



Ruth Kendell, a sixth grade student at Eisenhower Elementary School, pointed to the United States on a school map.

Ruth won the school-level competition in the National Geographic Geography Bee on Jan. 5.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Eisenhower student knows her geography

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Ten Eisenhower Elementary students qualified to take the National Geographic Society Geography Bee.

Students in grades 4 through 8 were given a qualifying test in December and those qualifying for the school-level competition were James Davis, Adrienne Hager, Hannah Pollock, Landon Slipke, Colton Vannortwick,

Ethan Ross, Brianna Karnopp, Ruth Kendell, Jordan Hartwell and Emily Schulze.

Ruth Kendell, 11, a sixth grade student, won the competition on Jan. 5 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The oral test was the first round in the 19th annual contest. She will now take a written test. Up to 100 of the top scorers from each state will be eligible to compete in their state bee

March 30.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the national championships on May 22-23. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the Society.

Ruth said she enjoyed studying

geography, "Because it helps me understand our world a little better."

She said her favorite subject is technology and her hobbies include reading and playing with her little brother, Levi. Her plans for the future include going to college and studying to be a graphic artist.

Her parents are Vern and Priscilla Kendell, Norton.

Airport board talks about runway, insurance

The update on the runway and the discussion on the insurance claim were items for the Norton City County Airport board last week.

Airport Manager Delvis Miller reported that not much work has been done on the drainage problem on the west side of the runway on the Norton end, due to the inclement weather. The board discussed the ice that was still on the runway at the airport as of Monday. Mr. Miller said that work would be done Tuesday to get some of the ice removed.

There were a couple of flights that were not able to land during the storms during Christmas and

New Year's.

The Norton County commissioners paid the bill for spraying the noxious weeds over the past summer. Mr. Miller said it was the first time in a while that the county had sprayed at the airport.

An insurance adjuster called to talk to Mr. Miller about the AWOS (Automated Weather Observation Station) and the damage from the lightning strike.

The board went over some of the bills that already total about \$11,000. The insurance company is working on it. The claim also includes the work done by the engineer who replaced all of the fried equipment.

Mr. Miller also reported that the state would pay for the equipment to install a fueling station at the airport.

The board discussed adding 300 feet to the runway, which would make it 5,000 feet long.

Board Attorney Karen Griffiths presented her proposal for her services for the next year, amounting to \$100 a month. The board approved the proposal. They also raised the salary of the board secretary, Sandy Smith, to \$30 a meeting.

The bills were then approved.

The next meeting was moved to the first Monday of the month due to scheduling conflicts for some of

Prairie View hit hard by recent storm

By CHRISTINE HENRY

On Dec. 30 the rains came as the temperatures dropped below freezing. On contact, the rain became ice, coating everything with layer upon layer of ice. Blades of grass became growing mini icebergs peaking up through the light snow that was to follow. Tree branches, heavy laden with ice, weighed down and as the wind began to blow they cracked and crashed to the ground. The streets became littered with large branches from the old trees and made navigating them difficult. Many were so severely damaged it is hard to tell if they will survive.

At approximately 5 p.m. the lights began to flicker like a candle in the wind and shortly after 6 p.m. the power went down. Power was restored momentarily for about an hour and then was completely snuffed out.

The following morning emergency management began knocking on doors to notify the residents of Prairie View that a generator was on the way and they were attempting to hook it up to the Community Center. The generators were successfully installed that evening and the Community Center opened its doors to anyone in need. With the morning temperature hovering in the low 20s outside, heat was quickly lost inside.

The Community Center with the aid of the Red Cross provided a warm retreat and a hot meal for residents. Helpers ran for groceries, cooked, washed dishes during the day, and then settled in on cots

at night provided by the Red Cross. Movies were provided for some to watch, others played cards, but most just kept busy helping out until the power came back on around 9 p.m. on Jan. 3.

Tree limbs were cleared from

the streets and the residents began to resume their normal routines again. This was not a very Happy New Year's for most in the region, but it was a time of coming together as a community and weathering out Mother Nature's fury.



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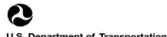
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School board decides on 2006-07 projects

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- Buy new wrestling mats, \$8,000.
- Install auto-controls for bathroom fixtures at Eisenhower, \$6,500.

The total cost of all of the projects is \$379,500.

Last year's capital outlay projects were replacing concrete, buying a new planer and knives for the wood shop, resurfacing the track, replacing the football playing surface, adding an unloading sidewalk at Eisenhower Elementary, padding the walls of the Eisenhower gym, buying new

kitchen equipment, and buying a new aluminum tig welder and arc welders for the vo-ag room.

Other projects done in 2005-06 were buying new weight room equipment, air conditioning the junior/senior high music room of-office and gifted room, and buying new student tables for the junior high science room.

Mr. Mann asked the board members to rate the projects in order of importance so they can go over them at the February meeting, which will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12 in the Alice Tweed Building.

Development looks at Hometown Competitiveness

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Street training Jan. 29, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture renewable energy conference in Manhattan Jan. 30 and 31. The heartland development course that Mr. Carter participated in will be paid for by a grant from Midwest Energy.

The next meeting of the Norton County Economic Development Board will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the conference room at the development office, 116 N. First. All meetings are open to the public.

Information courtesy of Deena Wente, KQNK Radio.

'Cover Your Acres' set for Jan. 23, 24 in Oberlin

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include Lang Diesel, National Sunflower Association, Hoxie Implement, and Southwest Implement. Vendors displaying farm machinery and information will be available.

If farmers register by Jan. 18, the cost is only \$17 for one day or \$35 at the door. More information and registration forms are available at the K-State Research and Extension Northwest Area Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/nwagronomy/.

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