

NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

On December 20, Marion and Marilyn Otter attended a retirement reception for her brother, Don Hickert from the Frenchman Valley Co-op in McCook, Neb. Don's sister Cecilia Kotachwar and sister-in-law, Claudine Hickert also attended the reception.

Kasch Rowan Kingsley Redeker was born December 20, in Kearney, Neb. He is the son of Travis and Ashley (Otter) Redeker. He weighed six pounds and nine ounces. His grandparents are Mark and Sheila Otter, Ulysses; Steve and Barbara Redeker, Arapahoe, Neb. Great-grandparents are Larry and Lorena Taylor, Lenora, and Alfred and Betty Otter, New Almelo. Veda Heisel is his great-great-grandmother.

Randy and Beth Gassmann and family moved on December 20 to their new house southwest of New Almelo. Brian and Stephanie Kirk, Broussard, La., have purchased the home in New Almelo from Randy and Beth Gassmann.

Family coming to the home of Alfred and Betty Otter on December 21 for an early Christmas were Tina and Will Ritter and family, Olathe; Tom Otter, DeSoto; Mark and Sheila Otter and family, Ulysses; Tomas Partida, Ulysses; Jolene and Jim Moss and family, Cheyenne Moss and Benjamin, David Sheldon, all from Smith Center; Karl Otter, Great Bend; Charles Otter and family, Salina. In the afternoon, Gary and Bertie Bruinekool, Lenora, and Kirk and Renee Persinger, Norton, came to visit.

On December 22, Emily and Gary Kessler, Lakin, visited at the home of her parents, Marion and Marilyn Otter. Christmas Eve family coming to the Otter home were Frank and LeVonne Otter, Josh and Kate Otter, Brandon Otter, El Paso, Texas; Gabrielle Otter, Hays; Greg and Tammy Otter, Alissa and Seth; Steve Otter, Wichita; Joni Shellito and girls, Norton.

Ardith and Ray Scheetz, Jefferson, Colo., came to the Scheetz farm home on Monday. Joining them on Christmas Eve were Alan and Michelle Goldsby, Hudson, Wisc.; Chris and Julie Scheetz; Jared and Stacy Scheetz and family, Troy and Sarah Collins and girls, Norton.

On December 27, the Thibault Christmas was held at Ray and Ardith's home. Those coming for that celebration were Alan and Michelle Goldsby, Hudson, Wisc.; Tyler and Sarah Goldsby and family, Salina; Rachele and Mike Heatwole, Topeka; Heathere Goldsby and Sophia, Wichita; Chris and Julie Scheetz, Jared and Stacy Scheetz and family; Troy and Sarah Collins and girls, Darrian Collins, Norton; Sharon Thibault, Phillipsburg; Mike and Jeannine Thibault and Kaylee, Lenexa.

On Christmas Day, family coming to the home of Gary and Bertie Bruinekool were Ceena and Frank Owens and family, Hays; and Renee and Kirk Persinger, Norton.

Tom and Gayle James' family gathered on Christmas Day to celebrate. Those present were Quentin and Charlotte James, Jacob and Bridger, Dubois, Wyo., Wes and Alice James, Maggie, Emily, Hannah, and Luke, Ellis; Caitlin and Oliver Buel, Holton.

On December 22, Russ and Marcia Aumiller celebrated an early Christmas. Family present were Jeff and Kathleen Vahling and family, Hays; Missy and Jeremy Rumbach and family, Lenora; Josh and Sarah Vahling, and family, Lenora.

Jim and Tammy Hallgren and boys from Brainerd, Minn., came to her sister's home, Shelly and Dan Wahlmeier, on December 21 and returned home on January 2. Coming to the Wahlmeier home on Christmas Eve were Pat and Mike Tubbs and family, Colby; Kim and Charlie Easton, Selden; Sharon and Jerry Wolfram, Herdon; Carl and Linda Wahlmeier, Cary Wahlmeier, Lenexa; Tom and Jill Edgett, Edmond.

Family coming to the home of Raymond, Bonita, Rachel, Landon, and Raelynn Slipke on December 26 were Vicki and Glen Kendall, Phillipsburg, and Dustin and Crystal McClurg and family, Logan.

On Christmas Eve at the George and Vicki Gassmann home, guests were Randy and Beth Gassmann and family, Wes and Alice James and family, Ellis; and Jackie and Chuck Wright, Lenora. On Christmas Day guests were Francis and Cindy Gassmann and their granddaughter, Hailey Specks,

Wichita; Maggie Gassmann, Quinter; Randy and Beth Gassmann and family, Jackie and Chuck Wright, Lenora; Wes and Alice James, Ellis. On January 2, Victor and Sarah Wilson, Wiley, Texas, spent the night guests for the evening meal included Connie Gassmann, Colby; Randy and Beth Gassmann and family, Maggie Gassmann, Ellis; and Jackie Wright, Lenora.

Roger and JoAnn Long celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28, with a Mass at noon with Father Tony Stephens as celebrant and Father Vincent Thu Laing co-celebrant. A reception and dance followed in the Parish Hall with "Jimmy Dee" providing the music. Helping their parents celebrate were their children, Renee and Jack Cella and family, Denver, Colo.; Stephanie and Brian Kirk and boys, Broussard, La.; Joanie and Darin Winkel and girls, New Almelo; Roxie and Ed Schuster and family, Milford, Ohio. Also attending were JoAnn's brothers, Alvin Otter, Wichita and Marion and Marilyn Otter, New Almelo. Roger's mother, Lorraine Long, Hays; Roger's sisters, Rita Barker, Irene Schieferecke, Gerry and Mark Baalmann; Roger's brothers, Joel and Roseann Long, Tome and Jan Long, Floyd and Karen Long, Gary and Carolyn Long; Frank and Lettie Long; Fred and Marti Long; Leonard and Joan Long, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Slipke family Christmas was held December 28, at the Raymond and Bonita Slipke, and family, home. Additional family present were Miriam Slipke, Hoxie; Michael and Kathy Slipke, Sarah Slipke, Cheryl and Ryan Goheen and family, Crystal and Brady Cline and family, all from Downs; Linda Baumberger, Salina; William and Michelle Slipke and family, Hoxie; Alan and Phyllis Slipke, Netawoka; and Marvin Wudtke, Norton.

Family coming to the home of Doris Linden, Norton, were John and Becky Linden, Brett and Brian Linden, Lenora; Frank and Sheryl Linden, Brandon Linden and friend, Amber and children, Emily and Kade Bloom, all from Goodland; Rosella and Kevin Reysner and family, Sharon Springs.

On the ball...



The Norton AYSO held their annual soccer sign up this past weekend. Bruce Weigel and his son Jatin gather the paperwork involved in signing up from coordinators, Denna Wenthe and Ray Caldwell.

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Grazing Conference set

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Kansas Graziers Association (KGA) along with the 2014 Annual Winter Grazing Conference. "Grazing and Soil Health" is the focus of this year's winter conference, including a component on "The Value of Cover Crops." This workshop, part of the Amazing Grazing Series of Educational Events, will be offered Jan. 25, 2014 at Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, 1616 W. Crawford St. in Salina, KS.

Presentations during the conference will focus on grazing thoughts during the uncertainty of drought, soil health demonstrations, the benefits of using cover crops for soil health, the benefits of grazing cover crops, and how to select cover crop species.

The conference will feature David Kraft, NRCS state rangeland management specialist; Chad Remley, NRCS state soil scientist; Candy Thomas, NRCS state agronomist; and Kris Etheridge, area resource conservationist. The conference

will also feature producers sharing their experiences grazing cover crops.

A new feature of this year's workshop is an invitation to participants to submit any "Good, Bad or Otherwise Ideas" that have been tried that other graziers can learn from. Conference organizer Mary Howell shares, "The beauty of KGA is that we so openly share and learn from each other. We don't have enough time or money in life to make all of the mistakes ourselves!" Ideas will need to be displayed as the actual genius grazing device, in a poster or notebook-type fashion, or as a 'short' presentation to the group. If you have something to share, please contact Mary Howell at kfu.mary@gmail.com so she can organize the exchange. Howell adds, "Graziers have many great ideas and inventions to make our jobs easier. Let's share what we know, this could be really fun! Please plan to join us for a very educational and as always enjoyable day."

Kansas Graziers will host a social at conference headquarters in the atrium starting at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24, 2014. All graziers are invited to attend and enjoy the networking, snacks, and refreshments. For food planning, please note on your registration form if you plan to attend the social.

Pre-registration for the day is \$50. At the door: \$60. You can also register online at www.kansasgraziers.blogspot.com or by downloading a registration form and mailing it to the address given. A block of rooms for \$52 is reserved thru Jan. 20, 2014 at Salina Ramada, 785-823-1791.

Conference sponsors are the Kansas Graziers, Kansas Farmers Union, Kansas NRCS, Kansas SARE, Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, Kansas Grazing Land Coalition, with funding from North Central Risk Management Education Center, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Cover your acres reminder

Early bird registration for the two-day 11th Annual Cover Your Acres Winter Conference is due by next Wednesday. Go to www.northwest.ksu.edu/CoverYourAcres to fill out the form.

The cost to attend on Tuesday, Jan. 21, is \$35, while the cost on Wednesday, Jan. 22, is \$30. The fee for both days is \$50. After

next Wednesday, however, the cost will be \$50 per day. The price includes lunch both days.

Last year's conference drew more than 600 people to hear speakers from regional universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cover topics on the latest in farm technology and agricultural field research.

The conference is sponsored by Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance. For information, call Lucas Haag, regional agronomist in Colby, at (785) 462-6281 or go to the website.

Sign up deadline for conservation

Kansas farmers and ranchers have about a month to sign up for a federal conservation program which helps landowners conserve the natural resources on their property.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is taking applications for the fiscal year 2014 Conservation Stewardship Program until Friday, Jan. 17. Part of the federal farm bill, the program can help farmers and ranchers put in place practices

such as nozzles to reduce pesticide drift, rotational feeding areas and monitored grazing areas and modified water facilities.

The service has a checklist for landowners to decide if the program fits their ranch or farm.

Stop by the county U.S. Department of Agriculture office, or go to the Conservation Stewardship Program website at www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/.

Sudoku Puzzle #3146-M

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"Name that Book"

- Across**
- Goat sounds
 - Partner of 29-Down
 - Breakfast strips
 - Rights grp.
 - Captain of "Moby-Dick"
 - "___ in Wonderland"
 - Ernest Hemingway, 1926
 - Sends a phone message
 - Large coffee dispenser
 - Purring Persian, say
 - Funny Poehler
 - Extreme anger
 - Knotts and Johnson
 - John Steinbeck, 1937
 - Head of a school
 - Where to get a pedicure
 - McCartney and Walker
 - "___ not joking!"
 - Mexican parties
 - "The ___ of Pooh"
 - Ferguson or Kilborn
 - A pop
 - Japanese rice wine
 - Mario Puzo, 1969
 - Food that comes in a dozen
 - Place to park cars
 - Dallas coll.
 - Abbr. on business cards
 - Every last bit
 - Served like some beer
 - Joseph Conrad, 1899
 - Posh neckwear
 - "___ kleine Nachtmusik" (Mozart)

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- Manning and Whitney
- Poor
- Enjoy a good book
- Take a breather
- Down
- "The Simpsons" creator Groening
- Soreness
- Trebek of "Jeopardy!"
- Keep going
- Stovetop item
- "Gotcha!"
- Buddy
- Really silly
- Farm structure
- Boxing great
- Classic TV series "The ___ Kid"
- Atlantic or Pacific
- Eagle homes
- Military branch, for short
- City in 35-Down
- Sammy Davis, Jr.'s autobiography "___ Can"
- Stuck
- It's in your genes
- Pertaining to some poetry
- Be scared of
- Partner of 5-Across
- Gorilla's cousin
- Computer image file type
- Home state of the Osmonds
- Superior, Huron or Michigan
- Evening, in France
- Letters between E and I
- Media mogul Turner
- Puppy sounds
- "___ a girl!"
- Shocking development
- Cockney greeting
- He might be putting on the green
- One way to run
- Patriot ___ Allen
- Flying honkers
- Candied, as fruits
- Lawyer: abbr.
- Prefix with marketer
- Sale condition
- "Hey you!"
- Serling or Stewart
- Rolled cube
- Santa ___, California
- Color of the sunset, sometimes

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