

NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

On the evening of November 1 the parishioners of St. Joseph Church held a service at the St. Joseph Cemetery where Father Vincent blessed the graves, and the people placed luminaries at the graves for All Souls Day. It is always quite a sight after dark.

A work day to trim the evergreen trees near the church and statue was held the morning of November 2.

The K of C held trap shoots on November 3 and 10 at the old ball park south of New Almelo. Favorable weather and good attendance made for the success of the events. The CYO had concessions at both shoots.

Saturday, Nov. 9, the Annual Soup Kitchen was held at the

Parish Hall. A good crowd of hunters and community members made it a success.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10, Bingo was held in the Parish Hall. Chuck Wright, Lenora, won the "Black Out" for a turkey.

The population of New Almelo always increases as the residents of Colorado come to their second homes for hunting.

Dennis Linden, McPherson, spent the weekend checking on his property, hunting and attending the Shoot on Sunday.

Brandon Otter, El Paso, Texas, is on leave visiting his parents, Frank and Lavonne Otter, and also his grandparents, Marion and Marilyn Otter, brother, Josh and Kate Otter, and sister Gabrielle Otter, Hays.

Steve Otter, Wichita, came to the home of Roger and JoAnn Long. Also present were Renee and Jack Cella and family, and their friend, Mike Newman, all of Denver, Colo.

Tom Otter, DeSoto, spent a week with his parents, Alfred and Betty Otter, bow hunting. On Friday evening, Karl Otter, Great Bend; Charles Otter, Salina; Jim and Aaron Moss, Smith Center, came to hunt on Saturday. Mark Otter, Ulysses, joined them on Saturday.

Wes and Alice James and family, Ellis, visited with their parents, Tom and Gayle James, Lenora, and George and Vickie Gassmann on the weekend.

Department asks what time is it

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The Norton County Road and Bridge department doesn't have a time clock as Office Manager Becky Wilson told the commissioners that she has asked around the shop and there doesn't seem to be a time clock anywhere around. She said that she asked Foreman Floyd Richard, who has been there for a long time, and he didn't think there was a time clock at the shop.

She gave the commissioners a sample of the road crew's time sheets noting that the employees write down their in and out time but also what machine they are working on and what job and log both their hours and their miles.

She asked if the commissioners wanted her to get a time

clock and if so how should the crew log all the extra information.

The commissioners said that they thought that there was a time clock at the county shop and were surprised that there wasn't one there. County Clerk Robert Wyatt said that there used to be a time clock out there because he remembers getting time cards from that department. However, he said, that doesn't mean that that piece of equipment didn't die and get thrown away without being replaced.

Commissioner R.A. Peterson said that the time clock would be for the office personnel only and that the time sheets used by the road workers seemed to be fine.

Mr. Wyatt suggested that Mrs.

Wilson look into computer programs that allowed personnel to time in and out without the expense of a new time clock.

She said she would look into it.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Authorized a three-month closure of Road E3 between roads G and H at the request of Bruce Wegner, who wants to graze the land on both sides of that road. Mr. Richard had told the commissioners earlier that the road in question is more of a grassy trail.

- Received a request from Mrs. Wilson for a three-month review and possibly a raise. The commissioners said that they would do so but would probably need a closed session for the discussion.

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-waived the formal third reading of Ordinance #1649.

-adopted Ordinance #1649, amending the emergency snow routes within the City of Norton to include all of Reagan Ave.

-waived the formal third reading of Ordinance #1650.

-adopted Ordinance #1650, designating a stop intersection on Reagan Ave., at the intersection of Reagan Ave. and West Armory Dr.

-tabled the third reading of Ordinance #1651, amending the animal registration, licensing,

visiting animals, nuisance, and impoundment ordinances within the City of Norton, until Dec. 4, to allow for amendments to be made.

-approved to offer the "safe ride home" program for Norton residents for New Year's Eve on Tuesday, Dec. 31. This will be for a one-way safe ride home from the local establishments.

-Police Chief Pat Morel reported the new police officer, Kevin Weaver, will start on Nov. 25, and will be at the council meeting on Dec. 4, to be introduced.

-Jeff Wolf, City Code Inspec-

tor, reported the property at 509 W. Main has been removed and hauled off, and a fence has been put up by the property owner.

-approved the re-appointment of Sandy Bhatka, Toby Kuhn, Wallace Burton and Tara Vance to serve on the Tourism Committee. These terms will expire Nov. 30, 2015.

-approved the re-appointment of Jennifer Hendrickson to the Housing Authority Board, with the term expiring Nov. 30, 2017.

-approved the re-appointment of Timm Meyer and Curtis Eveleigh to the Planning Commission. The term expires Nov.



Norton Community High School and the KAY Club held its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Skit on Tuesday, Nov. 26 in the Stull gymnasium. (Pictured left to right) Austin Hager portrayed Si Robertson and Kolton Harting portrayed Jase Robertson. Also starring, but not pictured, were Alec Hager as Willie Robertson and Jena Risewick as the turkey.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens



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Recreation Commission Board.

-approved the consent agenda. Items included in the consent agenda were the agenda, minutes for the regular meeting of Oct. 14, 2013, payment of bills and transfers, and approve list of records to be destroyed.

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the old workstations were like.

When he returned, he made the motion that the commissioners approve the purchase.

Mrs. Linner said that she had the money in both her motor vehicle operating fund and her capital outlay fund.

The commissioners suggested the capital outlay fund would be the best and Mrs. Linner agreed.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Signed the monthly checks for payroll and payables

- Learned that the county received \$27,690 in motor vehicle sales taxes from the state and sent the state \$35,986. Mrs. Linner explained that what the county gets back is from two months ago and what is sent in is current. These figures are down some from last year in November, she said, when the county received \$36,549 and sent the state \$40,591.

Bills approved for payment total:

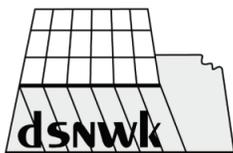
Bills	Payroll	
General Fund	324,348.73	6,142.21
Vocational	8,965.85	4,429.49
Capital Outlay		866.91
Food Service	20,216.92	29,705.13
Driver Education		20.00
Title I	8,338.55	647.35
Special Education	11,923.56	214,191.42
Recreation Commission		1,406.44
At-Risk	26,548.23	
Professional Development		24.00
Supplemental General	21,216.36	58,949.53
Butler Scholarships		500.00
Title II-A	1,390.00	633.87
Gifts and Grants		133.72
Totals	422,948.20	317,650.07

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce would like for you to join us for a special Chamber After Hours!
Thursday, December 5

5:00 p.m.,

Frontier Developmental Center, 1104 N. State, Norton

Learn more about a new group living arrangement called **Our Place** and enjoy a variety of snacks and refreshments!



Lots of Great Prizes Donated by Businesses Listed Below!!



The Norton Telegram and area Businesses are Sponsoring a Christmas Coloring Contest

Stop by the Norton Telegram or the Almema Market in Almema and pick up one of the six designs. Return the colored picture to The Norton Telegram or the Almema Market no later than Tuesday, December 17. The pictures will be displayed in the lobby of The Norton Telegram for judging on Thursday, December 19.

Prizes have been donated by the following businesses:

Dairy Queen: Treat Tokens to all Entrants; Norton Animal Health Center: \$20.00; First Security Bank and Trust Co.: \$25.00 in Gold Coins; End Zone: Ribbons; Norton Theatre: Movie Tickets; Pizza Hut: Personal Pan Pizzas; Norton Sports Center; Here's Your Sign; United Northwest Federal Credit Union; The Norton Telegram.