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pump to replace them. The committee has asked Garrett's if they would like to purchase the two pumps, and in return Garrett's would receive a credit for the cost of the pumps, which would allow them to dump until they have used up their credit. Garrett's wants to negotiate the cost of the dumping fees before they consider the committee's proposal.

Ryan said the City of Beloit has offered \$2,500 for additional items at the power plant, and the committee will consider the offer at its next meeting. The committee will also discuss certification requirements of the water and sewer plant operators with Supervisor Chris Frack.

In other council news:

-City Clerk Darla Ellis said the architect and structural engineer will be visiting the property at 109 E. Main in the next week to proceed with the renovations of the property for the grant project. It is expected the design phase and bid documents will be ready within six months to be advertised and the construction project should be awarded by the fall of 2014.

-Economic Development Director Scott Sproul answered questions regarding the application for the 2014 Federal Transportation Alternative funding

program. Sproul stated he is almost done with the application and is in the final stages of submitting it.

-the Airport Board received Kansas Department of Transportation airport funding in the amount of \$22,500 for the Norton tower obstruction mitigation. Authorized the City to install a separate meter for the lights on the tower only, and bill the Airport Board each month for the electrical usage.

-the city general sales tax receipts collected in December of 2013, totalled \$22,238.48, the city pool sales tax receipts totalled \$33,357.71, and the county sales tax receipts totalled \$13,157.63, for a total of \$68,753.82. The 2014 year to date sales tax receipts total \$68,753.82.

-approved the low bid of \$49,250 from Elliott Equipment Co. of Lincoln, Neb., for a US Jetting Trailer Mounted Sewer Jet machine. This was a budgeted item.

-approved the 2013 utility write-offs, and have the City Attorney proceed with the collection process, with the collection fee being assessed as an additional cost, as authorized by Ordinance #1583.

-approved the low bid from Red Wing Chemical Company of Norton to treat the cemetery shop building for termites at a

cost of \$1,250.

-authorized the purchase of a Resqtec airbag system for the Norton Fire Department from Weis Fire and Safety Equipment of Salina, at a cost of \$8,513. This was a budgeted item.

-approved the Mayor's appointment of Cameron Archer as Assistant Fire Chief of the Norton Fire Department.

-accepted Fire Chief Mitch Jones' recommendation of Andrew Black as a new volunteer fireman. They currently have 20 firemen.

-Police Chief Pat Morel reported Police Officer Kevin Weaver has completed his K9 training and received his certification. He will be given a one-step pay increase to assume the additional duties of K9 handler.

-approved Appropriating Ordinance #3 as a whole.

-approved the Jan. 15, 2014, council meeting minutes as written.

The following building permits were presented:

Herbie Johnson - \$3,500, construct accessory building at 501 N. Holme Ave.

Justin Stoll - \$3,500, re-roofing at 312 Taft St.

Cody Linner - \$2,000, re-roofing porch at 502 E. Main

Norton Economic Development - street opening at 214 S. Kansas

Norcatur

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school districts in the area and why more Norcatur students school in Norton than Oberlin - it's closer and a lot of the parents work in Norton, Mr. Strevey said.

County Attorney Doug Sebelius joined the meeting at that

point and the commissioners and Mr. Strevey explained the request and problem and he said that there may be a way to help but he would need some time to research the statutes and court cases and would get back to the commissioners.

Sue Hillebrand, who had accompanied Mr. Strevey, talked briefly about plans to renovate the city offices in Norcatur to house the U.S. 36 Highway Association office. She said that the group pushing the effort is trying to get the old offices designated as a state historic site.

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Training

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zations who want to support increased business leadership around supporting good health.

"This worksite wellness training provides a framework and key concepts for each worksite leader to apply in their own organizations to promote better health for their workforce," said Aubrey Wiechman, WorkWell KS coordinator. "Everyone not only worked to identify their own organizations, but how they can work together to pro-

vide leadership to help create a healthier community."

Research has shown that health and wellness strategies can reduce health care costs, enhance recruitment and retention of healthy employees, decrease rates of illness and injury, and reduce rates of employee absenteeism. WorkWell KS hopes to equip community leaders with the skills and knowledge to increase health in their own communities through local business leadership. Engaging local business leaders in supporting

good health is a fundamental objective of this effort.

"It is one of our goals to be a resource for healthier communities in Norton County," said WorkWell KS Champion Gina Frack, Administrator of the Norton County Health Department. "WorkWell KS helped us better define our mission and develop a plan of action. If we can adapt healthy behaviors at the workplace, those habits will be taken to the home as well. We want to be a resource for a better way."

NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

Landon Slipke, son of Raymond and Bonita Slipke, will be playing the flute when the All-State Band performs at the Kansas Music Educators Association in-service workshop scheduled for Feb. 27 through March 1, at Century II Convention Center in Wichita.

Sarah David, a fifth grader, won the Eisenhower School Spelling Bee on Jan. 22. She will represent Eisenhower School along with the second and third place winners at the Norton County Spelling Bee. She is the daughter of Troy and DeAnn David, Lenora.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph parish held their membership supper. After a delicious meal, door prizes were given to Jessica Ninemire, Jim Ninemire, Stacy Scheetz, Dustin Juenemann and Bertie Bruinekool.

On Sunday, Jan. 26, the family of Francis and Phyllis Otter celebrated their parents' 50th wedding anniversary by serving rolls to the parish after Mass, where Father Vincent Thu Laing had given them a special blessing.

On Sunday afternoon of Jan. 26, the New Almelo Knights of Columbus held their annual Free Throw Contest at the Rural Telephone Gym in Lenora. Nicole Rumback, Austin Koerperich, and Nolan Juenemann will advance to the District Free Throw Contest.

George and Vickie Gassmann and their grandchildren, Johnathan Gassmann, William Gassmann, Abbie Gassmann and Jackie Wright attended the

St. Mary's School Carnival at Ellis on Sunday, Jan. 26. Johnathan was the winner on one of the raffle prizes.

The Prairie Dog Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation

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The Prairie Dog Chapter would also like to take TEN area kids, age 12 and under Turkey Hunting during the youth season, April 1-8, 2014. To be eligible, write a short essay on why you want to go hunting and what you think you can learn from the experience. Everything will be provided for the hunt including: gun, license, blind, and guide. Send essay to: NWTF - Prairie Dog Chapter, P.O. Box 158, Norton, KS 67654. Include name and phone number. **DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2014.**

Lettin' it fly....



Cold temperatures and snow on the ground didn't discourage disc golfers from playing a fundraiser tournament at Elmwood Park on Saturday morning for God's Pantry. (Pictured) Landon Hamel, Norton, tees off along the road hole at the park. -Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Scott and Denise Taylor, Dresden, are happy to announce the arrival of Isadore David born Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 at Norton County Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and four ounces.

Six siblings; Candace, Sidney, Rayna, Abe, Quinley and Vincent welcomed him home. Grandparents are David and Diane Carter, Jennings; Charles and Vicki Taylor, Grand Island, Neb. Great-grandmothers are Eleanor Morel, Jennings and Irene Taylor of Lebanon, Neb.

The American Red Cross Blood drive held at the United

Methodist Church in Jennings on Friday had a good turn out of donors. They are always amazed at the number of people who donate in our small community.

A baby shower was held on Saturday at the church for baby Krizek. Danelle and Clint Krizek are awaiting the arrival of their baby in March.

The Kansas Day celebration on Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center gave an interesting program. Sarah Lamm, Colby, gave a report on Girls State, which she attended. Linda Davis Stephens gave a talk and video slide program on Kansas.

Others speaking were Mayor Bob Jones, Mary Wahlmeier and Lila Jennings. Ed Woods, United Methodist pastor of Jennings gave prayer. Several displays and refreshments were enjoyed after the program.

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. at the church. Lila Jennings was lesson leader, with program: Sound Foundations: Sound Missions. Devotions were given by Patty Foster. Snacks served by Louise Cressler.



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