



Norton Valley Hope Community Resources Clinician, Steve Horney, addresses a group of 80 fifth and sixth grade Norton and Northern Valley students at the youth forum that was presented last week by the Norton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Forum

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is worth living!"

"Brian" was the third to speak. This man's story was never ending. He started using at a young age and like the rest it just progressed from alcohol to pot to cocaine and finally meth. During his addiction he and his wife lost their children and finally one day he came home to find his wife dead due to an overdose. He dealt drugs, used drugs and spent his time looking over his shoulder always running until he got caught. "I shouldn't be alive today," he said.

The last to speak was "Jordan", a young man who had been fighting his disease of addiction for the past eight years. The longest amount of clean time during that period was for

two years. He is not in the inpatient treatment program at Valley Hope but relies on their help and guidance to help him fight his addictions. He is currently clean now for two months. He was doing well until someone told him about K-2, the new so called "safe pot" which it isn't. He gave up his clean time hoping he could control it and found out that it took him back to places he did not want to go back to. He is right back to where he started, back to square one.

The council holds these forums to answer questions the youth of our communities may have about drugs, their effects and consequences. The council is fighting to save our youth by educating them that drugs will take you nowhere but down the wrong path.

## NEW ALMELO NEWS

On April 15th and 16th, John Garcia of St. Joseph communications, West Covina, CA, gave a mission at St Joseph Parish Hall, New Almelo.

Family coming to the Roger and JoAnn Long home for Easter were Jack and Renee Cella and family, Denver CO; and Darin and Joannie Winkel and girls, Norton.

Family gathering at the Ray and Ardith Scheetz home on Easter were Michelle and Alan Goldsby and family, Hillsboro; Chris and Julie Scheetz and Kayla, New Almelo; Steve Scheetz, Janice Jacobs, Janae and Lakin, Hays; Jared and Stacy Scheets, Hailee and Braydon, New Almelo; Sara and Troy Collins, Aisley and Emma, Norton; Tyler and Sara Goldsby, Kayden and McKenzie, Manhattan; Sharon Thibault, Phillipsburg; Mike and Jeannie Tribault and family, Kansas City.

Cary Wallmeier, Tessa and Keegan, Shawnee, spent Easter with his parents, Carl and Linda Wallmeier. Curt and Becky Wallmeier, Taylor and Luke also enjoyed the holiday with Carl and Linda.

Russ and Marcia Ausmiller enjoyed Easter dinner with the Rumbach family, Jeremy, Missy, Nicole, Jaelyn and Savana in Lenora. Marion and Marilyn Otter spent Easter in

Lakin with their daughter, Emily and Gary Kessler, Robert and Alan.

Family coming to the Alfred Otter home for the Easter weekend were Tom Otter, Desoto; Jolene and Jim Moss and family, Smith Center and Karl Otter, Great Bend.

Alfred and Betty Otter, New Almelo; Fran and Phillis Otter, Lenora; Gilbert and Carol Otter, Norton; and Conrad and Charlotte Otter, McPherson; Curt and Norma Archibald, Norton; David Bruggeman, Roseland, NE; and Paul and Karla Bruggeman and family, Rexford, attended the funeral of their uncle, Father Gerald Bruggeman, April 30, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Colorado Springs, CO. He is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Brinker, Glen Elder; and Regina Riedel, St. Peter; a sister-in-law, Carroll Bruggeman, Phillipsburg, and many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews as well as grand nieces and nephews. Father's greatest gift was the return of his missing chalice in December 200. He felt it was a Christmas miracle.

On May 1st, Alfred and Betty Otter attended the First Communion of their grandson, Aaron Moss, at St. Mary's Church in Smith Center. His godparents Mark and Sheila Otter and family, Ulysses, also attended.

## NORCATUR NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left April 21, for Topeka to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia. On Saturday, they all went to the Sunset Zoo in Manhattan and met lots of Sophia's friends and family to help her celebrate her fourth birthday. The Millers returned home on Easter Sunday.

Guests Saturday evening, April 23, for a pre-Easter supper at the home of Darrel and Alice Barnett were Marylyn and Tyler Perry, Kearney, Neb.; Bill and Sylvia Perry, Ravenna, Neb.; Loren and Wendy, Andrew and Ivalea Tien, Andover, and Bob and Kay Strevey, Norcatatur. Earlier that afternoon Ivalea and Andrew had taken part in the Easter Egg Hunt at the courthouse lawn in Norton. More hide and seek and racing took place at the Barnetts.

The results of the pool tournament held at the Cardinal Bar & Grill Wednesday, April 27, were: Von Johnson, first; Carl Lyon, sec-

ond, and Don Relaford, third.

Senior Citizens met Friday, April 29 with a noon covered dish dinner enjoyed by 19. There were 17 players present for cards after the delicious dinner. Winners were Jodi Lyon, Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Price. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Educational Building.

Susan Arnold Bolek and Sara of Valparaiso, Ind., came April 14 to visit Lora Arnold and relatives and friends for a week.

Lora Arnold attended the Norcatatur United Methodist Church service Sunday, May 1, then went on to the Lyle United Methodist Church service that morning and attended their monthly covered dish dinner.

Happy Birthday to David Stapp, May 6; Ron Montgomery, May 10; and Evelyn Lyon, May 11.

Rea and Dee Magers met their son Jeff and Joy, Cedar Bluffs, at the Lyle Easter sunrise service. A great casserole breakfast followed the service and was enjoyed by several people from the area. Later, Rea and Dee had dinner with Toots Magers and the rest of the Magers families.

On Easter Sunday evening, company at the Rea and Dee Magers home were Imogene, Dan, and Mark Hahn; Stacy Metter and Becky Galvin, all of Denver. Imogene is Dee's sister-in-law. They came to attend the funeral of Imogene's brother, Bill Goscha of Norton.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Elden Long and Ethel Railsback.

A Norcatatur of Tomorrow meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 16, at the Cardinal Bar

and Grill.

Evelyn Lyon will celebrate her birthday May 11, 2011. Her address is: Andbe Home 201 West Crane, Norton, Kan., 67654

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to Colby on May 1 to visit Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Elijah and Karyssa and to attend Eli's First Communion ceremony at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Bev DeLano, Wichita, was also there. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin as well as several friends and family at the Applebury residence after the ceremony for a reception lunch.

Dorothy Ward attended the funeral services for Ethel Railsback on Monday afternoon, May 2, and attended the family dinner at noon.

## JENNINGS NEWS

The Jennings Community will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at the United Methodist church on Friday, May 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The Red Cross has requested this special drive because of the dwindling amount of blood available for emergency use. Please contact Marge Hartzog at 785-678-2664 or 785-678-3010 if you are able to participate.

A large crowd attended Mother's Day dinner Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center sponsored by the Jennings Lions.

The community welcomes Nancy Lovin and Doug Cressler. They are renting the Don and Tricia Cressler house.

Jennings City Council will be meeting Thursday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Jennings community was busy

Saturday with citywide clean-up. Many loads were hauled to the Oberlin and the Jennings Landfills. A load will be hauled to Norton Iron at a later date. We thank everyone who helped make this a success.

City water meters will be read on Saturday, May 21. If your meter is inside yet, please post your reading as close to this date as possible.

## LYLE NEWS

Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter played pinochle on Monday, May 2 with the residents of Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin.

Also, Monday was my birthday. Daughters, Carol Moye and Sandy McNames visited, and brought me cookies and flowers. All my sisters and kids called or sent cards, so it was a 'happy birthday'. I also had calls from several grandkids, and Tracey Pershing sent pictures of her grand-daughter. [my great, great grand-daughter].

We finally had Toots Magers' birthday lunch at the Cardinal

Bar and Grill. Besides the guest of honor, well-wishers were Joyce Sumner, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter, Eleanor Jensen, Jackie Porter and Veda Wood. After a good lunch, we went to the Senior Citizens' pitch game at the Ed. Building.

Jim Plotts' hand is in a cast after his surgery on Tuesday from the saw accident. We pray that it will heal to the point that he can play the guitar again. He was playing well after the injury to his left hand, and now this is his "pickin'" hand.

Judy and Charlie Easton and

Jane Engelhardt had dinner with Toots Magers on Mother's Day. Later they went to Rexford to the High School graduation of Laura Clapp, then went to her home for a hog roast.

June Jolly had dinner with Dennis, Linda and Megan McFarland, and Louis and La Veta McFarland. She has been garage-sale-ing.

Carol Moye worked on my flowers for my Mother's Day present, and had dinner with son, Dennis and me.

Teresa and Dwight Wood came by Sunday evening on their way home from visiting her mother.

## Farm Service Agency programs can assist with recovery from disaster

United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency Acting Administrator Val Dolcini today reminded crop and livestock producers throughout states that have recently experienced severe damage from flooding, wildfires and tornados that Farm Service Agency programs may be available to assist with recovery.

"Severe weather this spring is making things very difficult for many ranchers and farmers. Whether it's wildfires in the Southwest, flooding or tornados in the Midwest, Plains, and Southeast, learning about our agency disaster programs is an important

first step for producers in the recovery process," said Dolcini.

Farm Service Agency administrators several important programs that help producers recover from disaster damage and livestock deaths. Among the key programs available to address impacts from disasters are the Emergency Conservation Program, the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program, the Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program.

"We encourage all who have

suffered a disaster due to the recent severe weather conditions to read the fact sheets and visit their local Farm Service Agency county office so they get a quick start in the recovery process," added Dolcini.

Additionally, the United States Department of Agriculture, Risk Management Agency Administrator William Murphy reminds Federal crop insurance policyholders that they should notify their crop insurance companies as soon as they discover that their land is flooded.

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