



MEN FROM the Celebration Community churches of Hays and Colby helped paint barriers at the school in Rexford over the weekend. —Photo by Gwen Griffiths

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

It's that lovely time of the year, when windows are open all day long and it's not too hot or too cold to enjoy being outdoors.

Ray Johnson celebrated his 81st birthday on April 13. His family joined him for the celebration; Jackie, Erika and her son Evan (of Imperial, Neb.), and Haydyn all enjoyed pineapple upsidedown cake and ice cream, then headed to the park to try out Ray's new golf clubs.

The American Association of Retired Persons held a Driver Safety Class at the Red Barn on Friday, and a good group of people attended.

Men from the Celebration Community Churches in Hays and Colby attended a ManUp Retreat at Shepherd's Staff this weekend. They had a full schedule including sessions, worship, a dodgeball tournament, trap shooting and work projects.

For their projects, the men tackled jobs all over Rexford: cleaning and painting curbs, painting barriers at the high school, doing maintenance for people around town, picking up trash and splitting wood. We are so thankful for the amount of work they got done during their time here.

The Rexford Community Church held its regular fellowship time between the Sunday School and worship hours on Sunday. This is held once a month and is a good opportunity to get to know those who attend.

Don't forget that the high school music concert and sophomore work auction will be Thursday night. Come for ice cream before and after the event, then enjoy the music and bid on a worker.

That's the news from Rexford

for this week. As always, I'd love to publish your special events. Just drop a note in the jar by the door at the Red Barn, email griffithsgang@gmail.com, or call 687-2076. Thanks, and have a great week!

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Maralyn Courange received word last week of the death of her sister-in-law, Faye Courange, of Noble, Okla., on April 4. Funeral services were held April 9 with burial at LaVerne, Okla. Her husband, the late Clarence Courange, was a brother of the late Irvan Courange.

James Magers of Tulsa was a recent Saturday morning visitor of Maralyn Courange.

Shirley Barenberg, Lakewood, Colo., and Voni Sattler, Herndon, visited Chris Wood Tuesday. Charles Solko of Aurora, Colo., was a Wednesday afternoon visitor.

On Saturday, Drs. Aaron and Sarah White, Norton, conducted the vaccination clinic in Herndon for small animals and their children, Gideon and Isaiah, visited Grandpa Dave and Grandma Judy Ketterl.

Bob and Julie Hafner spent the weekend in Scottsbluff, Neb., with the Joe Hafner family. Abraham Hafner celebrated his First Communion with the second grade class at St. Agnes Catholic Church on Sunday. Jeff Hafner, Ogallala, Neb., Virginia Campbell, Sidney, Neb., Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs of Lexington, Neb., joined the family over the weekend.

Julie's Memory Joggers

A Standard History of Kansas

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NEIL WILBUR ROGERS, superintendent of the city schools of Augusta, Ks, is a native of the state, is a graduate of Washburn College and since leaving college has become increasingly successful in the field of education.

His family has lived for many years in the vicinity of Oberlin, Ks. Neil Wilbur Rogers was born on his father's farm there February 24, 1888. His grandfather, John Rogers, was descended from Scotch-Irish people who have lived in the United States since colonial days. John Rogers was born in 1820, was an early settler in Iowa, and followed farming near Laurel in that state, where he died in 1904. I.L. Rogers, the father of Superintendent Rogers, was born in Ohio, in 1859 and is now living at Oberlin, Ks.

Soon after his birth his parents moved out to Laurel, Iowa, where he was reared and educated and his practical career has been that of a farmer. In 1886 he came to Kansas locating at Oberlin, was married there and has since been a farmer. Though his home now is in Oberlin, he still owns a fine farm of 480 acres and looks after its management. I.L. Rogers is a republican in politics, an active member and elder in the Christian Church and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He married Flora Adelle Wilbur, a native of Indiana. They are the parents of two sons, Professor Rogers being the older. The younger is Dean Rogers, a resident of Topeka and manager of the Fisk tire agency there.

Neil W. Rogers grew up on the farm near Oberlin, attended the country schools of Decatur County, graduated from the county high school in 1907, and returned to the farm and was engaged in farming

a year. After that he spent a year in Washburn College and in order to secure the means for his full college course he taught rural schools and farmed a year in Decatur County. Re-entering Washburn, he remained three years and was graduated in 1913. Mr. Rogers is a member of the Alpha Delta fraternity. Since leaving Washburn College, Mr. Rogers has been connected with the Augusta schools. In 1913 he was made principle of the high school and in 1914 became superintendent of the city school system. He has under his supervision two school buildings, a staff of nineteen teachers and an enrollment of 800 scholars.

Mr. Rogers owns his home on Dearborn Street in Augusta. He is an active member of the Butler County, Southern Kansas and State Teacher's association, is affiliated with the Oberlin Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America and belongs to the Christian Church. He is unmarried.

Decatur County Treasurer's Office will NOT be able to

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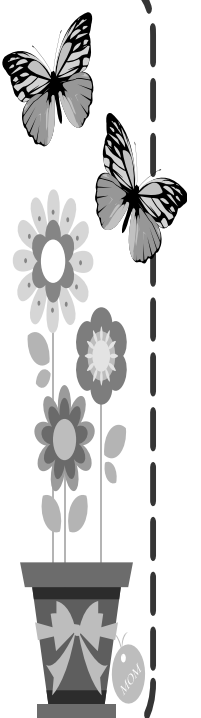
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