

NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

Rachel Slipke left Kansas on June 2 with her Spanish class from Norton to visit the countries of Spain and France. After taking two years of Spanish in high school the students could go on this trip which was organized by their former Spanish teacher, Nicole Michael, the Spanish teacher in Hill City. There were 10 people in the group.

Landon Slipke was chosen to be in a group called Kansas Ambassadors of Music. This group went to Europe performing in choir, band or an orchestra. Landon was in the choir and played the flute in the band. There were 250 people in the group that went. The musicians were from many schools throughout Kansas. There was even a Northwest Kansas group within the group, Cheylin, Atwood, Oberlin and Norton. Norton had four students. The musicians spent two days in Wichita to rehearse 19 band songs and eight choir songs before departing. In the flute section of the band, first chair was a girl from Oberlin and second chair was Landon. When they performed most of the band concerts were outside with the choir and orchestra performing in churches or cathedrals. They performed in London, Paris, Switzerland, Austria, Venice and Rothenburg of ob dor tauber, Germany with brief stops in Luxenstein and Greece. There are at least 20

different states that have ambassador groups that tour Europe. Landon's mother, Bonita Slipke, accompanied Landon on the trip. It was a very enjoyable trip but the United States and Kansas was a welcomed sight.

Courtney and Aaron Moss stayed with their grandparents, Alfred and Betty Otter, and attended the Lenora Jubilee. Their parents, Jim and Jolene Moss, picked them up on Sunday, as they returned from a family get-together in Florida. Tina and Will Ritter and family of Olathe arrived at the home of Alfred and Betty Otter on June 21. On Saturday they visited at Sequin with their uncle, Wilfred Reinert. Lynette Ritter came from Colby to visit also. On Sunday, they had lunch in Phillipsburg with Will's parents, Vince and Mary Ritter, his sister and family Jane Leidig, and a cousin, Matt Jenzen, Bellville, Ill. On June 23, Alfred and Betty Otter attended the Confirmation of their granddaughter, Courtney Moss at St. Mary's Church in Smith Center. Renee Persinger, Norton, was her sponsor. Courtney is the daughter of Jim and Jolene Moss. Also attending were Courtney's Godparents, Gary and Roberta Bruinekool, Cheyenne Moss and Benjamin, Aaron Moss and Justin Waggoner. In the afternoon, Tina and Will Ritter stopped there to visit on their way back to Olathe.

On Saturday, June 29 a funeral Mass was celebrated for

Francis Wagoner at St. Joseph Church, with Father Vincent Thu Laing as celebrant. Inurnment was in the St. Joseph Cemetery. Frances and her husband, LeRoy were members of the St. Joseph Parish when they raised their family. After her husband died in 1983, she moved to WaKeeney. Survivors are two sons, Jerold (Stacy) Wagoner, Haxtun, Colo., Edward (Marjorie) Wagoner, Newcastle, Wyo.; three daughters, Illa (Dennis) Woodard, Fort Lupton, Colo., Donna (Val) Reiss, Weskan, Kan., Sandra (Randy) Cline, WaKeeney, 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and twin children, Lyle Allan and Linda Elaine Wagoner; two brothers, John Kaiser and Ferdinand Kaiser, and two sisters, Rose Bird and Mary Conrad.

Josh and Sarah Vahling, Chula Vista, Calif., became the parents of a daughter, Harper Marley Vahling, on June 27. She weighed seven pounds and five ounces. She has two brothers, Mason and Hunter. Grandparents are Marcia and Russ Ammiller and the late Bill Vahling, New Almelo. Great-grandmother is Florence Vahling, Hoxie.

Family coming to the George and Vickie Gassmann farm to help harvest were Jeremy Gassmann and girls, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Alice and Wes James and family, Ellis.

Jack and Renee Cella a family visited at the home of Roger

A helping hand...



Kandis Jackson of the The First United Methodist Church started "Tools for Schools" a few years back to help area students. Book bags are made by the inmates at the Norton Correctional Facility and the rest are donated and then they are filled with all the school supplies needed for the school year and taken to those that need them. There were 35 bags put together this year for Norton students and 11 for Northern Valley students. Volunteers are seen here filling the bags. From the left is Ricky King, Sydney Menagh, Methodist Church Pastor, Lyn Linde, Lauryn Shoemaker and with her back to the camera is Nataley Shoemaker.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

and JoAnn Long the first week of July.

Marion and Marilyn Otter, Frank and LeVonne Otter, Gabrielle Otter, Hays and Steve Otter, Wichita, attended the funeral of their brother-in-law and uncle, Francis LeVendofsky at Belleville on July 6. Francis married Iolene Hickert in New

Almelo. Other sister-in-laws attending the funeral were Hilaria Huff, Wilma Farrell, Denver, Colo., Donna Roth, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; nephew and nieces, Joe and Jennifer Farrell, Denver, Colo.; Joan Sullivan, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Francis was buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in rural Republic County near

Francis' home. The Otter's stopped by Concordia to visit the Otter Sisters. Marilyn reported Sister Francis Margaret is still improving, even showing them she could walk without her walker, but was advised not to. They also visited with Sister Mary Esther.

BBQ

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Fabulous Destinations will entertain the crowd throughout the night. The band's popularity usually draws a large crowd, including folks from Hays and Phillipsburg.

"There are a lot of events going on that same weekend, but it doesn't matter how many competitors we have, we are going to have a contest and we are going to have fun. The teams that compete enjoy the people

around them. They don't know any strangers," said Carlin.

If you want to enjoy a meal and watch the awards it will cost \$10, or you can get an all day pass good for all the events for \$15. There will be a beer garden as well, sponsored by the American Legion Riders.

In five short years Smokin' in the Barn has grown from a local event to a regional one.

"We get contestants from Colorado, Nebraska and of course

from all over Kansas. We even had a competitor from Atlanta," said Carlin.

On average 12 to 15 teams compete each year in Smokin' in the Barn and approximately 250 people are served meals, according to Carlin.

"We have a lot of fun, it's a lot of work. The sponsors in town have been very good to us as well," said Carlin.

Four local banks donate \$250 each for first place prize money.

Jennings

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Bring your own shotgun and shells.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Museum open except during the parade.

• 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Bingo at the senior center.

• 11:30 a.m. - Lunch counter opens at the fire house.

• 1:30 p.m. - Parade.

Voting for the queen ends at 4:30 p.m. One vote per person.

• 2:30 p.m. - Funnel cakes and sno cones available.

• 2:30 p.m. - Registration starts for the children's tractor pull at Heritage Park for ages 4-12.

• 3 p.m. - Children's tractor pull sponsored by Great Northwest Insurance Agency and sanctioned by the State Fair.

• 4 p.m. - Firemen's team barrel competition.

• 4:30 p.m. - Free bicycle and helmet giveaway courtesy of the Jennings Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service. To win children must be at least 12 years old and be present.

• 6 p.m. - Hog roast at the fire station. Pulled pork, beans and chips will be available.

• 7 p.m. - Crowning of the 2013 Funday queen.

• 7 p.m. - Auction of items donated by area businesses and a beautiful hand-made quilt donated in honor of veteran John Keenan.

• Immediately following auction - Street dance with Mobile Music Express of Oberlin.

For information, call Kerry Green (785) 678-2647, Stann Hartzog (785) 678-3020, Marge Hartzog (785) 678-3010 or any member of the Jennings Fire Department.

• PUBLIC NOTICE • ORDINANCE NO. 1643, 1644

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City of Norton Ordinance No. 1643: On August 7th, 2013, the City of Norton, Kansas, adopted Ordinance No. 1643, incorporating by reference the *Uniform Public Offense Code* for Kansas cities, Edition of 2013, providing certain penalties; and repealing Ordinance No. 1625. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at <http://www.discovernorton.com/NortonLife/CityInformation/NewsAnnouncements.aspx> or at City Hall at 301 E. Washington, Norton, Ks 67654. This summary certified by Karen L. Griffiths, City Attorney.

City of Norton Ordinance No. 1644: On August 7, 2013, the City of Norton, Kansas, adopted Ordinance No. 1644, incorporating by reference the *Standard Traffic Ordinance* for Kansas cities, Edition of 2013, providing certain penalties; and repealing Ordinance No. 1626. A copy of this ordinance is available at <http://www.discovernorton.com/NortonLife/CityInformation/NewsAnnouncements.aspx> or at 301 E. Washington, Norton, KS 67654. This summary certified by Karen L. Griffiths, City Attorney.

• PUBLIC NOTICE • NOTICE OF HEARING

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of **ERMYL E. PHELPS**, Deceased
Case No. 2012-PR-23
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Arlin Phelps and Alane Ruhs, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-executors of the Estate of Ermyl E. Phelps, Deceased, praying that their acts be approved; that their account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the Estate be closed; that the Co-executors be discharged

and that they be released from further liability.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 11, 2013, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Arlin Phelps and Alane Ruhs, Co-executors

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