

Development council plans Honor Flight meeting

Western Prairie RC&D Area, Inc. will be holding a "Kansas Honor Flight" informational program in Colby at the Thomas County Office Complex on Feb. 10. LaVeta Miller of Great Bend and Mark Rine of Tribune will be the presenters.

Kansas Honor Flight has transported to Washington D.C. more than 1,000 veterans of World War II to see the memorials built to honor their suffering and sacrifice to keep this great nation free and a world leader. This organization has been instrumental in transporting vets free of charge to the memorials.

The National Honor Flight Network program was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and Retired Air Force Captain. Earl wanted to honor the veterans he had taken care of for the past 27 years. After retiring from the Air Force in 1998, Earl was hired by the Department of Veterans Affairs to work in a small clinic in Springfield, Ohio. In May of 2004, the World War II Memorial was finally completed and dedicated in Washington, D.C. and quickly became the topic of discussion among his World War II veteran patients.

Earl repeatedly asked these veterans if they would

ever travel out to visit THEIR memorial. Most felt that eventually, somehow, they would make it to D.C., perhaps with a family member or friend.

Earl could tell that the majority of the veterans had given up all hope of ever visiting the memorial that was specifically created to honor their services as well as the services of their fellow comrades who had paid the ultimate sacrifice. That's when Earl found a way to get these heroes to D.C. The National Honor Flight has transported over 36,000 veterans to see their memorial.

Come hear the story of the Kansas Central Prairie Honor Flight on Feb. 10, at the Thomas County Office Complex Conference Room located at 350 South Range at 7 p.m. Central Time. LaVeta Miller, Chairman of the Central Prairie Honor Flight Committee, and Mark Rine will present this wonderful opportunity in honoring our veterans. LaVeta is the liaison for the National Honor Flight Network and also retains the data base for all of the Kansas Veterans. For more information call Western Prairie RC&D Area, Inc. Office at 785-462-7671 Ext. 5.

JENNINGS NEWS

The American Association of Retired Persons offers free tax aid to all filers with special attention to those age 60 and older, including e-filing federal and state returns. Appointments begin Thursday, Feb. 3, at The Bank in Jennings or the Sheridan County Library in Hoxie on Mondays, beginning on Feb. 7. For appointments and information, call Frances Bader at (785) 678-2659.

Thomas and Hyjeoo Lee Mathews and sister Bada welcome baby Sora Lee born Jan. 11, 2011 in Tampa, Fla. Grandparents are Robert Mathews, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Sharon Mathews, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.; Chang Ho Lee and Hyan Yo Jo, Daejeon, South Korea. Great-grandparents are Frances Bader, Jennings, and the late Erwin Bader, and George Mathews, Parkland, Fla., and the late Kitty Mathews, Parkland, Fla.

Doyle Brown is home and doing well after having surgery Friday at the Hays Medical Center for a pacemaker.

Robert Petracek is in the Hays Medical Center. She had surgery for a heart valve replacement.

Lawrence Jennings was transported back to the hospital in Kearney, Neb., last week. He may get to come back to the Decatur County hospital this week.

Neoma Tacha observed her 86th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 22, with family members visiting throughout the day.

Carla Latimer and Bob Jones participated in a bridge tournament in Hutchinson over the weekend.

We have been enjoying some beautiful days with most of our snow melting.

Blood Drive in Jennings

The Jennings United Methodist Church held a blood drive Jan. 18, in honor of long time area resident, Lawrence Jennings, who suffers from acute leukemia. The response to the call for blood donors was impressive. Nearly 40 friends, neighbors, and relatives volunteered to donate blood. Of this number 25 were invited to participate. The drive could take only a limited number because this type of drive has just two nurses to draw blood and fulfill all the duties of the Red Cross.

This blood will help supply the rural hospitals in the area. Dawn Gabel, Red Cross representative, stated that this blood drive was "sneaked in", meaning that it was not pre-planned, and that all these units were a real asset to the surrounding hospitals.

The Red Cross would like to do another drive in Jennings or in one of the other small towns in the area in the future. They could schedule another one for next spring or summer if there is any interest. Ms. Gable also encourages everyone to consider donating in the larger Norton, Oberlin, or Hoxie drives. There must be at least 56 days between donations.

Ms. Gable commented how much the donors and kitchen help seemed to enjoy the day and the camaraderie and stated that the Red Cross workers thoroughly enjoyed working with Lawrence's friends and family and members of the church. The church also expresses its thanks to all who participated.

If anyone is interested in making an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-REDCROSS

LYLE NEWS

Jane Engelhardt took her mother, Margaret "Toots" Magers and sister, Judy Easton to Kearney, Neb. on Wednesday where Toots got a pacemaker on Thursday. She stayed overnight and came home Friday. Rea and Dee Magers brought dinner and visited on Saturday. Sunday after church drop-ins were James and Charlotte Plotts, Gary Anthony and Veda Wood. She says she is feeling

well. June Jolly spent part of last week with a cold, but still managed to win at pinocle for the second week. She played bingo but didn't win.

Norma McCallister took Rhetta Hare, Jean Daniel and Veda Wood to Lenora to the Red Hat "Kansas Day, 150 year Blitz". The theme was Kansas, 150 years old. Norma suggested I might read the poem

by Uncle Elmer Van Gundy that was in last week's paper. It fit right in, and I hadn't thought about Kansas Day when I included it in the Lyle news. A lot of interesting facts were related, and the delicious lunch helped to make it a very nice afternoon. The only bad thing was that Norma was having a problem with her eye. We hope and pray it is doing better soon.

NORCATUR NEWS

Wava Reames went with Bee Nelson and Mary Lesle to Norton on Jan. 16 and they were accompanied by Frank Ward for Chinese food at the Hidden Dragon. Wava said she has been missing a male cardinal that has been around the past four years.

Happy Birthday to Mary Sedlmayer! Jan. 18.

Happy Birthday to Stan Applegate, and Jason Gallentine Jan. 20. Rebecca Helm and Jeanne Gilstrap Jan. 21, Barbara McCool Jan. 22.

Happy Anniversary to David

and Retta Hare Jan. 23. Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday, Jan 12 were: first, Matt Wilson; second, James Dalziel, and third, Jamie Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left on Jan. 12 to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia in Topeka. They watched Sophia perform at gymnastics on Thursday and also ate dinner with Carol's sister, Peggy Mast of Emporia. On Saturday, the Millers went to El Dorado to visit Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle and Jade. They re-

turned home on Jan. 17 stopping at Whispering Pines in Norton to visit Lila Rule.

Rea and Dee Magers had lunch with Toots Magers at Lyle on Saturday, Jan. 15. Judy Easton had stayed overnight with her mom on Friday, Jan. 14. Toots had a pacemaker put in at Kearney on Jan. 13.

Jeff Magers spent Jan. 17 with his folks, Rea and Dee Magers helping with some tree trimming and other "hard jobs".

NEW ALMELO NEWS

By BETTY OTTER

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 15 for Dennis Dwyer, 75, at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo. Father Vincent Thu Laing was the celebrant. Inurnment was in St. Joseph Cemetery at New Almelo.

Dennis was born July, 24, 1935, to John and Florence (Bates) Dwyer and died Jan. 8, at Via Christie Hospital in Wichita. He graduated from Leoville High School in 1952. He spent three years at St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison then returned home to help with the farm.

He is survived by one brother,

Jim and wife June Dwyer, Glasco; six sisters, Sister Rose Marie, Nazareth Mother House, Concordia; Della and husband Larry Simoneau, Salina; Dorine and husband Bernie Groome, Kinnegad, Ireland; Darlene Wallace, Denver, Colo.; Donna and husband Jim Robert, Portland, Ore. and Delphia and husband Marvin Wendel, Yukon, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Father Albert Dwyer and Donald Dwyer.

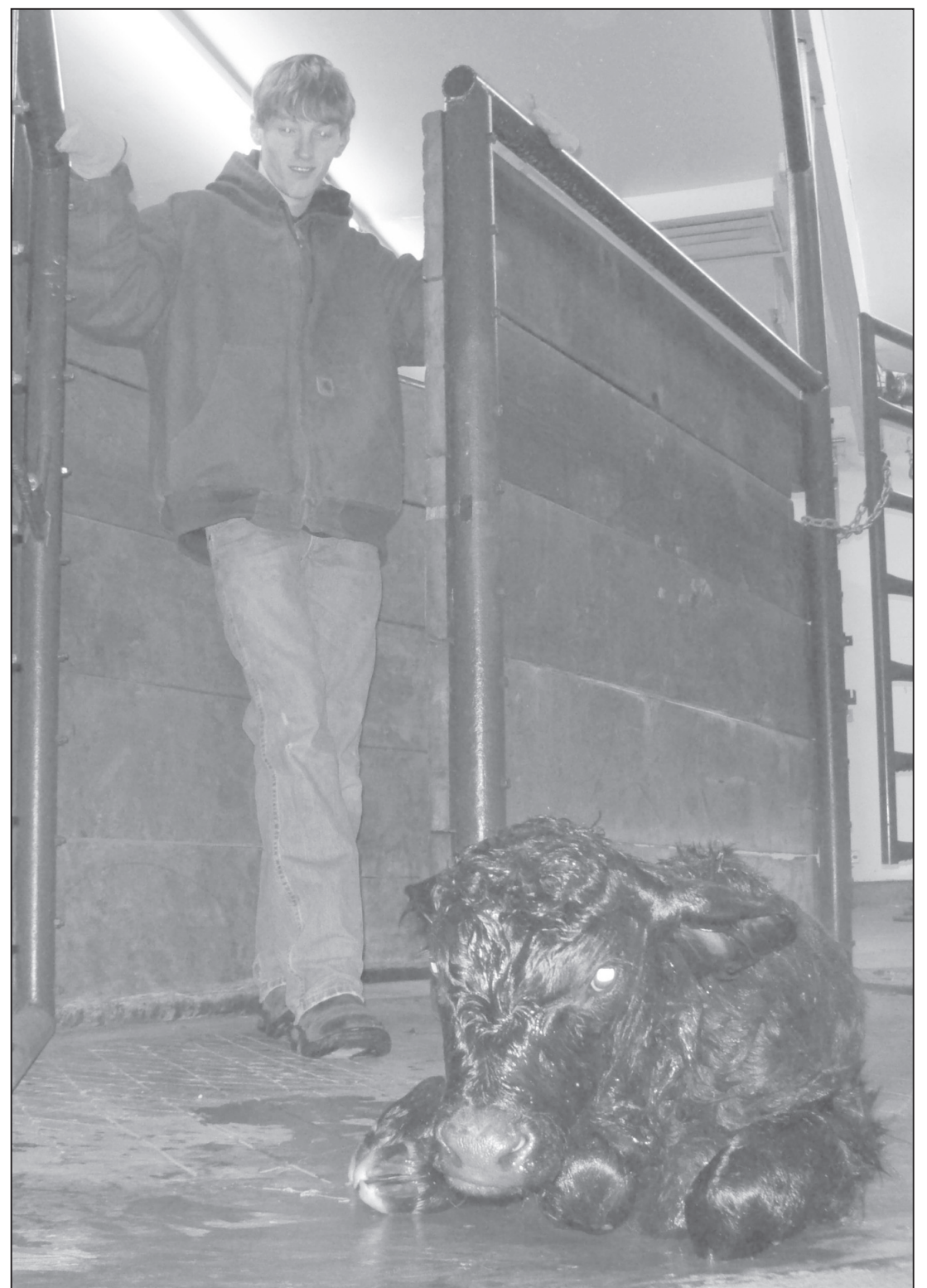
Saturday, Jan. 22, the Knights of Columbus had their annual membership supper. After a de-

licious meal, door prizes were given to Randy Gassmann, Tom Diederich, Ray Scheetz and Jim Ninemire.

House guests at the home of Marion and Marilyn Otter on Saturday, Jan. 22, were Hilaria Huff and Arlene Horn, Denver, Colo. They had all attended the funeral of their cousin, Marie Jean Vavroch at Oberlin.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, the New Almelo Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest was held at Lenora. Kayla Bell, 12, and Nicole Rumback, 10, will advance to Damar for the next contest.

First calf of New Year arrives...



The Norton Animal Health Clinic delivered the first calf of the new year at 9 p.m. Tuesday night. The angus bull calf weighed 50 pounds and had to be pulled. Brian and son Andrew, pictured above, of S&S Cattle Company own the calf and mother.

S&S Cattle Company received the gift of a calving kit from the Norton Animal Health Center. The kit contains a bucket with an OB chain, OB sleeves, exam gloves, cotton gloves, a calving book, 6 ml syringes, 12 ml syringes, needles, colosty, entrolyte, a coffee mug, iodine and a coupon book.

Doctor Aaron White said, "Congratulations to the Cattle Company. The number of calves the clinic helps to deliver varies from year to year. Last year we delivered 25 at the clinic but we will also go out into the field to make deliveries." - Courtesy photo by Norton Animal Health Center

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