



Time to settle up. Buyers waited to pay their bills after Tuesday night's benefit auction at The Haven. Auctioneer Duane McEwen talked with an unidentified woman (back to the

camera) and Kim Sander (seated) while Mrs. McEwen figured the accounts.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Auction benefits 'helping house'

It wasn't a large crowd that attended the Tuesday night benefit auction for The Haven, but it was a bidding crowd.

"No, I'm not disappointed," said Haven board member Carolyn Plotts. "We achieved our goal. We emptied out the units so we can get them ready for guests and we made some money for The Haven in the process. Besides that, I think some people went home with some really nice items."

The sale brought in almost \$700 to the non-profit organization that provides affordable housing to families and friends visiting in-

mates at Norton Correctional Facility. The house is also available to families with someone at the youth ranch at Oberlin.

Mrs. Plotts said that lots of items were brought by the facility on sale day including items like a washing machine, dressers, desks, lamps, lawn furniture and tables. "The Norton community has been very generous to The Haven," she said. "The Haven is definitely providing a needed service to the families of inmates at Norton Correctional. And, I think it will make a difference to the men. If we can help keep a family together, it gives that man

something to hope for."

Duane McEwen of McEwen Auction Service conducted the sale, and his wife, Darlene, handled the bookkeeping. Carolyn Plotts clerked while board president, Jim Rowh, worked the sale ring and Jim Plotts helped pick up and deliver items. Hypatia Day also volunteered her time to sell soft drinks and bottled water to the sale crowd.

President Jim Rowh said the board is always looking for new members or volunteers. If you would like to help in any way, call him at 877-3610 or write The Ha-

ven, 813 N. Grant, Norton, Kan. 67654.

# Congressman trying to reopen beef market

Congressman Jerry Moran met with the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Lee Tae-sik, to discuss the progress of reopening the Korean market to U.S. beef. The meeting follows Congressman Moran's previous meeting with the Ambassador of Japan to press for the reopening of its border.

"It is critical for us to keep pressure on countries like Korea and Japan that have delayed the resumption of American beef trade," Mr. Moran said. "Each day these beef blockades are allowed to continue, our Kansas ranchers suffer significant harm."

The congressman has continued

his efforts to reopen foreign markets to U.S. beef. Earlier this month, he asked House leadership to bring to a vote a resolution he introduced with 89 other Members calling for retaliatory trade sanctions to be imposed on Japan if it continues its ban on U.S. beef imports. Also, earlier this week he met with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns to discuss strategies and progress of reopening foreign markets like Japan and Korea.

"Our nation's ranchers should not be forced to idly accept punishment for a situation they did not create," Mr. Moran said. "Resumption of beef trade is key to the economic

survival of our nation's ranchers."

"America's cattlemen appreciate the support we have received in Congress, and the high priority our Congressional leaders and the Bush Administration have placed on resumption of beef trade," said Mike John of Huntsville, Mo., president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "They clearly understand the importance of beef exports to the nation's cattle producers, and that it's high time for our trading partners to start acting in good faith."

Congressman Moran is a senior member of the House Committee on Agriculture.



Clarke Nelson

# Northern Valley graduate is named FFA star farmer

Clarke Nelson, a member of the Northern Valley FFA Chapter, and recent high school graduate, was named the Kansas FFA Association's Star Farmer at the 78th Kansas FFA Convention.

He received the award for having the best Supervised Agricultural Experience program in production agriculture.

Clarke's program consists of his own diversified crop and livestock production operation. He began renting land from his father and grandfather during his

freshman year of high school. In addition to his crop and livestock operations, he has developed and managed an irrigation system used with his crop production.

He plans to attend Kansas State University to study production agriculture. His ultimate goal is to return to the family operation and assume management of what will then become his family's sixth-generation farm.

Clarke is the son of Terry and Sara Nelson.

# All in a day's work...



People who were looking for a bargain could find one in Almena last Saturday if they looked in the right place as the city was holding its annual citywide yard sale.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier



**Welcome a New Doctor!**

Dr. Todd Zerger will be joining Dr. Aldridge in providing optometric care to Hill City, Norton and the surrounding communities. He graduated from Bethel College in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry. After teaching chemistry and physics at Peabody High School for two years, Dr. Zerger attended the Southern College of Optometry. His training at the Southern College of Optometry also included an extern rotation at the VA hospital as well as a rotation in a private practice. These rotations emphasized ocular disease, contact lens, pediatrics, cataract and LASIK co-management as well as general medical optometry. While at SCO he spent numerous hours tutoring future colleagues in areas such as pharmacology, neuroanatomy, and vision therapy. In May of 2006 Dr. Zerger graduated with honors from SCO. He currently is a member of Beta Sigma Kappa, the Optometric Honor Society as well as the American Optometric Association and the Kansas Optometric Association. In 2006 he also was named to the Who's Who Among College Students. Dr. Zerger enjoys watching and playing sports including basketball, football, ping-pong and snow skiing. His wife, Krisha, is a registered nurse with four years of experience in pediatric cancer while working at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Todd and Krisha currently have one daughter Ava.



**Meet Dr. Zerger at our Open House**

He'll be available to visit and answer your questions.

**Mark your calendar today!**

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