



These volunteers raked, shoveled and weed whacked along what will soon become a walking trail around Larrick Park in Lenora. A work day was held Saturday to break ground on the project.

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Ways to enjoy the pool



Alley oop! Logan Runnion was upside down as he dived into the deep end at Norton Municipal Swimming Pool on Friday. Unseasonably cool weather had postponed the pool's opening, originally scheduled for Memorial Day.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



One-year old Brenden Kingham enjoyed the water in Norton's Kiddy Pool Friday afternoon. His mother, Georgina Kingham, kept a close eye on him.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Sanders open store downtown

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There are so many beds at the new Sander Bedding and Bath — if Goldilocks shopped there, she would be sure to find a bed that “was just right.”

Bradley and Kim Sander have opened a new store in downtown Norton displaying bedroom furniture, mattress and box springs sets, bedding, lamps, vacuum sweepers and barbecue grills. Bath furniture and accessories will soon be added to the list.

Mr. Sander said they are committed to providing quality furnishings. The store will carry Amish furniture, Broyhill, Vaughan, Bassett, Ashley, Purdue and Wood Crest. The 5,000 square foot showroom floor has plenty of room for shoppers to see the entire selection.

There are day beds, canopy beds, log beds, futons, king, queen, twin beds and bunk beds. And Sander Bedding and Bath is one of the few stores in northwest Kansas where you can buy water bed products.

Mrs. Sander is anxious to demonstrate the commercial grade Pro-Team Vacuum carried in the store.

Barbecue grills, both charcoal and propane gas, are on display at the store. Mr. Sander said he can get any kind of Weber grill you want. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Sander, other employees are Cristina Sander and Johnny Dishman.

A grand opening is planned and the Sanders guarantee there will be plenty of grilled hot dogs, door prizes, fun activities and refreshments. Be sure to watch The Telegram for that date.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The store is closed Sunday and Monday.

To call Sander Bedding and Bath dial 785-877-5102.

Oberlin priest hears from family

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“It’s a miracle,” Father Henry Saw Lone said, after talking to a cousin in Myanmar, or Burma, last Wednesday.

Father Saw Lone finally knew, after nearly a month of not knowing, that his family in his native land is all safe, despite heavy damage and loss of life from a hurricane.

The Catholic priest serving the Oberlin, Leoville and Selden churches is one of five in the Salina Diocese from that country, which was hit by a cyclone on May 3. Such storms are generally called hurricanes here and typhoons, or cyclones, in the Far East.

At last count there are up to 133,000 dead or missing after the storm slammed into the Myanmar, the former British colony of Burma, last month.

Father Saw Lone said that he

has been trying to reach family and friends by telephone every night since the disaster, knowing that when it’s night here, it’s day there.

However, until last Wednesday, no calls were going through, he said.

Then he talked to a cousin, who told him that his two sisters, brother, 15 nieces and nephews and numerous aunts and uncles are all well. While there was some property damage and a lot of damage to trees, he said, his family was a little north of the hardest hit areas. The family are mostly rice farmers and small businesspeople.

Father Saw Lone said that he was relieved and grateful that his relatives were well but still worries about friends in capital city of Yangon, whom he has not been able to reach. After the cyclone, a category 4 hurricane with winds up to 120 mph, struck, countries

around the world offered aid to the victims, who had lost their homes and livelihoods and had no food or water.

The military junta which runs the country, however, has been reluctant to allow foreign aid workers in. At first, according to news reports, the government seized all aid, saying that it would distribute the supplies. However, recently it has been allowing some workers to help but no outside military personnel.

The priest has been in Oberlin since July 2006. The three years before that, he served at the cathedral in Salina. He was ordained in Myanmar in 1994.

Other Catholic priests in the diocese from Myanmar are Father Vincent Thu Laing, Norton; Father Benjamin Saw, Phillipsburg; Father Alexander Pyone Cho, Hays; and Father Cornelius Kyaw Khine, Belleville.



Kim Sander showed off one of the many bedroom sets she and her husband, Bradley Sander, have on display in their new store, Sander Bedding and Bath, located in downtown Norton. The store also carries several lines of barbecue grills, vacuums, and linens.

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