

# Norton seventh grader goes to state geo-bee for second year

Marcus Herman a seventh grader at Norton Junior High School represented his school at the Kansas State Geo-Bee, held in Abilene March 31. Out of more than 1,000 Kansas students who participated, he was one of only 100 to qualify for the state meet. He missed going on to the semi-finals by only one ques-

tion. Examples of some of the questions he had to answer: (you only have 15 seconds to give an answer)  
 1. What state has more square area of forest? Montana or Indiana  
 2. Which mountain is higher — Mt. Rainier in Alaska or Mt. Ulbra in Utah?

3. What sparsely populated country is between Russia and China?  
 Marcus, the son of Joe and Claire Herman, Norton, is a two-time state participant. He also qualified last year as a sixth grader.  
*Editor Note: The answers are 1) Montana 2) Mt. Rainier and 3) Mongolia*

## Youth academy looks to consolidate

Saint Francis Academy is looking to consolidate by the end of May. The specialized treatment programs and services provided at the Saint Francis Center on North Ninth Street will be integrated into the Salina West and Ellsworth campuses. Remodeling is presently underway at the Salina West facility. This will increase the current capacity of Salina West by seven additional beds, bringing the total to 38. The Ellsworth Campus has 26 beds in the main building and 12 beds in an emergency shelter. Employees at the Saint Francis Center will have the opportunity to transfer to the other programs, based

on qualifications and openings. The Very Rev. Edward W. Fellhauer, President/CEO said, "Saint Francis has been working tirelessly for the past year advocating for increases in funding for these services. We have recently concluded that the only way to meet the demands of the changing treatment models in the state of Kansas, and the realities of the state funding cuts for residential services, as well as to continue to provide specialized services to children is to consolidate our programs onto the two campuses." The Saint Francis Academy, which was begun by Fr. Bob Mize in Ellsworth in 1945, is the child-

welfare contractor for Region IV, a geographical area that covers the western 53 counties of Kansas. Saint Francis Academy offers care to thousands of children and families through residential treatment centers, a foster care reintegration program, family preservation, foster care homes, community outreach programs, and a victim offender reconciliation program. The mission of Saint Francis Academy has remained relatively unchanged since its founding to be an instrument of healing for children, youths and families in spirit, mind and body, so they live responsibly and productively with purpose and hope.

## Quilters converge to preview auction items

By BEVERLY KINDLER  
 Members of the Heritage Quilt Club got a preview of items for the Quilter's Auction at their April 3 meeting. Items included an iris table runner, a floral wall hanging, a floral table topper, a paper-pieced wall hanging titled, "Think Spring", hot pads, a sewing tote, a log cabin table topper, quilts, a pillow and a wall hanging titled, "Windy Day in Kansas". Jerris McMullen, co-chair for

the Quilter's Auction, asked each committee to report their plans for the Sunday, April 23 auction to be held at the 4-H Building. For Show and Tell, members shared a baby quilt and a lap robe for the hospital project, a Christmas tree wall hanging, a quilt of valor and nine members displayed their "block of the month" projects they had set together. A trio of presentations made up the program. Irma Lee Gebhard demon-

strated a traditional binding and mitered corners. Kathy Skrdlant demonstrated the procedure for designing scalloped borders and binding. Pauline Poage displayed a wide variety of different borders and bindings. She encouraged members to be creative as they designed borders for the quilted projects. Hostesses for the meeting were Maxine Harbers, Sandy Preuss, Judy Fawcett, Marcia Shoemaker and Jan Volgamore.



Rural Telephone's Larry Sevier made his mark at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Lenora Community Building last Friday, while Lenora Mayor Raymond Heikes, who had already shoveled his dirt, watched. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier



Carol Schoenthaler, 5, right, a kindergarten student at Eisenhower Elementary, stopped to look at books on display. Children's Librarian at Norton Public Library, Mary Leuhrs, set up the display at Pamida in honor of National Library Week. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Store gets more community minded

Pamida Discount Store is proving to be a community-minded store. Appointed social director, 13-year employee Tabettha Smith, is responsible for more community involvement for the discount department store. Celebrating National Library Week and National Reading Month was celebrated with a display from Norton Public Library. On April 3, Mary Luehrs, Children's Librarian, set up a booth in the center aisle of the store and shared information with shoppers. Ms. Smith said Pamida was also involved with helping provide incentive prizes to students in the accelerated reading program at Eisenhower Elementary. She said a donation box is available for shoppers to place prizes in for the students. The next community program being brought to Norton by Pamida will be April 28 when the Girl Scouts will be handing out free trees to the first 25 kids to come to the store. Another program in the plan-

ning stages is a child fingerprinting day to be sponsored by the

Norton County Sheriff's department.

## Ceremony heralds new center

By VERONICA MONIER  
 The first shovel of dirt has been dug and construction will soon begin for the new community building in Lenora. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new building, which will be on the corner of Washington and Main, was held Friday and hosted by the Lenora PRIDE committee. The committee began actively seeking a new building more than six years ago, said PRIDE Chairperson Gloria Heikes. After three attempts to get a Community Development Block Grant and several fundraising events, she said the dream of a community building is finally coming true. "The building, which will officially be owned by the City of Lenora, will serve many purposes for the community," said Mrs. Heikes. "It will become the new home for the city's library, and will have enough space and facilities to host receptions, meetings and training events for the region." Deines Construction of WaKeeney was awarded the bid to construct the new building, which

is slated to be finished by October. At the ceremony, Larry Sevier, chief executive officer and general manager of Rural Telephone, Inc., said the groundbreaking ceremony was a proud moment for everyone. "It's very commendable that everyone has come together to get this done," he said. "We (Rural Telephone) are proud to donate the land and are pleased to be a small part of it."

Lenora Mayor Raymond Heikes told everyone to come back in September to see what they had done. After the ceremony, PRIDE served refreshments and answered questions. "We are so excited about the possibilities this community center will bring to our town," said Mrs. Heikes. "We look forward to having the ribbon cutting at the new building."

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