

School asks for applications

Norton USD 211 would like to remind parents of children who reside outside of the Norton school district (i.e., in Norcatur) and who will be attending the Norton Schools in the 2013-2014 school year, that out of district transportation busing applications need to be completed

and on file with the sending district. Current statutes allow the Norton buses to enter other districts to pick up students providing the student resides 2.5 miles or more from the attendance center they would attend in the sending district and if the student's application has been

filed with the sending school district.

All students are required to renew applications on an annual basis. Applications may be picked up at the USD 211 district office at 105 E. Waverly in Norton.

NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

Arriving at the house of Tom and Gayle James on Friday, May 3, for a few days of turkey hunting were: Quentin and Charlotte James and boys, Jacob and Bridger from Wyoming, along with Charlotte's parents, Tom and Ruth Verhuel. Also arriving on Friday were Wesley and Alice James and family, Maggie, Emily, Hannah and Luke of Ellis. Arriving on Saturday, May 4, were Caitlin James and fiancée, Oliver Buel of Holton. A good time was had by all. Three turkeys made their way into various meals.

Marion and Marilyn Otter attended the wedding of their grandson, Robert Kessler and Stephanie Walker in Lakin on May 4. Robert is the son of Gary and Emily Kessler of Laken. Also attending their nephew's wedding were Frank Otter and Greg Otter, New Almelo; Steve Otter, Wichita.

Alfred and Betty Otter, Lorena Taylor and Veda Heisel attended a wedding reception for their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Ashley and Travis Redeker in Kearney, Neb., on May 4. Ashley is the daughter of Mark and Sheila Otter, Ulysses. Also attending were Ashley's sisters, Alisha, Anna and her brother, Marshall of Ulysses; Shawn Taylor and boys and Sonja Beynon, Le-

nora; Will and Tina Ritter, and family, Olathe; Tom Otter, De Soto; Jim and Jolene Moss and family, Smith Center; Paul and Sharon Otter and girls, Great Bend; Karl Otter, Great Bend; Charles Otter and Cury, Salina; Karen Carpenter, Norton; David Heisel, Lenora; Mike and Rita Barlow, Lenora; Teresa and Kelly Jones, Kristian and Kelci, Omaha, Neb.

Breana Jones, Eules, Texas; Trendy and Rex Striggow, Norton; Amber and Chris Enoch, Edmond, Okla.; Hannah and Dylan Pruett and Hayden, from Colorado; Justin Wagner, Lenora; Gilbert and Jean Simon, Andale; Arnold and Gloria Bates, Grand Island, Neb.; Misty and Tim Uhrich and girls, Cairo, Neb.; Chris and Jade Walke-meyer and Zaylee, Kearney, Neb. Also present were Travis Redeker's parents, Barbara and Steve Redeker, Bison; his sisters, Chris and Mandi Lee, Almena; and Jessie Redeker, Russell.

On May 5, Jaelyn Rumback received her First Communion at St. Joseph Church from Father Vincent Thu Laing. Jaelyn is the daughter of Jeremy and Missy Rumback. Her sister Nicole Rumback was the song leader at Mass. Also attending was her great-grandfather, Doren Spillman, her grandparents, Ron and Paula Rumback, Oakley; Marcia and Russ Aumiller, New

Almelo; her godmother, Cara Fisher and son, Zachery; Josh and Sarah Rumback and girls, Oakley; Jeff Vahling, Lynkon and Khloe, Hays; Jaelyn's CCD teacher, Gayle James.

On May 12, Hailee Scheetz crowned the outdoor statue of Mary, after Sunday Mass.

The Knights of Columbus passed out small bedding plants to the mothers attending Mass on Sunday morning, honoring them on Mother's Day.

On Saturday, May 11, Paul and Linda Becker had a surprise reception for their son, Nathan Becker, who just retired from the military, at their home in Lenora. Family attending were Raymond and Olivia Becker and family, Hays; Asa and Diane Stiles and boys, Goodland; Bernice Becker, Norton; Gene and Miriam Sansom, Edmond; Pat Smith and grandchildren, Logan; Judy and Kirk Koelling, Russell; Debbie and Leah Bienenhoff, Kensington; and other friends from the community.

Graduates of the New Almelo Parish were honored at Mass on Sunday, May 19. Rolls and drinks were served in the Parish Hall following Mass. Graduates present were senior Rachel Slipke, daughter of Raymond and Bonita Slipke; Taylor Wahlmeier, 8th grader, and daughter of Curt and Becky Wahlmeier; Jennifer Koerperich, LPN School.

A good showing...



Norton County 4-H Council held a very successful Beef Fitting and Showing Clinic for 4-H and FFA members for surrounding counties on Tuesday, June 11. Chuck Griffith from Clayton, Case and Colton Rundel from Colby, and Alissa Montgomery from Oberlin presented a very educational and informative clinic for 30 youth and adults in attendance.

— Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Farm Service Agency nominations

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins on Monday, June 17.

"Encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers to participate in this year's county committee elections by nominating candidates by the August 1 deadline," said Vilsack. "County committees are a vital link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provide an opportunity to farmers and ranchers for their opinions and ideas to be heard. We have been seeing an increase in the number of nominations of women and minority candidates and I hope that trend continues."

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a per-

son must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others, and organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>. Nomination forms for the 2013 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2013. Elections will take place this fall.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 4. The voted ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 2. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2014.

School

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Oakley on Thursday, and KEEP training will be held at the Alice Tweed Center on June 19 for administrators and central office personnel, with Northern Valley also attending. Enrollment packets will be distributed the same this year as last year, with post cards sent to patrons and packets available for pick up at the Unified Office and other sites. Mann also reported that health insurance premiums for next year are down an average of 3.2 percent.

In other board news:

-Scott Ellis was recognized for his eight years on the board.

-the Learning Center may have two graduates for the ceremony on June 26 and Chris Harting will be the board's representative at the graduation.

-approved the recommended student members of the appreciation plaque committee as presented. These members will

be Morgan Farber, Hannah Pollock, Austin Hager and Kolton Harting.

-directed the superintendent to contact the list of adults until he has three willing to serve on the committee. Those who may be contacted include JD Daffer, Cally Engel, Nancy Hager, Joslyn Henson, Nancy Kent, Shawn Miller, Dawn Risewick and Dick Boyd.

-no action was taken on the district's student accident insurance for the 2013-14 school year. Superintendent Mann will be looking for other quotes and options due to a drastic increase in the premium quoted by the Jim Gill Agency.

-accepted the low bid from Boxler Insurance Agency for the district's Property and Liability, Inland Marine, Blanket Bond, Automobile, and Linebacker/Errors and Omissions Insurance as presented for a total cost of \$43,009 for the 2013-14 school

year.

-accepted the low bid from Insurance Planning Inc. of Hays, for the district's workmen's compensation insurance at a total cost of \$54,128 for the 2013-14 school year.

-adopted the Student-Parent handbooks for Norton Community High School, Norton Junior High School, and Eisenhower Elementary School for 2013-14 as presented.

-approved U.S.D. 211's participation for 2013-14 in the Head Start Programs through the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska and through the NWKESC at Oakley.

-agreed to participate in the Federal School Nutrition Program for the 2013-14 school year.

-set adult meals to be at least equal to the reimbursement rate rounded up to the nearest nickel and set those rates when reimbursement rates are received.

Bridge work begins in Graham County

Beginning June 17, a bridge repair project will begin along U.S. 283 north of Hill City.

Approximately 11 miles north of Hill City, the bridge located over Bow Creek will receive deck patching, girder repairs, and a silica fume overlay of the bridge deck.

Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction, controlled by temporary traffic signals. Delays should not exceed 5 minutes; but the public should plan their travels accordingly. The speed limit will be reduced through the construction zone.

Please pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone and "Give 'Em A Brake!"

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$189,092 - to PCI Roads L.L.C. of Saint Michael, Minnesota.

The only subcontractor on the job is: Highway Signing, Inc. of Omaha, Neb., providing the traffic control.

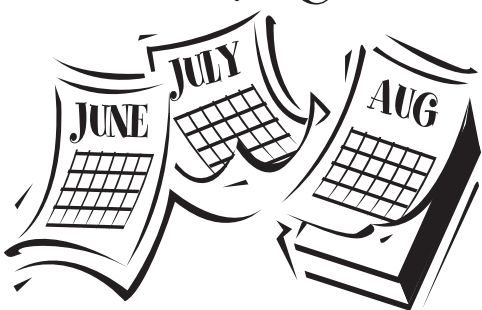
The bridge repair job is funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create

jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, this construction project will be completed by late September, 2013.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Three Construction Engineer Nicholas Rogers at (785) 625-9718 or nrogers@ksdot.org in Hays; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

Community Calendar



Please submit your events for the Community Calendar

which is printed in the Monday EXTRA.

Events may be e-mailed to:

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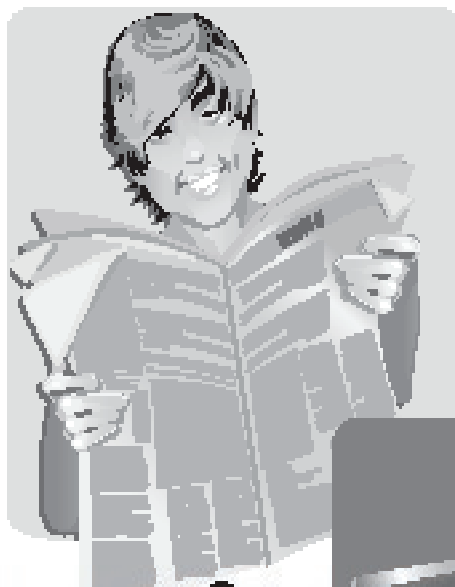
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