

NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

On December 12, the Catholic Youth Organization and the Junior Catholic Youth Organization caroled for cans with the food going to the food pantry. They caroled in Lenora and New Almelo. After caroling they enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies at the home of Gayle and Tom James.

On December 17, Drake Alexander Paul was born. His parents are Misty and Tyler Paul, Wichita. His twin brothers, Dalton and Daxton, are two and one-half years old. His grandparents are Paul and Sharon Otter of Great Bend. Great-grandparents are Alfred and Betty Otter.

On December 22, Raymond and Bonita Slipke and family celebrated an early Christmas at the home of Miriam Slipke in Hoxie. Other family members present were Michael and Kathy Slipke, Sarah Slipke, Cheryl and Ryan Goheen and family, Crystal and Brady Cline and family, Downs; Linda and Ron Baumberger and Kendra, Salina; William and Michelle Slipke and family, Hoxie; Alan and Phyllis Slipke, Netawaka. On Sunday, Miriam accompanied Linda to Salina and returned home on Wednesday.

Family coming to the home of Alfred and Betty Otter on December 22 for an early Christmas were Tina and Will Ritter and family, Olathe; Tom Otter, DeSoto; Mark and Sheila Otter and family, Ulysses; Ashley Otter and Travis Redeker, Kearney, Neb.; Jolene and Jim Moss and family, Smith Center; Karl Otter, Great Bend; and Charles Otter and family, Salina. In the afternoon, Gary

and Bertsie Bruinekool and Kirk and Renee Persinger joined the family.

Russ and Marcia Aumiller celebrated Christmas on December 23 with Jeff and Kathleen Vahling and family, Hays; Missy and Jeremy Rumbach and family, Lenora; and Josh and Sarah Vahling and boys, Lenora.

Coming for an early Christmas to the home of Jared and Stacy Scheetz and Hailee and Braydon was Stacy's father, Don Schuckman, La Crosse.

Family coming to the home of Marion and Marilyn Otter on Christmas Eve were Frank and LeVonne Otter, Josh Otter and Kate Nelson, Brandon Otter, El Paso, Texas; Gabrielle Otter, Hays; Greg and Tammy Otter and family, New Almelo; and Steve Otter, Wichita. Joni Shellito and girls visited on Christmas. On Saturday, Dec. 29 Marion and Marilyn celebrated Christmas at Lakin with their daughter, Emily and Gary Kessler and family.

Celebrating with George and Vicki Gassmann at their home on Christmas Eve were Randy and Beth Gassmann and family, New Almelo; Alice and Wes James and girls, Ellis; Connie Gassmann, Colby; George's mother, Maggie Gassmann, Quinter; Chuck and Jackie Wright, Lenora; Dorothy Mindrup, rural New Almelo. After Christmas the Gassmanns' granddaughters, Alaina and Alexis Gassmann, Lee's Summit, Mo., came to visit for a few days.

Ardith and Ray Scheetz celebrated with family on Christmas Eve at their home. Family present were Michelle and Alan Goldsby, Heather and

Sophia, Hillsboro; Chris and Julie Scheetz, Kayla Scheetz, North Platte, Neb., and Billy Broeckelman; Steve Scheetz, Hays; Jared and Stacy Scheetz and family, New Almelo; Sara and Troy Collins and girls, Norton. On December 29, visitors to the Scheetz home were Mike and Jeannie Thibault and Kaylee, Kansas City; Tyler and Sara Goldsby and family, Manhattan; Rachelle Goldsby, Manhattan.

On Friday, Dec. 21, Craig and Lisa Wahlmeier and their son, Gentry, Alma, Ark., arrived at the home of Carl and Linda Wahlmeier to spend Christmas, also coming for Christmas were Curt and Becky Wahlmeier and family; Cary and family, Shawnee; Dan and Shelly Wahlmeier and family. The Carl Wahlmeier family planned on celebrating Carl and Linda's 50th wedding anniversary by attending the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz.

Stephanie and Brian Kirk and boys, Lafayette, La., came to the home of Roger and JoAnn Long to spend Christmas. Joining them on Christmas were Renee and Jack Cella and family, Denver, Colo., and Joanie and Darin Winkel and girls.

Gathering at the Raymond and Bonita Slipke and family home on December 29 were Frank McClurg, Logan; Vicki and Glen Kendall, Phillipsburg; Dustin and Crystal McClurg and family, Logan.

Family coming to the home of Gary and Bertsie Bruinekool on December 29 were Frank and Ceena Owens and family, Hays; Renee and Kirk Persinger, Norton.

Total loss...



The Almena Rural Fire Department responded to a fire on Van Horn St. in Almena on Tuesday at 4:07 p.m. The structure which was used as a dog kennel/dog grooming was a complete loss but there were no injuries to people or animals, according to Almena Rural firefighter Matt Van Patten. The fire department responded with three trucks and 12 firefighters.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Fungicide school offered in Colby

Thomas County Extension is sponsoring a Fungicide School at the 4-H Building in Colby on Wednesday, January 23 to aid producers in making sound decisions about fungicide application. The program will start at 2:30 p.m. and adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Addressing the issues of when to spray, what to

spray, and will it pay, will be K-State Disease Pathologists Doug Jardine and Erick DeWolf. There must be a minimum of 10 people preregistered by January 21st to hold the program. Register by calling the Thomas County Extension office at 785-460-4582, or email jengels@ksu.edu.

LYLE NEWS

How lucky can I get? For several reasons. I get to stay in where it's warm when it's so cold outside. This morning the TV said it was two degrees in McCook, Neb. They always include McCook in the Kansas weather for some reason. Anyway our temperatures are usually about the same.

Another way I am so lucky is that people are so good to bring me what I need, from mail to food to company. Wednesday last week was our regular Liberty Star Club day but I wasn't going out on the ice, etc., yet, so Carolyn called and asked, "How would you like us to come

to your house for our meeting?" My first reaction was, "Yikes" as I haven't been doing much in the way of housecleaning, and have had some adorable little girls here helping me. But, I recovered and said that would be a good deal, and it was.

We always have a good time, and nobody in that group comes to criticize each other's house. Thank goodness. Margaret "Toots" Magers, Joyce Price, Kathy Van Meter, Carolyn Plotts, Carol Moye and myself drew names for Mystery sisters, and did the usual giggling, and each one brought little snack foods. They commented on my

good solid ramp. Thanks to Tom Baker and his cousin.

Sorry this is all about me, next time I'll try to do better [if I'm not fired by then]. I'm grateful for my great-granddaughter, Adrienne for staying with me. She and her two daughters keep things interesting. Three year old Skylar was trying to cut paper with the little scissors. She asked her older sister, Kylie, age six, "How do you do that?" Kylie continued what she was doing and said, "Takes practice." Kylie rides the school bus and Skylar goes to preschool two mornings a week.

Roads

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In other business, the commissioners:

- Were sworn in, along with other county officials by Judge Preston Pratt, at the beginning of the meeting.

- Named The Bank, First State Bank, Security Bank and Trust and Almena State Bank as county depositories, *The Norton Telegram* as the official county newspaper and set the mileage rate at 56.5 cents per mile, which is the same as the federal rate.

- Set up a 10 a.m. meeting on Friday with Emergency Management Director Justina Smith to go over documentation and information they will need in case of an emergency.

- Renewed three contracts with landowners for parking for county equipment around the county. The county pays \$200 a year for this service.

- Named Thompson as chairman and Posson as vice chairman for 2013.

- Talked with Diane Edgett of Jills Helping Hands, who

encouraged them to continue to help with health care. Ms. Edgett told the commissioners that they helped her get her business going and that it's increasingly hard for small business people in the health care field to make a living.

"Keep supporting your elderly people to keep me employed," she said with a smile.

School

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chase of the Alpha Card System for a cost of \$1,345. The motion carried 5-1, with Craig Renner voting no.

Robert Wyatt received unanimous approval to serve on the USD 211 calendar committee to help in the development of the 2013-14 school calendar.

Superintendent Mann distributed the Capital Outlay list with four items on it for summer projects in 2013. The top priority is the first payment to Energy360 for \$102,000. Mann recommended that \$150,000 to \$160,000 be spent from the capital outlay funds for projects. Mann will present a three to four year plan for replacing all the

exterior doors at the February meeting and the Board will then consider the other two items; bleacher motors at Stull Gymnasium and playground equipment at Eisenhower Elementary School.

The Board went into executive session at 8:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employee-employer negotiations. The executive session is required to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Superintendent Mann stayed for the executive session. The Board returned to the open meeting at 8:45 p.m., at which time Board President April Karnopp adjourned the meeting.

Look! What's Coming Up!!

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Winter Sports
Norton County
Sweetheart Couple

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