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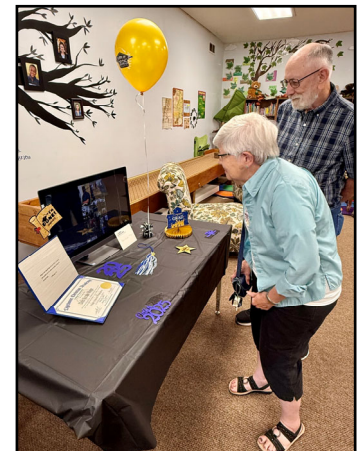
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Summer Graduation Party For Elvis!



We celebrated Elvis' high school graduation in July with a party! He enjoyed hosting a wonderful gathering of family and dear



Ozarks in Missouri beginning his pre-med college studies!



of photos from over the years, along with his official High School Diploma. Elvis is now down at the College of the



friends from church and the community, as well as former teachers for his celebration! There was an abundance of delicious food and treats to share, and a sentimental display



Pictured Clockwise from top left: State Representative Ron Ellis, and his wife, Paula Ellis, congratulating Elvis. Guests browsing the buffet tables. Board member Linda Buchmueller, and her husband Chuck, at the memories display table. Muriel Cook congratulating Elvis with Julian. Elvis & brothers. Board member Jay Tharp and his wife, Allison, leaving encouraging messages in Elvis' party guest book.



Celebrating the Kids



When the kids sign up to participate in 4-H animal programs, they are committing to all the work that is necessary throughout the entire year, including helping with the summer hay harvest that feeds the animals they will be raising! They then get to keep the money proceeds from the auction of their animals at the end of the summer fair!



Mrs. Devin enjoys teaching the kids many different types of creative arts projects! Here, Ava was carefully working on a hand-built



ceramic mug in our pottery studio to take to the summer 4-H fair competition. She also hand-built and attached the rose and its leaves, and hand-applied the different colors of glaze before its final firing in the kiln ... beautiful!

Nathan and some of the other children enjoy participating in Dog Obedience and Agility training and contests through the county 4-H program. He is pictured here with Nora, the Australian Shepherd dog. They had a really great year together at the training grounds



and at the fair competition!! They both worked hard and were well rewarded. Many of the children took goats to show at the summer fair competition.



This is Mae and Aria at the fair-grounds showing the goats that they raised and trained this year!



Ava and Mae worked a required breakfast shift at the concessions stand order window for the Jefferson County 4-H Fair at the end of July. It is a fun, but hectic shift!



Mrs. Brittani set up a science project for our 7th graders this summer as several of us alternated to fill in for the teacher

position while we searched for just the right person for this position.

The kids LOVE playing games together during morning break time!



The kids posed with their favorite 4-H projects and the awards that they earned for them at the county fair. Josiah & Jayden earned some great ribbons for Showing Goats, with Jayden earning a Reserve Champion, Ava won Overall Reserve Grand Champion for her Lego Project which went to State Fair, Nathan won Overall Grand Champion for his Ceramic Fruit Bowl, and it was chosen by the visual arts fair board to go to the State Fair, Aria won a Purple ribbon for her Ceramic Tray, Emmie won Purple for her Crocheted FOX, and Mae won a Champion ribbon for her beautiful, hand-made Polymer Clay Earrings!

Introducing Our New Learning Center TEACHER!

We are excited to introduce Alpha's new Learning Center Teacher, Hannah Greene of Oskaloosa, Kansas, after almost a year of searching for just the right person to fill this important role in the children's individualized education system on our campus!

Miss Hannah will undergo necessary training to become familiar with our education system and procedures, and then will begin teaching when the children's 2nd Trimester term begins toward the end of September.



Please pray for Hannah Greene and the children for a smooth transition in the coming weeks as school begins!

Our former teacher, Mrs. Sims, is still in the process of adjusting to a well-deserved retired life on our campus after 10 years of service in the learning center. She still volunteers when we need an extra hand, and loves to visit with the many dear friends she has made over the years who come by to serve at Alpha. We love that she continues to be a part of our community, a peaceful haven in the wood for the children!

Memorial Gifts & Gifts In Honor

Given In Memory Of:

Marlin Brown

By: Michelle Kincaid
Perry, Kansas

Patsy Carpenter

By: Vicki Carpenter
Barnsdall, Oklahoma

Phyllis Cawrey

By: Jim & Dorothy Congrove
Lawrence, Kansas

Doralee Cross

By: Steve & Gaila Cross Beach
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Springfield, Missouri

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By: Patsy Harpster
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By: Patricia Dardis
Eudora, Kansas

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Terrence & Theola Mannell
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Tonganoxie, Kansas

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Tonganoxie, Kansas

Pennie H Von Achen
Eudora, Kansas

Margery Reed

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By: Gary & Rita Hebb
Howard, Kansas

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Tulsa, Oklahoma

Stan Rumbaugh
Minneola, Kansas

Jack & Anne Snavely

By: Michelle Kincaid
Perry, Kansas

Katherine White

By: Sue Tapahonso
Lawrence, Kansas

Given In Honor Of:

Pastor Rick Souter, In honor of his retirement after 39 years of ministry

By: United Methodist Women
Grantville, Kansas



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- Shredded, Block, & Sliced Cheeses, String Cheese Sticks
- Snack Packs, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes
- Sandwich Crackers & Snack Crackers
- Can Mandarin Oranges
- Dry Penne Pasta
- Great Northern Beans in Cans, Mild Green Chilies
- Cream Of Chicken Soup
- White Vinegar
- Apple Cider Vinegar
- Kitchen Size Trash Bags & Contractor Size Bags
- Clorox Wipes
- Gain Original Laundry Detergent (good for those at Alpha with allergies to detergents)
- OxiClean Powder
- Aveeno/Cerave Lotions
- Garnier Fructis Sleek & Shine Shampoo & Cond.
- Cantu Kids Curl Cream Shampoo & Conditioner
- Argon Oil of Morocco Hair Oil



Special Needs

- Concrete Walkways for Faith and Grace Houses—\$1,500
- Gas Fireplace Insert for Alpha House Living Room Fire-place—\$3,500
- New Alpha Logo Rock Sign For Drive-way—\$3,000
- Lighting Upgrade & Drop Ceiling: Music Room —\$4,000

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



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