

Larry Turpin

comes home

Sept 29, 2005
Family members report that Larry Turpin, who was injured in an automobile accident last month, has returned home from the hospital, but is moving slowly, due to fractures in his leg. Larry's wife, Brenda, suffering with paralysis, has been moved to Madonna Rehab Hospital, 5401 South St., Lincoln, NE 68506. She is in room 114 and would enjoy receiving cards. She is expected to remain there for a few weeks.

Benefit for Brenda Turpin

11-10-05
A benefit breakfast of biscuits, gravy and sausage will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, 6:30-9:00 a.m. at the Troy High School kitchen with all proceeds to benefit Brenda Turpin who is recovering from serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident. The event is sponsored by Troy Lions Club.

Benefit poker run for Turpins

Oct 13, 2005
A benefit ride for Larry & Brenda Turpin will be held Saturday, October 15. Registration: 11:30 am to 12:45 pm Cost: \$25 per rider; \$10 poker run (Meal included) Ride starts: 1:00pm Dinner: 5:30 to 7:45 pm Trip: Denton, Troy, Wathena, Highland, White Cloud, Hiawatha, Horton, to Denton. Come Rain or Shine

For more information call Eric Walsh (785) 359-6751 Home (913) 370-1160 Cell Free Will Donations will be accepted

Benefit for Turpins

Sept 27, 2005
Bill and Liz Pauly are encouraging local farmers to help Larry and Brenda Turpin, who were recently seriously injured in an automobile accident. Paulys are proposing that farmers hauling grain this harvest, put a few bushels in the name of Brenda Turpin. Bill has organized the fund-raiser with elevators located in Denton, Troy, Wathena, White Cloud, Atchison and St. Joseph. Farmers needing additional information are asked to contact Bill at 785-847-6787. Mr. Pauly was injured in a 4-wheeler accident four years ago, leaving him paralyzed and in a wheelchair, and he said he is aware of the challenges which face the Turpin family. Money raised will be donated to the Turpin family to help with making their home handicapped accessible and for medical expenses. According to Paulys, Brenda's injuries have left her paralyzed from the waist down. Larry sustained compound fractures in his leg and could be in a wheelchair for several months. A benefit fund has been established at Troy State Bank. Donations may be sent to the Brenda Turpin benefit fund, c/o Troy State Bank, PO Box 187, Troy, KS 66087.

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Bikers Brad Schultz, Mark Pottorf, Albert Edie, Dennis Wright, and Tommy Davis get ready to draw their first card at The Place in Wathena during the Poker Run held Saturday October 15. Davis was the winner of the poker hand; he contributed his winnings to the fund for the Turpins.

Senior Raises Money for Troy Couple

By Esther Gormley

Planning a motorcycle outing for the weekend is a typical activity for many, but Doniphan West senior Eric Walsh went beyond just planning an outing. He organized the weekend ride as a Poker Run to raise money for a local couple injured in an automobile accident earlier this fall.

A Poker Run is organized so participants can eat, ride, and buy a card for their poker hand at each stop along the route. Of course, others eating at the establishment may also donate to the charity fund.

Walsh set up stops for the bikers at the Last Card in Denton, The Place in Wathena, Ermies at Highland, First Street in Hiawatha, and the Hilltop in Horton. The ride also made its way to White Cloud.

Thirteen riders from Atchison, Highland, and Denton completed the October 15 Run; their donations and the donations of several others, including the Bank of Denton, McCauley Farms, and Ryan Winchester, raised \$1025 for Larry and Brenda Turpin of Troy.

Walsh, who is a member of the football team, the basketball team, and the track team, used his plans to complete part of his Senior Project requirements at Doniphan West. Besides planning the Poker Run, Walsh is researching the history of Harley Davidson motorcycles as well as the history associated with bikers from Hell's Angels to the present.

Walsh will continue to work on his senior project through April and plans to create a brochure giving guidelines for organizing future motorcycle rides for charity.

Next year Walsh plans to attend Benedictine, Emporia State, or Highland Community College.

Goodwill harvesting for Larry Turpins

Oct 20, 2005

*By Paul Stewart
Chief reporter*

In the days immediately following the three vehicle traffic accident, which seriously injured Larry and Brenda Turpin of rural Troy, among several others, Mr. Turpin said "get-

ting my crops in was not something I was thinking about."

That accident occurred on Saturday night, August 27, on Highway 36 at the Mesquito Creek Road intersection at the north edge of Troy.

But the crops were on the mind of

the Turpins neighbor, Larry Rush.

Earlier this week, during a brief interview at his home, Turpin told the *Kansas Chief*, "I don't really remember hardly anything [about the accident]. And, probably, it's just as well."

However, he added, "One of the

first things I do remember, after I woke up in the hospital [Heartland at St. Joseph], was Larry telling me not to worry about my crops. He told me the harvest would be taken care of."

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From left are: John Karn and Roger Ruhnke both of Wathena, Ron Scholz of Severance, Charlie and Paul Staudenmaier, both of Bendena, Ben Leatherman of Denton, and Don Miller of Bendena.

photo by Paul Stewart



Friends, Family, and neighbors cut wood Sunday, Oct. 16 for Brenda and Larry Turpin. Wood is their main source of heat. Larry's injuries prevent him from cutting wood this season. They plan to cut more as Larry and Brenda need it. Pictured left to right. Dennis McKittrick, John Turpin, Jim Rush, Casey Rush, Robert Seidl, & Wayne Rush.

photo submitted by Brenda Rush

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On Monday, a team of neighbors, friends and others came to the Turpin farm to do the harvesting. Manning 11 combines, the men started their effort about 9 a.m. Some paused for a brief lunch, provided by the Lutheran Church women at nearby Bendena. But, by 2 that afternoon, the harvesting job was completed.

As Turpin stood on crutches in his yard, he stressed to this *Chief* reporter, "If you are going to write any story, this is not about me, it's a story about all those who came here to help."

Turpin said the farm crews quickly took care of harvesting his 100 acres of corn and a similar amount of soybeans.

"I had a doctor's appointment earlier in the day. But, my daughter Tara, a K-State sophomore, was able to take me to my appointment and then to the dinner at the church."

Turpin said he is looking forward to the process of converting to using one crutch, and then a cane. For a while, he was confined to a wheelchair.

His wife, Turpin explained, is still in a Lincoln, Nebraska, hospital, "but is anxious to get back home." Her arrival is tentatively scheduled for late next week, possibly October 27.

"She is paralyzed, from the waist down, and probably will be for life. My son, Ross, already has built a wheelchair ramp. Now, we will be doing some modifications inside the house. Since I was in a [wheel]chair, I kind of know some of what she needs," he added.

Neighbor Rush provided the *Chief* with a list of most of those who took part in the helpful harvesting. "We had a lot more who offered to help, but we could use only so many. What I did, basically, was divide the crews into 20-acre areas," he said.

The harvest help list included: Danny Albers, Jeff Albers, Mark Albers, Phil Albers, Mark Burke, Neil Caudle, Neil Coufal, Tom Day, Bob Dickson, Michael Foley, Mike Foley, Thad Geiger, Warren Grable, Tim Hegarty, Brad Holzhey, Charles Holzhey, Clinton Israel, Paul Johnson, Matt Keys, Ben Leatherman, Donny Miller, Greg Miller, Roger Ruhnke, Danny Rush, George Rush, John Rush, Larry Rush, Tyson Rush, Rick Scholz, Ron Scholz, Bob Seidl, Matt Simms, Charlie Staudenmaier, Paul Staudenmaier, Pat Urban, Ryan Winchester, and Bill Young. The Bendena State Bank also assisted, as well as Shuck Implement of Lawrence, donating a combine for use.

No trial, no judge, no defense. Iraqis would remember it as "the night of the long knives," wrote Hussein biographer Sandra Mackey in her book, *The Reckoning*.

The purge was emblematic of how Hussein, 68, ruled for nearly a quarter of a century.

Hussein now awaits his own reckoning, as

strongly but apparently futilely voting "no" to the constitution backed by the Shiites and Kurds, many could violently protest what they consider a political trial.

American advisers had suggested the trial be put off until next year, but the new Iraq

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Already hampered by a lack of time and money, a fired lawyer said the defense team must deal with a woman who "has no legal background, and ... keeps changing her mind every time she speaks to a different attorney."



enacting stricter laws on the research than the federal government would. They fear Missouri could damage efforts to turn their cities into medical research leaders.

Social conservatives have vowed to defeat the proposal, citing the sanctity of human life.

Caught in the middle is Talent. He already faces a tough re-election fight next year against Claire McCaskill, the likely Democratic nominee, in one of the country's marquee Senate races.

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Neighbors pull together for a harvest of good will

AFTER A CAR ACCIDENT INJURES COUPLE, FRIENDS TURN OUT TO TAKE CARE OF CHORES

Farmers in a rural Kansas community say it's only natural to help out someone in trouble

By LAURA BAUER
The Kansas City Star

TROY, Kan. — They gathered in the heat of the day at the bed of a pickup, popping open cans of cold Pepsi and downing bottles of water.

It was an exhaustingly hot fall day to be in the field, harvesting corn and soybeans. Especially when you consider these north-east Kansas farmers had several hours to go in their own fields, doing their own chores.

But among the dozen or so farmers who had spent the past

several hours harvesting a neighbor's field, no one complained. The only thing they seemed to have trouble with was answering why they would drop everything to work the land for Larry Turpin, who with his wife, Brenda, was severely injured in a late August car crash.

"Why, it's my neighbor. That's the thing to do. I don't know how else to say it," said George Rush, 86, a bit dumbfounded that someone would ask that question. "If somebody has trouble, you go and



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Larry and Brenda Turpin are out of commission because of injuries, so others took care of the harvest Monday in their cornfield.

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help. It don't matter what you have to do at home. It's always that way in the country."

So when another neighbor, Larry Rush, asked others to donate a day to help the Turpins, the offers of help came in fast.

"My phone has been hot the past two days," Rush said, as he held a sheet of paper detailing the farmers who volunteered to help and what equipment they would bring. "I had to turn people away. We didn't have enough room in the fields for all the combines."

More than two dozen neighbors, all in a 10-mile radius of the Turpin farm, joined in the fields about 9 a.m. They came with their combines and their tractor-trailers, their pickups and their desire to work until the fields were harvested.

"(Rush) told everybody to be here, and here we are," said Gregg Miller, a farmer from Bendena, after working the field for several hours.

In all, there were 11 combines scattered across the five fields of about 200 acres.

They finished by 2 p.m.

"You got that many rigs running in the fields, it don't take long," said



Bob Dickson, also of nearby Bendena, who said he does not move fast

enough to help in the fields but offered to help Turpin put up a fence. "... A lot of them come from their own crops to do this."

They did in five hours what Turpin, 49, admitted with a grin would have taken him three weeks to a month to do on his own. That was before the crash.

Larry and Brenda Turpin were coming home from a wedding reception Aug. 27 when they were

rear-ended by another driver as they were stopped for traffic about five miles from their home. Their vehicle was rammed into another vehicle, and Brenda, 48, suffered injuries that paralyzed her from the waist down.

"That was a scary night," said Thad Geiger, a family friend of the Turpins who lives nearby and drove Larry around Monday to see the work his friends were doing.

From that night on, at the hospital waiting room in St. Joseph, neighbors have surrounded the Turpins with support.

"I don't think there was a time,

other than at night, that somebody wasn't there," said daughter Tara Turpin.

Her mom, who teaches fourth grade, is going through rehabilitation in Lincoln, Neb. Her family expects her home by the end of the month.

On Monday the doctor told Larry Turpin, who suffered several broken bones, that his body was beginning to heal. He can start putting weight on the leg he broke in more than one place.

He said the whole experience since the night of the crash had been humbling. Especially the har-

vest.

"It's not just a few people helping but hundreds of people," he said. "You don't realize how many friends you got until something like this. I knew I had a couple, but I didn't know I had that many."

Rush and the others said Turpin and his family would have done the same. And it's just normal life for those in a small town in the country.

"Isn't that what we're supposed to do?" Rush asked.

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GOP: Rift looms over stem-cell issue

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Talent is closely allied with the social conservatives. He has co-sponsored a Senate bill with Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas that would ban human cloning — including the so-called embryonic therapeutic cloning that most researchers see as a key to effective early stem-cell study.

At the same time, Talent depends on the deep pockets of big business to run a campaign. At a Kansas City fund-raiser Sept. 16 at the Marriott Downtown, Talent netted about \$200,000. Several local business leaders attended, although many are worried about Talent's stem-cell stance.

stem cells — Talent has signed on to the most restrictive of the handful of bills dealing with the issue.

Supporters of embryonic stem-cell research say the bill would effectively end the most promising area of stem-cell research — thus "shutting down" the life science efforts in Kansas City and St. Louis, said William Duncan, president and CEO of the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute.



"You have to be really careful about restrictive legislation that would just take us out of the game," Duncan said. "Because this will go on in

On the Web

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Patricia Skain, executive director of Missouri Right to Life, noted that such activists have no reason to support a politician who differs with them on a key issue.

"He's fully aware of our position. ... To this point, he's indicated he's with us," she said.

John Hancock, a spokesman for the Missouri Republican Party, downplayed the split in the party.

"There is not unanimity on any public policy issue within either political party and its candidates," Hancock said.

TRIAL: Some doubt legality

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government was eager to settle scores, some Sunnis believe.

But some Shiites believe that the nearly two-year delay since Hussein's capture has hurt the country's security and that as long the dictator is alive, some Sunni and Baathist government loyalists will always have a cause.

The defense is expected to argue that the proceedings have been rushed and that it has not been given enough time to examine the evidence or even the identities of government witnesses. Hussein's lawyers also are expected to claim that the court is illegitimate because the U.S.-led invasion was illegal, the tribunal was formed under the occupation and the charges are political

Others on trial:

- Barzan al-Tikriti, a half-brother of the president and former head of intelligence at the time, directed the security forces' actions
- Taha Yassin Ramadan, a former vice president
- Awad Ahmad al-Bandar, former deputy chief in Hussein's cabinet
- Former Baath Party officials Abdullah Khadem Ruweid, Mezhar Abdullah Ruweid, Mohammed Azzam al-Ali and Ali Daeh

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- The heavily defended green zone in Baghdad will be the site of the trial.
- The trial reportedly will be televised from court-installed fixed cameras — though with a slight delay.
- Bulletproof glass will protect the defendants, who will be visible.

Hussein's bid to crush Shiite and Kurdish insurgencies after the Persian Gulf War, his troops are thought to have killed as many as 300,000 Iraqis.

Two months later, however, he