

# LYLE NEWS

Charles and Inez Keller were at Lyle on Sunday where Charles served as the minister. He gave a good message on "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." He reminded us of a fact we have heard, that from birth to five years old, a child learns more than at any period of his, [her] life.

Jane Engelhardt and Judy and Charlie Easton had dinner with Toots Magers, and did some odd jobs. Charlie put new blades on her mower.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen traveled to Colorado on Friday to attend the High School graduation of Lloyd's granddaughter, Sydney Clapp.

While there, they stayed in the home of his daughter, Cathy and Bryan Jones.

June Jolly had medical testing done, and believes everything is all right. She will get the official results this week. She went to Norton June 9 for Bingo and has played cards, quilted, exercised at the 'Silver Fox,' and swam at the "Y." Dean Jolly's family went to the Norton Lake to the Carter reunion last weekend.

On Friday, Tom Baker, Cheryl Parrish and I went to McCook, Neb.; visited Dwight and Teresa Wood; ate KFC in the park; visited Sheryl and Richard Patterson; garage sale'd; shopped and came home, tired. Sitting out

by the lake, watching the geese is so relaxing, we need to do it more often.

On Sunday, June 16, there will be no church at Lyle, as we plan to join other churches at the Norton Lake for a church service and a potluck picnic dinner.

Jane Engelhardt of Norton and Judy and Charlie Easton of Quinter visited Margaret [Toots] Magers on Sunday afternoon. On Saturday, June 15, Charlie's sons surprised him by taking him to the lake for Father's Day and spent the day fishing.

Toots went to Joyce Price's home for Liberty Star Club on Wednesday, and played pinochle in Norcatur on Thursday. Any-

one who likes to play Pinochle is welcome to join them.

Thanks to Jess Allen and Ron Johnson, who swathed the grass, around the Lyle Church yard area. It is appreciated very much.

Club members who met at Joyce Price's for club on Wednesday were; Toots Magers, Carolyn Plotts, Babe Hawkins, Kathy Van Meter, Carol Moye and Veda Wood. Kathy had an interesting lesson on the United States Flag, [Friday was flag day], and Babe gave us a quiz with trick questions such as; "How many animals did Moses take on the ark?" Of course the answer is 'none' because every

child knows it was Noah on the ark. "DUH"! And I missed half of them. Joyce served a delicious lunch

On Thursday, Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen went to San Jose, Calif., where they stayed with her daughter, Erlene Chavez. On Friday they attended the graduation of Kathy's great-grandson, Jason Shartino, who graduated with honors. The class had five hundred and some graduates. A meal followed the graduation exercises. They returned home on Sunday.

June Jolly is still swimming, playing Bingo, and playing cards. She and three friends are getting together for cards every

other week for the summer. Her medical checkups turned out well. She is getting some home-grown dressed fryer chickens from a farm, which they deliver to her home.

On Sunday, Keith Anthony took Norma McCallister and I to the United Methodist Church service and dinner at the Norton Lake for the Almena, Norcatur, Clayton and Lyle congregations. The day couldn't have been more pleasant and the service was beautiful. Pastor Ed's message was on "This is our Country" followed by a Communion service. He asked that we continue to remember his wife, Linda, in prayer.

# JENNINGS NEWS

The Jennings Historic Building Preservation Committee will be serving the lunch stand at the Beth Sebaugh auction at the Gateway in Oberlin on Saturday, June 15. If anyone would like to donate hamburger, pies or other baked goods, please call Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-3010. All proceeds from the food sales will be used for preservation of and improvements to the former Masonic Hall/Opera House. Join us for rolls and coffee beginning at 9 a.m. and for lunch at the Gateway.

Thirteen children gathered at the Jennings City Library Saturday morning for a fun time. Carla Latimer, librarian and helper Bob Jones kept the children busy painting tee shirts. Delicious snacks were served. Those attending were: Brandon and Lucas Coffman; Sophia and Bryer Simoneau; Arianna Gillespie; Abby, Aubrey and Madison DuBois; Rayna, Sidney, Abraham and Quinnley Taylor; Jordyn Fleckenstein. The library has story and activity time in the morning on the

second Saturday of each month. Children three years of age and up are always welcome.

Troy and Anne LaRue, Fulton, Mo.; Jessica Jaeger and Emerson, Nashville, Tenn., visited Troy's parents, Martin and Darlene LaRue this past week.

Sunday, June 16 will be the last Sunday Rev. Barbara Patterson will have the services at the United Methodist Church in Jennings. There will be a potluck dinner to honor Barbara and wish her well in the new churches she will be serving af-

ter July 1. The Jennings congregation will be traveling to Dresden on Sunday June 23. Church will begin at 9:30 a.m..

Wayne and Louise Cressler received the happy news of the birth of great-granddaughter, Violet Mae Cressler born June 6 to Robert Alexander Cressler and Susan Louise DeBauge, Chicago, Ill. She weighed nine pounds, four ounces at birth.

The United Methodist Women had an enjoyable time at Cedar Living Center, Oberlin Wednesday afternoon. This was

their birthday party for June. Kay Brown and Julie Carter played several hymns on piano. Vicki Bailey sang some jazzy tunes and she was joined by Julie Carter on the last song. Helen Rhodes and Louise Cressler served angel food cake, cool whip and strawberries to eighteen residents. Those going from Jennings were: Rachel Carter, Lila Jennings, Barbara Patterson, Kathy Nauer, Kay Brown, Julie Carter, Vicki Bailey, Helen Rhodes and Louise Cressler. No U.M.W. meeting in

July or August. Stan and Ramona Shaw spent several days last week visiting at the home of Cindy and Danny Black, Logan and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M. With 100-plus degree temperatures the air-conditioner felt real good. McKenna family held their reunion Sunday, June 9 at the Sunflower Senior Center.

# NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

Kayla Scheetz and Billy Broeckelman were married June 1, 2013, by Father Daniel Scheetz (uncle of the bride) at St. Joseph Church, in New Almelo. Kayla is the daughter of Chris and Julie (Coffman) Scheetz. Billy is the son of Jim and Tami (Racette) Broeckelman, Norton. Grandparents are Ray and Ardith Scheetz, Gerald and Karen Coffman, Wilbur and Janice Racette, and the late William and Emelyn Broeckelman.

Benjamin James Moss was born May 28, 2013 at Smith County Hospital, Smith Center. He weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces. His mother is Cheyenne Moss, Smith Center. Grandparents are Jim and Jolene Moss, Smith Center. Great-grandparents are Alfred and Betty Otter, New Almelo; Nadine Oberkrom, Woodland Park, Colo.; and

the late Johnnie Moss. Lexus, Rayleigh, and Johanna Shellito, Norton, spent several days last week with their great-grandparents, Marion and Marilyn Otter. On Sunday, June 2 Marion and Marilyn Otter visited Sister Francis Margaret Otter in Concordia, Sister Francis Margaret continues to improve since her stroke.

Alfred and Betty Otter visited the new great-grandson, Benjamin Moss at Smith Center on Sunday, June 2.

Sister Marilyn Carpenter was a house guest of Bill and Gail Brooks, Clayton, Memorial weekend. She visited other cousins, Bill and Irene Georgeson as well as other relatives in the area. She attended Memorial Services at New Almelo on Monday, and was able to visit with some former classmates.

# Wetland reserve program offered

Wetlands are unique ecosystems that offer an array of biologically diverse plants and wildlife. They are natural areas that are often wet but may not be wet year round with distinctive hydrology, soils and plants. Wetlands offer valuable environmental benefits as well as financial security and alternative enterprise opportunities for landowners and communities.

"In Kansas, more than 24,000 acres have been restored or are in the process of being restored under the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)," said Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Acting State Conservationist Daniel H. Meyerhoff. "The benefits of these restored wetlands reach well beyond their boundaries to improve watershed health, the vitality of agricultural lands, as well as the aesthetics and economies of local communities."

WRP helps landowners restore and protect wetland ecosystems on private and tribal lands. Landowners may select either a permanent or 30-year easement, or a 10-year restoration contract while retaining ownership of the land. More than 11,000 private landowners participating in WRP are already protecting

more than 2.6 million acres of America's wetlands.

Wetlands benefit migratory birds, other wildlife and plants, including species of concern and those that are listed on state and federal lists of threatened and endangered species. The program also helps restore active floodplains along creeks and rivers, aids in flood control and improves water quality by restoring environmentally sensitive, frequently flooded cropland back to permanent vegetation.

- Wetland benefits:
- Alternatives for areas where crops are lost to high water
  - Increase wildlife opportunities
  - Groundwater recharge
  - Improve water quality by filtering out sediment
- With WRP, you can:
- Earn up to \$2,600 per acre for areas enrolled in WRP easements
  - Receive up to 100 percent cost share for developing wetland areas
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