

"What is the vertex of the parabola with the equation of $f(x)=3(x+2)^2-4$?" If you really want to know, ask a member of the Scholars' Bowl. They are (from left) Kyle Mindrup, Marcus Herman, Nathan Leroux, Emily Scott, (pictured), Melinda Becker, Phillip Becker, and Zane Perez (not pictured). The Norton Scholars' Bowl team took first place at the Mid-Continent League tournament held in Norton on Monday. Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Scholars Bowl team takes first place at tourney

By **BRANDY LEROUX**
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Norton Community High School hosted the Mid-Continent League Scholars' Bowl on Monday. Teams from Ellis, Hill City, Norton, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Smith Center, Stockton and Trego competed. "I think the team performed well," said team member Zane Perez. "We had different people step up in clutch situations and we were able to come away with

the gold." After nine rounds, Norton took the top honors, followed closely by Stockton, with Osborne coming in third place. Norton and Stockton both had seven wins and one loss, but Norton defeated Stockton 90 points to 35 in a head-to-head competition. The Norton Scholars' Bowl team has entered the league competition the past three years, and all three times, has taken

first place. "As always, I was very proud of our team," said coach Mrs. Nancy Sebelius. "I feel privileged to work with such a great group of bright students. The Norton school system is also blessed to have a wonderful faculty and staff who volunteer to help. Without their assistance, we could not host important events such as the MCL Scholars' Bowl!" Norton Community High

School Principal Rudy Perez, who was also a judge at the event, said that he was pleased that all nine Mid-Continent League teams were polite and respectful, and were a pleasure to have at the school. Students who competed at the league tournament were seniors Kyle Mindrup, Phillip Becker and Emily Scott; juniors Marcus Herman, Nathan Leroux and Zane Perez; and sophomore Melinda Becker.

Lock-in to provide guidance, information for girls

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All Norton-area girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grades are invited to attend a lock-in at Chanda's Dance Studio, located above Mortenson's Computer, Saturday night through Sunday morning. The lock-in starts at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

cerning young women, such as teen pressure, stress, self-esteem, sexual abstinence, the dangers of alcohol, drug and tobacco use, law enforcement concerning minors in possession of alcohol, drinking and driving, sexually-transmitted diseases, identifying abusive relationships and setting boundaries.

"Ladies and the Law"; and Junell VanKuten from K-State Extension, will speak about nutrition. "Between speakers, the girls will be treated to girly activities such as manicures, pedicures and chair massages by senior female members of local youth groups and other women of faith volunteering their time," said Mrs. Karnopp.

to attend a meeting about the lock in. Some of the speakers were available to talk to the parents about the presentations they'll be giving, and parents were able to give their thoughts on the topics. Walk-ins are welcome, though a parent or guardian needs to be present to sign a permission slip due to the nature of the topics that will be discussed. Once the lock-in begins, the girls will not be allowed to leave unless they are with a parent or guardian. Cell phones will not be allowed. If one is brought in, it will be taken away until the end of the event.

"This is the second year we've had the lock-in," said April Karnopp, coordinator for the event. "Last year, we had 58 girls attend. It was held at The Rock, but since it's undergoing renovations right now, we had to find another place to have it." The event is sponsored by area churches and is aimed at providing fellowship, education and overnight fun, coordinated and chaperoned by local adult women. Mrs. Karnopp said there will be speakers throughout Saturday evening, giving presentations on a variety of topics and issues con-

Hillary VanPatten will present "Journey," a personal testimony of self-value; Kim Kasson will present "When God Writes Your Love Story," about relationships; Joslyn Henson, from e11even, will speak about skin care and give make-up tips; Dr. Glenda Maurer and Gina Frack, head administrator at the Norton County Health Department, will give presentations on tobacco use and young women's health; Megan O'Connor, from Valley Hope, will give a presentation on addictions, recovery and prevention; Norton County Magistrate Judge Debra Anderson will present

The Saturday evening meal will be provided at the lock in, as well as the Sunday morning breakfast before the girls go home. Door prizes will also be given away. "We'll show 'chick-flick'-type movies at the lock-in, have games for them to play, a sleeping area for those who can't stay awake, and at midnight, the girls will get to see 'A Walk To Remember' at the Norton Theatre," said Mrs. Karnopp. Sunday morning, after breakfast is served, the lock-in will end. Monday, parents were invited

voices with some Christmas carols for the residents of Whispering Pines. They then warmed their bellies with some great soups and BBQ beef sandwiches. The members played Bunco and a Christmas version of musical chairs. The club is looking forward to a busy New Year.

Accident report

Saturday, Jan. 10 — Deputy Robert Annon responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 383. Nancy Hogan, Long Island, was driving northwest on Highway 383 when a deer came onto the road. Ms. Hogan was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. Kylor Hogan, Long Island, was listed as a passenger. No injuries were reported. Sunday, Jan. 11 — Deputy Robert Annon responded to a deer-related accident on Highway K-9. Thomas Diederich, Lenora, was driving east on Highway K-9 when a deer came

onto the road. Mr. Diederich was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported. Tuesday, Jan. 13 — Assistant Chief of Police Jeremy Hartwell responded to a two-vehicle accident on private property. Ronald Smith, Alvin, Texas, while driving an international semi, was turning right to exit a parking lot and struck an unattended parked car belonging to Enterprise Leasing Company, spinning the car around and into a sign and post. Damage was not listed. No injuries were reported.

4-H Club notes

By **TYSON GILL**
Special to The Telegram
The Busy Beavers 4-H Club held their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 12 at the 4-H building. The club collected toys for the "Toys For Tots" program and also food for God's Pantry. The members showed off their great singing

voices with some Christmas carols for the residents of Whispering Pines. They then warmed their bellies with some great soups and BBQ beef sandwiches. The members played Bunco and a Christmas version of musical chairs. The club is looking forward to a busy New Year.

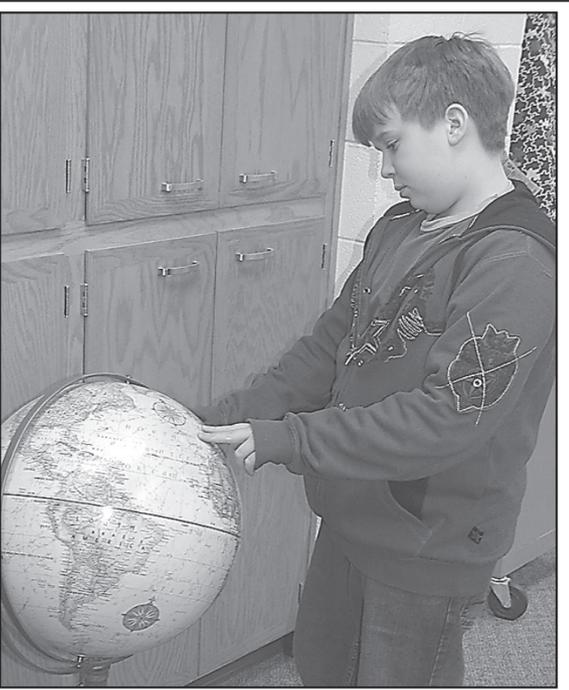
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Steve Cummings, a sixth-grader at Eisenhower Elementary, looked for Budapest on a globe after winning the Geography Bee on Friday, Jan. 19. He will take a written test later this month to see if he goes on to the state competition, which will be held on April 3. Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Student's answer gets him top prize

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The Kiraly [pronounced keer-ALL-ee] and Rudas [ROOD-us] mineral baths in Hungary's largest city were built during the Ottoman occupation from the mid-1500s to the late 1600. Can you name the city?

written test to see if he qualifies for the state geography bee on April 3. "We've had three students go on to the state finals in the past," said Mrs. Burton. "Steve is a very quiet and intense student who will represent Eisenhower well at the next level."

Steve Cummings did. He's the sixth grader at Eisenhower Elementary who won the Geography Bee by correctly answering that question — Budapest — on Jan. 9. Sixth grader Christian Boser came in second, and Lauren Mordecai, 5th grade, took third. Layton Miller, Kirstin Georgeson, Philip Boutwell, Breven Sondergaard, Kendall Miller, Morgan Farber and Caleb Gregerson also participated in the geography bee.

The winners of the state finals advance to nationals, held in Washington D.C. The National Geographic Society, which sponsors the bee, provides an all-expenses paid trip to the nationals for the state champions and teacher escorts on May 19 and 20. The national competition will be moderated by "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek. The first place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the society.

"The geography bee is a great way to foster interest in our world," said Jane Burton, the school district's head librarian. "Students really get excited about this planet when competing, and I hope this interest continues throughout their lives." Students at Eisenhower Elementary took written tests to try-out for the bee in November. Within the next two weeks, Cummings will take another

The winner will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, to the Galapagos Islands with Alex Trebek and the "Jeopardy!" Clue Crew. "A Kansas student once won third place at the nationals," said Mrs. Burton. She hopes to be able to see a Kansas student (preferably one from Eisenhower Elementary) win the national championship.

Save money. Shop local. Shop Norton

The family of Harry Lowry will be holding an open house birthday party to celebrate his 90th birthday. Join us at the Senior Center between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 24 for cake and ice cream. The family requests no gifts. Those unable to attend may send cards to 101 W. Crane, Apt. A, Norton, Kansas 67654

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