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**Tuesday**  
February 20, 2007

## And the awards go to...

**Norton, Kansas**  
Home of Dale Severns

*Briefly*

### School rounds up kindergartners

Eisenhower Elementary will be holding its annual Kindergarten Roundup from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 5.

At 5 p.m., there will be a meeting in the school cafeteria with Principal Corey Roy, the kindergarten teachers and the school nurse. This meeting will last around 30 to 40 minutes. At the meeting, changes in kindergarten for the 2007-08 school year and requirements for school attendance will be discussed.

Students must have turned five-years-old on or before Aug. 31 to be eligible to attend kindergarten. Parents can come between 4 and 5 p.m. to visit the classrooms and the school with their child.

For more information, call the school at 877-5113.

### 'A' tags up for trucks, trailers

Next Wednesday is the deadline for the renewal of heavy truck and trailer tags and tags for all persons whose last name begins with "A".

When renewing your vehicles, remember to include proof of insurance for all vehicles. County treasurer office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. workdays. If you have questions call 877-5795.

### Housing fair to be held in Logan

The Logan Community Development Foundation is sponsoring a housing fair from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Hansen Museum in Logan.

Participating in the fair will be Pioneer Country Development Inc., Rural Telephone Company, Farmer's National Bank, First National Bank, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, McDonald Enterprises and Kansasland Realtors.

At the housing fair, persons will be able to see available housing in the area and look at plans for new housing construction. Single lots to lots with multiple acres are available for new construction. There will be persons there to guide interested persons to which type of housing loans are available to suit individual needs.

*Weather*

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 50s. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 50s.

### Kingham report:

Friday ..... Low -2, High 43  
Saturday ..... Low 23, High 40  
Sunday ..... Low 23, High 43  
Monday ..... Low 25, High 47  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

*Prayer*

Healer of body and soul, help us to rely on you for help with both large and small problems we face day by day.

Amen



Sixth Grade teacher Bonita Slipke (above) prepared her students for the state assessment test in math. The students were hard at work preparing for the tests, which also cover reading.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

## Eisenhower makes the grade with state testing

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Eisenhower Elementary School was recognized for the quality education it gives its students and the high expectations it has of them.

The grade school was recently awarded five certificates of merit out of eight possible categories for the excellent test scores of its students.

The "Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force" presented the school certificates for the performance of third grade reading, third grade math, fourth grade math, sixth grade reading and sixth grade math.

In the five areas that Eisenhower received awards, the school averaged better test scores than any other school in the northwest Kansas area. These awards recognize the school for its outstanding achievements and uncommon accomplishments based on last year's Kansas Assessment Test.

"This accomplishment speaks well of the type of education children receive in Norton," said Eisenhower Principal Corey Roy. "There was only one other school to receive as many awards as we did. That says the staff is doing a good job." (Continued on Page 3)



## Top 15 spellers narrowed down to one

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It was Valentine's Day and the field had been narrowed to the top 15 spellers in Norton County. They were all assembled in the Northern Valley High School auditorium as they waited for the annual Norton County Spelling Bee to begin.

Judges were Mirla Coleman, Mike Korte and Ken Tharman. The pronouncer was Jim Springer.

Contestants ranged from a first grader through eighth graders. Spellers represented Lenora Elementary, Eisenhower Elementary, Norton Junior High, North-

ern Valley Elementary and Northern Valley Junior High.

Round one began with simple words. Mostly to help the spellers get used to the microphone and dispel some of their nervousness. All 15 spellers made it through the first round.

Round two saw the first elimination with a speller missing *opening*.

*Vulture* was the first word of round three, but the word missed was *falcon*.

Round four eliminated two spellers. The first word missed was *knowledge*; the second missed word was *behavior*.

Eleven spellers were left going into round five. But, *chargeable* and *perpetual* took out two more.

*Habitual* and *gluttonous* in round six took the spellers down to seven contestants and the words became increasingly more difficult.

Rounds seven and eight lost three more spellers to *leniency*, *rebellious* and *bilingual*.

*Ludicrous* was the first word pronounced in round nine and also the first word missed.

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## State park fees half the price of last year

The price of state park permits has gone down and there is still time to get off-season passes for off-season prices.

The 2006 Kansas Legislature decided to give state parks more money in 2007 and so the parks were able to offer a reduction in the cost of permits this year.

In previous years, as the Legislature gave the state parks less money, the Department of Wildlife and Parks had to make up for the lost money by increasing the cost to get in. But because the state parks received more money this year, they were able to cut costs down by almost half.

In the 2007 off-season, which is Oct. 1 through March 31, park prices are:

- Daily Vehicle Permit — \$3.70; Kansas senior/disabled, \$2.60;
- Annual Vehicle Permit — \$19.35; Kansas senior/disabled, \$10.75;
- Additional Annual Vehicle Permit — \$11.85; Kansas senior/disabled, \$7.

For the peak season, which runs April 1 through Sept. 30, park prices (Continued on Page 3)

## Peanut butter gets sticky with recall

By TRANDA WATTS, Extension Specialist

The FDA has issued a nationwide recall on two brands of peanut butter, Peter Pan and Great Value. The code number to look for on the lid starts with "2111".

A peanut butter recall in the news affects a relatively small portion of the nation's peanut butter supply, and doesn't mean that consumers should stop buying or using other peanut butter.

It does mean that consumers should check the brand and product code of peanut butter they have on hand and, if it matches the recall, discard the potentially contaminated product.

If consumers have any of this Peter Pan or Great Value brand peanut butter in their home that has been purchased since May

2006, they should discard it, but they should save the product lid. For a full refund, consumers must return the Peter Pan Peanut Butter or Great Value Peanut Butter product lid along with their name and mailing address to: ConAgra Foods, P.O. Box 3768, Omaha, Neb. 68103. You should be able to return it to the store you bought it from and get a refund.

The potential contaminant, Salmonella Tennessee, can cause food borne illness, which include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps, and typically appear within 12 to 72 hours after ingestion. The illness usually lasts four to seven days and most people recover without treatment. Those with severe diarrhea, however, may need to be hospitalized.

Salmonella can be particularly dangerous for children, whose immune systems are not yet fully developed, older adults whose immune systems are weakened by age and others who may be suffering from chronic illness or undergoing medical treatment such as chemotherapy that has weakened their immune system.

More information on food and food safety is available at your local K-State Research and Extension.

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