

Layton Miller and Eisenhower Elementary Principal, Mr. Roy, share congratulations after Layton won the 23rd Annual Geography Bee at the school. -Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

### What is the name of the river?

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Layton Miller, a sixth grade student at Eisenhower Elementary, won the school level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 7 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 23rd annual National Geographic Bee. Second place went to Hadley Hauser, fourth grade and third to Treiann Park, sixth grade. This year's Bee is sponsored by Google.

Layton will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination to determine state competitors.

All school winners are eligible to with the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 College scholarship, at the national competition May 24 and 25 in Washington, D.C.

The Norton Junior High was scheduled to hold their Bee on Monday, Jan. 10.

## Longtime employee is retiring

Bob Speer, Chaplain at Norton Valley Hope, is retiring Jan.14, after 42 years of employment. He was serving the United Church of Christ in Lenora and had a casual visit with Fr. Charles Griffith, then the priest of Trinity Episcopal Church. Fr. Charles was working as a part time chaplain at the recently opened alcoholism treatment center and thought Bob might like working there, too. So Fr. Charles introduced him to Dr. William Leipold, Program Director of the facility, and after approval by both their boards, Bob began working at Valley Hope in the spring of 1968 as a part-time

After a few months, it became apparent that being a part-time counselor was not going to work because he was not readily available to his patients, so Bob moved into the role of chaplain, con-

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tinuing to work part time. In anticipation of becoming Valley Hope's first full-time chaplain, Bob prepared to do a year of Clinical Pastoral Education at Larned State Hospital in the fall of 1972. During that year, he also served Peace Church of rural Hudson. In September of 1973, Bob

returned to Norton as Director of

Chaplains. During the following 37 years, he worked most of the time as a chaplain. He spent approximately

Winner of Contest!



three years in the early 90's on the road, doing Public Relations. He completed a Master's degree

in Counseling from Fort Hays State University, and for several years after that he worked as a counselor. He eventually returned to working as a chaplain, always his first love.

In 2006 he went from full time to part time status. He has been in the employ of Valley Hope since spring of 1968, and is the employee with the most longevity.

He said of his work at Valley two major decisions we makewhat we do with our lives and with whom we do it. I got both of them right." Bob and his wife of 47 years Rita have three adult children and five grandchildren.

A farewell gathering is planned at Norton Valley Hope on Jan. 13, at 2:15 p.m. Friends and former patients are invited.

#### Police Log

January 3

10:26 a.m. Report of tag taken off vehicle in Topeka

1:07 p.m. Report of individual

finding stray dog 4:00 p.m. Keys locked in ve-

6:30 p.m. Request for Police

report January 4

7:33 a.m. Request for extra

8:09 a.m. Request to check on

11:50 a.m. Request for civil

6:02 p.m. Request for civil

standby 7:20 p.m. Information on park-

7:53 p.m. Investigate open

10:50 p.m. Dog complaint 11:53 p.m. Request to check

residence January 5

7:50 a.m. Report of East bound stop light not working

9:09 a.m. Abandoned 911 call from Junior High, phones not working

9:14 a.m. Report of vacant residence being entered

3:24 p.m. Funeral escort

4:14 p.m. Information con-

cerning juvenile 5:58 p.m. Report of missing dog

January 6

10:23 a.m. Information on juveniles

1:02 p.m. Information concerning death notice

8:40 p.m. Activated alarm, residential

January 7

12:45 a.m. Request to speak to officer, concerning civil matter

3:10 a.m. DUI arrest 6:07 a.m. Assist Sheriff's

Dept.

11:00 a.m. Keys locked in

vehicle 2:42 p.m. Funeral escort

5:37 p.m. Request to speak to officer

5:41 p.m. Two vehicle accident

7:45 p.m. DUI arrest 11:30 p.m. Report of someone knocking on door then running

January 8 9:44 a.m. Request for assistance to locate vehicle

9:58 a.m. Request to speak to

12:04 p.m. Report of deer stuck in fence in backyard

2:08 p.m. Keys locked in ve-

hicle 4:05 p.m. Report that vehicle

is sitting at gas pump; occupant is eating lunch and won't move 4:15 p.m. Request for civil

standby 6:21 p.m. Report of dog that

doesn't sound happy 8:15 p.m. Dropped 911 call

10:51 p.m. Request for welfare

10:53 p.m. Report of two dogs running loose

10:55 p.m. Request for Police

look at text message

11:49 p.m. Report of intoxicated juvenile, numerous MIP's

January 9

12:34 a.m. MIP arrest

1:06 a.m. Furnishing citation 2:01 a.m. Report of fight

11:00 a.m. Report of individual driving by house

1:44 p.m. Received information concerning on-going case

3:15 p.m. Received information concerning on-going case

Eleven vehicle stops were reported from Jan. 3 through Jan.

## The world is a small place

It is a small world. Betty Otter, Animas, Colo. walked into Prairie on the bottom. a correspondent of *The Norton* Junction antiques store in Fowler, *Telegram*, brought in the following story about Rev. Jerry Bruggeman of Colorado Springs, Colo. Reverend Bruggeman was born and raised in New Almelo.

The Korea Herald reported on Dec. 20, 2010, the following story written by Mark Barna about Rev. Bruggeman and his chalice.

Twenty two years ago Rev. Bruggeman was a priest at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Colorado Springs, Colo. Acabinet of chalices was broken into and a chalice was taken. The chalice was the only thing missing but it was his most valuable item.

Bruggeman's family had funded the chalice when he was ordained. The chalice is gold plated silver with a strip of black onyx. On the bottom is engraved a blessing to Bruggeman's family that ends with, "Rev. Gerald Bruggeman, Ordained May 26, 1949.'

For twenty two years, Father Hope, "A young man in San Bruggeman, had nightmares that Francisco once told me there are the chalice had been melted down for the silver.

> The events that led to the return of the chalice began on Nov. 30, 2010, when Larry Resel of Las



Colo. and bought a chalice for

The store owner told him the chalice had a curious past, a couple in 1997 apparently were hiking in the Manitou Springs, Colo. hills after attending their son's wedding, and noticed a sliver of gold protruding form the ground. It was the chalice. The couple had displayed the chalice in their home and business for years.

It is unclear how the chalice ended up in the antique store.

The chalice was purchased by Resel to sell on ebay, but it never was sold, instead Resel's mother, Nona Resel, noticed the engraving

Both the mother and son decided to try and return the chalice to Bruggeman. A Google search and a few

phone calls led them to the priest. After speaking to Rev. Bruggeman, Larry Resel boxed the chalice and overnighted it to Bruggeman's home. Rev. Bruggeman said that he

had always held out hope that someday it would be returned. Resel, a Roman Catholic, is overjoyed the chalice is back with its rightful owner.

"Its amazing it worked its way back to him during the Advent season," said Resel, "This is a Christmas miracle."

**Please Plan to Attend** A **Retirement Reception** 

for "Les Schievelbein"

**January 15, 2011** Saturday 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Special Presentations at 3:00 pm

At the Fellowship Hall **Immanuel Lutheran Church** West Highway 36 Norton, Kansas





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NOTICE OF 62ND

# **Annual Meeting**

Monday, January 17, 2011

11:30 a.m.

to be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall 104 S. Wabash, Norton, Kansas

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 12

\$1.00 PER PERSON

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Lori Moppin, Almena, won *The Norton Telegram's* coloring contest for children age zero to six. She shows off her winning picture and her blue ribbon. Telegram photo by Harriett Gill