate performance that can be enjoyed by all.

The *New York Times* acclaimed his Carnegie Hall concert as "a

winning, charming, informative and expert performance by a guitarist of talent and enthusiasm."

Of his expertise and personal style of performance the Fairfield, Iowa *Daily Ledger* wrote: "Radford has it all. His explanations made it simple enough to please the youngest or most untrained ear, technical enough to inspire guitar students in all phases of study, and so intimate and so profound an experience for the turned-on ones as to provide a bridge between worlds."

Western Plains Arts Association is proud to present Mr. Radford's program, and will honor association season tickets as well as admission

club news

Goodland Rotary Club met Friday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College meeting room.

Club president, Marty Melia, greeted 16 members and three guests. The club initiated new member, Bill Biermann and welcomed his guests, wife, Laura, and daughter, Hope. Guest and potential new member, Ryan Stainbrook was welcomed by the club.

Trevor Linton gave the members a summary of preparations underway for the second annual Ringneck Roundup pheasant hunt to be held November 12 and 13. Proceeds from the Rotary sponsored hunt will be used to support PolioPlus, polio eradication, as well as community improvement projects.

Doug Gerber, chairperson of the annual pancake feed, asked the members for suggestions on improving, changing or modifying the annual event. For the past several years the annual pancake feed to fund scholarships has been held in conjunction with the Topside Tip-off basketball tournament.

Diane Stiles was Rotarian of the Day and provided the weekly program. Being a relatively new member, she gave her classification talk, a brief autobiography. Stiles told the members of being born on a farm in the Norton-Lenora area, graduating from Fort Hays State University

and spending time as an exchange student in China. She provided the group with an interactive activity trying to decipher Chinese writing into Chinese and English words. Stiles is employed in academic affairs at Northwest Tech.

Doug Sederstrom will be the Rotarian of the Day next week and will provide the program. The following week, Oct. 28, Assistant District Governor for District 5670, Peggy Cabrinha, will be visiting. Dick Liess

Kansas county clerks accept Nebraska challenge to help local food banks

By Ava Betz
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Move over, Hatfields and McCoys, we've got us a bigger feud.

Nebraska County Clerks and Records have thrown down the challenge: Which state can collect the most items for their local food banks?

Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel, who is also the president of Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials, accepts the challenge, and the battle begins Oct. 31. Each Kansas County clerk will designate drop off points within the county for food items. Cash donations should be marked as going to the Food Drive Challenge, and should be sent or brought to the Courthouse to County Clerk Janet Rumpel, or similarly marked and mailed to the Genesis Food Bank, P.O. Box

313. Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Each dollar of cash donated will count as one food item, Rumpel explained.

The drive will last from Oct. 31 to Nov. 21, she said. Each week the county clerks of participating counties will email in the total number of items collected that week. At the end of the drive the weekly entries will be totaled and the winner - Kansas or Nebraska - announced.

In Sherman County, collection boxes for cans of food will be set out at Walmart, Dollar General and the Sherman County Courthouse lobby.

When the contest is over, all donations will be passed on to local food banks. In Sherman County, donations will go to Genesis.

Slogan for the drive is "Your Neighbors Need You - Give a Can!"

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