



# Around the Ranch

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## Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

- Save Best Choice UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for 3¢ each.
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- Save General Mills Box Tops—Scan Receipts with Box Tops App! Each Box Top credits 10¢ to Alpha's school via the App. This helps purchase school curriculum for the kids.
- NOTICE: Amazon.com recently discontinued their AmazonSmile charitable donation program.

## Children's 4-H Activities

The kids have been participating in so many 4-H project areas this year, and will be hard at work over the next couple of months learning about their chosen project topics, raising and training their animals for showing and auction, and creating and



completing specific projects to submit for competition in our county

4-H fair which takes place the last full week of July. Their projects this year have included the areas of photography, visual arts, wood-



working, meat goats, dairy goats, dog obedience and archery,

BB Gun, martial arts, foods, and geology. They have attended many workshops, seminars, and monthly



meetings to further develop and practice their skills in various project areas, and also participate in multiple

4-H sponsored community service projects throughout the year.



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## Alpha House Residence Needs

*We are prayerfully looking for a Christian married couple to join our team and minister as PARENTS for children in our Alpha House residence!*

Would you pray with us for this need, that God will



provide at the right time? You can pray for wisdom and discernment as we look for just the right fit for the children, and help spread the word about this to others!

In the meantime, we are working on several areas that are in need of updating or repair in the Alpha House.

*Please contact us if you'd like to sign up to help give this house new life for the kids still to come!*

This QR code will take you to the list of project needs.





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**Celebrating the Kids**



While taking a walk down the driveway for a break in between school assessment testing sessions, this little cutie found quite a treasure, morel mushrooms!

Mae and Maggie posed for a beauty of a picture!



After having worshiped together at Easter church services in April, the older boys were delighted to hide pre-filled Easter eggs on the playground



for the littles to go find. These eggs were dropped off by friends of Alpha's kids. The children had so much fun looking for those eggs and then

investigating what treasures were tucked inside! We concluded the beautiful day with a hot dog roast and s'mores by the fire outside.



4-H market goats weigh-in day at the fairgrounds!

We've been delighted to be able to see Julian back home on short breaks from his pre-med



studies at the College of the Ozarks! He and Elvis took the pedal boat out for a spin around Alpha's fishing pond.

Elvis, Ava, and Devin were thrilled to be able to join a local martial arts program with good friends recent-



ly. They each broke a board for their yellow belt promotions!

We wish to congratulate Ksusha for having graduated from Allen County Community College in May with her associates degree in criminal justice!



She is now determining what her next steps might be at Wichita State University.



Mae and Ava were honored to be invited to serve as pages for our Kansas State House

Representative, Ron Ellis!

The kids were treated to a special day at Kansas City's Science City Museum for a birthday activity. They had such a fun experience together exploring all afternoon!



**Thank you for all YOU do to make Alpha's amazing haven in the woods possible for the children!!**



## Jerry Kinser Tribute

Jerry Kinser of Clyde, Kansas, was chairman of Alpha's board of directors until he recently passed away. Jerry, and his wife, Sandi, had been dear friends of ours from the early beginnings of Alpha. They were educators in the Concordia, Kansas, area, and Jerry also loved to umpire and referee local sports. They came out to volunteer and

fellowship with us regularly over the years. Jerry joined Alpha's board of directors in 2007 and served on the board faithfully up until his passing this spring. Sandi had passed on previously in 2021. We deeply miss Jerry and Sandi, and especially that ornery twinkle that appeared in his eyes when he

was teasing a good friend. We look forward to the day when we can all be where they are, fully healed and with our Lord in heaven.



## Memorial Gifts & Gifts Given In Honor

### Given In Memory Of:

#### Jean Beien

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#### Jerry Kinser

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#### Chris Smith

By: Dean Smith

#### Jack Snavelly

By: Michelle Kincaid

#### Helen Louise Walker

By: Paul & Yvonne Markt

#### Katherine White

By: Sue Tapahonso

### Given In Honor Of:

#### Don & Fran Smith - Campus Christians

By: Marilyn Aikins

#### Jim & Sherryl Zoltenko

#### Lannin & Melanie Zoltenko

By: Zoltenko Farms Employees





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### Mission Pantry Needs

- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- **Breakfast Cereals**
- Shredded, Block, & Sliced Cheeses, String Cheese Sticks
- Parmesan Cheese
- Snack Packs, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes
- Canned & Dried Fruits
- Canned Chili
- Cream of Soups
- Broths
- Pasta Sauces
- Ranch Dressing
- BBQ Sauce
- **Canola & Olive Oils**
- Granulated & Powdered Sugars
- White Vinegar & Apple Cider Vinegar
- **Toilet Paper & Paper Towels**
- Clorox Wipes
- Dishwasher Pods
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Native Deodorant
- Gold Bond Healing Lotion
- GoodNites Size L/XL



### Special Needs

- Gravel Funding for annual spring Road Maintenance needs on our Campus—150 tons (\$40/ton) which runs about \$6,000. Inflation has hit the quarry industry, too!
- Alpha House update repair project adoption! See front page.
- Grace House Lawn & Landscape volunteers & materials!

NOTE: If we should have any amount of funding left over from your support for a particular project, we will absolutely use it toward the many other needs of the children.

Give us a call to find out how to connect with Alpha's mission!  
 (785) 597-5235



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