

Robin Dyan Needs Your Help

Friends of Robin Patrick in Morrow County are organizing to come to her aid. A dialysis machine at Seattle keeps Robin alive.

The Kidney Association of Oregon (KAO) has dialysis machines for 26 patients but they are for adults. Because a youngster's veins are so much smaller than an adult's, the Oregon machines cannot be used for someone of Robin's age.

The Kiwanis Clubs of the area are beginning a drive to buy a machine for Robin. The Peritoneal Home Dialysis program, to purchase a machine, training and supplies cost approximately \$15,000 the first year and about \$3,000 for maintenance each year thereafter. Contributions towards the purchase of this machine may be sent to Robin Patrick fund at Box 25 Pendleton or Box 394 Hermiston.

Other Expenses
To help with Robin's hospital expenses and with the maintenance of the dialysis machine after she comes home, friends in Morrow County have set up a separate fund for Robin. These contributions may be deposited at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner or mailed to Robin Patrick fund Box 672, Heppner.

Robin is the daughter of Bob and Kay Patrick of Echo. He was formerly Farm Bureau manager and worked with people in this area.

How It Happened
Robin was born Christmas Eve day 1969. She was born with an imperforated anus, a correctable defect. At one month a colostomy was performed while waiting to make the necessary corrections. These corrections were made in Portland when

HHS STUDENTS VOTE FOR FIRST TIME
Seven HHS students took an active part in the Nov. 7 general election, by being among the first 18, 19 and 20 year olds to ever cast ballots in such an election. Five other Heppner students were eligible to vote in the election but forgot to register in time. In statistics, 38 percent of those eligible at HHS voted. This wasn't a bad percentage, but it could have been better. Most of those who did not vote were seniors and were reminded to register before the deadline but failed to do so.

Of the seven that voted, four were registered Republican and three Democrat, five voted for Nixon and one for McGovern. Those HHS students who voted for the first time were Helen Bryne, Carol Hughes, Jeff Marshall, Tracie Norene, Mike Sweek, Sharon Witherrite and Marie VanMarter.

GREAT DECISIONS '73
Morrow County residents who have always wanted "to tell somebody what I think" can have that chance through the Great Decisions '73 program which opens in January, reports Harold Kerr, Morrow County extension agent.

Plans are now being made for informal discussion groups to meet once a week for eight weeks to discuss various topics of current concern in the conduct of foreign affairs.

At the conclusion of each discussion, members of the group are asked to express their ideas on the subject. These opinions are then forwarded to the Oregon Great Decisions Council which tabulates opinion from throughout the state.

In turn, the state findings are sent to policy makers on a national level through the Foreign Policy Association which sponsors the Great Decisions program on a national basis.

Topics scheduled for discussion this winter include mass media and foreign policy, man and his environment, the changing role of Japan, the developing trading triangle between the U.S., the Soviet Union and Japan, and U.S. relations with Canada and the Latin American nations.

A reference book, containing basic information about each subject, has been prepared by the Foreign Policy Association and is available to participants at a small fee.

The Morrow County extension office serves as a resource point for the program which is organized and conducted by volunteer leaders. Persons interested in the program may contact the extension office and their names will be forwarded to program leaders.

Sign in doctor's waiting room: "Patients are kindly asked not to exchange symptoms. It gets the doctor hopelessly confused."

Robin was one year old then a month later the colostomy was closed. However in December of 1971 she was referred to a specialist in Seattle who made minor revisions to complete this and at this time she was functioning normally.

More Trouble

In April of this year Robin was treated for a series of bladder infections in Pendleton and after three months was referred to a Urologist in Walla Walla, Washington for a kidney and bladder test. After completing the test it was found that the left kidney was non-functional and infected and would need to be removed. Further tests and surgery were then scheduled for October 23, 1972 at Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle. Test confirmed the same and surgery went ahead. However during the surgery it was discovered that she had horseshoe kidneys (fused together with multiple veins and arteries) making it impossible to leave a functioning kidney or any part thereof.

More Surgery

After discovering this and removing her kidneys she went back to surgery on the 24th to have a catheter placed in the peritoneal cavity (cavity containing the organs) for use in dialysis (artificial kidney function). This process is referred to as Peritoneal Dialysis and has been used successfully in

children to sustain them until a transplant is available.

Average cost for the transplant runs about \$15,000. It appears at this time it is

advisable to go on the home dialysis and transplant at a later age after she has stabilized and attained more development. The dialysis process

takes about 12 hours, 3 times each week (while the child is sleeping) and allows them relative freedom to function normally at home.

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