

# Art students get the chance of a lifetime

(Continued from Page 1) *The Telegram* this week that entries are being accepted for the 2007 Congressional Arts Competition. All high school students in the First Congressional District may enter their artwork, he said. "The Congressional Arts Competition provides an avenue for Kansas students to demonstrate their talents," Rep. Moran said. "The winning artwork is displayed

in the U.S. Capitol Building and is seen by Members of Congress and people from all parts of the country and world. I look forward to seeing the students' entries this year." □ The Hutchinson Arts Center hosts the 2007 competition. All submissions must be delivered to the arts center by 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10. Awards will be given in each category, and the winning artwork will be displayed in the

U.S. Capitol for one year. The winning entry will be announced in a ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Hutchinson center, 405 North Washington Ave., Hutchinson. Interested students and teachers can contact the arts center at (620) 663-1081 for further information and guidelines regarding the competition. Will your entry end up on Capitol Hill?

# Speaker's challenge well received

(Continued from Page 1) to the students about positive change in the way they treat others. Later, in a separate session in the basement meeting room at Prairie Land Electric, Miss Nowlen spoke to a select group of about 35 students from the two schools. She introduced the idea of starting "Friends of Rachel" (F.O.R.)

groups in their schools. She pointed out that a Friends of Rachel club is for things, not against. She said it is a club designed for students to reach out to each other, especially those different from themselves. It is designed for the club members to assist and befriend new students, to be a "see througher" not a "look-at-er". She encouraged the students to be-

come first initiators. Miss Nowlen conducted a session last night with students, their parents and community leaders in Stull Gymnasium. The focus of that presentation was to show the adults how they can reinforce the decisions their youth are making. To learn more about Rachel's Challenge go to [www.rachelschallenge.com](http://www.rachelschallenge.com).

# Harsh weather may have lingering effect

MANHATTAN — This winter's harsh weather will subside, but its effect on Plains-area cattle herds will linger long after the ice and snow have melted away, a Kansas State University veterinarian said. "The weather this winter has certainly resulted in some death loss in cattle, but the real problems are going to be much harder to get our arms around," said K-State Research and Extension Veterinarian Larry Hollis. Winter storms prompted Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to request federal assistance for 44 counties. In turn, President Bush declared a major disaster in Kansas, making federal funding available to state and local governments in those 44 western Kansas counties.

condition than usual during calving season, and the possibility that cows' poor condition at re-breeding time could impact fertility and, ultimately, conception rates. A lot will depend on how many days these cattle went without feed, which varies from one operation to another, he said. Those animals that went without feed for one or more periods over the last several weeks used up body reserves, which will make them even more vulnerable to cold snaps. In an instance like that, when a cow was already stressed and lost body condition, a cold snap can sometimes spark spontaneous abortions — usually within 48 hours of the drop in temperatures, Hollis said. "The key to keep that from happening," he added, "is to feed well and start getting body condition back where it should be. Winter feed costs are out of sight this year, so that's a hard pill to swallow, but feed is the best medicine in this case."

given that high quality feed may not be available in the quantities and areas where it's needed most. "I expect that in some herds, we will have more neo-natal death loss this winter if we can't get some condition back on these cows between now and when they calve," Hollis said. "It might help to get calves in a warming box if the lack of calf vigor is due to the cold. And this year, it may be especially important to give cows a warmer, dry place to calve." The effects of the recent wintry weather could last all the way until time to re-breed cows, he said. "We will have a lot of cows that aren't cycling at breeding time. Don't look at the hair — look at the cow — try to determine what she needs to make sure she is in the best condition at breeding time as possible," Hollis said.

Hollis said that although the death loss already tallied from this year's snow and ice storms could have been even worse, he is concerned about what he called "secondary losses" — weak calves at birth, cows that are in poorer con-

dition, especially challenging this winter,

# SENIOR CENTER MENU

**Feb. 1** — Liver & Onions in Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Mixed Fruit w/Cherries. **Feb. 2** — Hamburger Patty, Tater Tots or Triangles, Cook's Choice Veggies, Bun, Applesauce. **Feb. 5** — Cook's Choice Entree, Gold Rush Casserole, Mixed Veggies, Bread, Peaches. **Feb. 6** — Ham & Beans, Spinach, Cornbread, 1/2 Banana. **Feb. 7** — Cheeseburger Upside Down Pizza, Italian Blend Veggies, Cottage Cheese w/Pineapple, Cookie. **Feb. 8** — Beef & Noodles, Spanish Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Noodles, Tapioca. **Feb. 9** — Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Bread, Apricots. **Feb. 12** — BBQ Meat Balls, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Plums. **Feb. 13** — Swiss Steak w/Tomatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Ambrosia Fruit Salad, Bread, Cook's Choice Complement. **Feb. 14** (Valentine's Day) — Chicken & Dressing Casserole, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, 3-Bean Salad, Rosy

Pears. **Feb. 15** — Roast Pork, Apple Sassy Sweet Potatoes, Cole Slaw w/Pineapple, Bread, Birthday Cake. **Feb. 16** — Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Cook's Choice Fruit, Garlic Bread, Crisp Rice Bar. **Feb. 19** — Ground Beef Stroganoff, Peas, Beets, Noodles, Strawberry Shortcake w/Topping. **Feb. 20** — Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Carrots & Onions, Bread, Applesauce. **Feb. 21** — Baked Fish, Cheesy Broccoli, Rice Pilaf, Bread, Apricots. **Feb. 22** — Tater Tot Casserole, Creamed Corn, Bread, Jell-O w/Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple. **Feb. 23** — Chef Salad (meat on side), Citrus Slices, Bread Stocks, Cherry Cobbler. **Feb. 26** — Pasta, Beef & Tomato Casserole, Succotash, Mandarin Orange, Bread, Pudding. **Feb. 27** — Paprika Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Seasoned Carrots, Bread, Jell-O w/Fruit. **Feb. 28** — Chili w/Beans, Five Cup Salad, Crax, Cinnamon Roll.

# A little soup for your supper...



Gordon Fought, left, steadied his soup bowl while Norton Rotarian Myron Veh laded it full of homemade chicken and noodle soup. Norton Rotary Club recently held a soup supper to raise funds for the club's scholarship program. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Eisenhower names 'Bee' champion

(Continued from Page 1) Champion. A spell-off between the remaining two contestants saw Marissa Maddy taking second place and Wyatt Wentz taking third. All three students will advance to the Norton County Spelling Bee to be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the Northern Valley High School auditorium, Almena.

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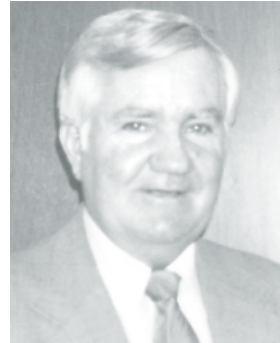
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