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## Friday

### February 1, 2008

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Chad Manning

## Briefly

## United Resources to meet Tuesday

United Resources will meet at 7 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5 for a breakfast meeting at Town and Country Kitchen. April Karnopp will share her experience of hosting a Pajama Party Lock-In for girls. It was a community effort and an attempt to present pertinent information to maturing young girls. Everyone is invited to attend United Resources meetings held the first Tuesday of each month.

## Quilters gather on Monday

"Simply Quilts" is the topic for the program at the Feb. 4 meeting of the Heritage Quilt Club. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Prairie Land Electric meeting room with Audrey Wiltfong, Vadis Maden, Ilene Ankenman, Regina Stark and Alice Goscha as hostesses.

## Pancakes served in appreciation

The annual Customer Appreciation Pancake and Sausage Day is planned for 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 at the Norton American Legion. "Chris Cakes" the Pancake Man will be flipping flapjacks right before your eyes.

The free meal is sponsored by Kansasland Tire Co., McMullen Real Estate, Prairie Land Electric, McMullen and Wyatt Auctions, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Norton Auto Supply/Carquest, Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech, KQNK Radio AM-FM, Bridges Group Insurance, LLP, Norton Shirt Company and Stoves and More.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 17. Calm wind becoming west between 5 and 10 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 41. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 21. **Sunday** — Partly sunny with a high near 38. **Sunday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 24. **Monday** — A 20 percent chance of snow. **Monday Night** — A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 18.

### Kingham report:

Tuesday ..... Low 14, High 34, 1" Snow  
Wednesday ..... Low 9, High 25  
Thursday ..... Low 1, High 30  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Merciful God, teach us to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in daily life, especially in those situations that require special care. In Jesus' name. **Amen**



It took four students to hold him (above) but "Fluffy" the red-tailed boa constrictor was a hit during Thursday's program at Eisenhower Elementary. Sarai Page, right, brought the snake and other Egyptian animals for a program sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council. Holding the snake, from left to right, are Piper Smith, Isaac Schaefer, Jordyn Gosselin

and Collyn Auker. Perched (below) on the backs of Persha Mason, left, and Trevor Lewis was an African serval. It is the second fastest land animal, coming in second only to the cheetah. Ms. Page kept the feline on a leash as she told the students how ancient Egyptians revered cats.

—Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## Eisenhower goes wild with exotic animals

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Children at Eisenhower Elementary School learned about Egyptian customs and animals from Sarai Page, a speaker representing Wildlife Encounters Refuge from Gretna, Neb.

Ms. Page presented a program in the school's cafeteria Thursday afternoon. She shared some facts about building pyramids, the Egyptians love and respect for all animals, especially cats and baboons and facts about the animals she brought with her. She showed the children an Emperor scorpion, an African serval, a baboon, a Nile monitor, an African pygmy hedgehog and a red-tailed boa constrictor.

Without knowing what animal she was going to display, several children volunteered to help. They were asked to line up, shut their eyes and hold out their hands. When she lifted a six-foot boa constrictor out of its container, the rest of the children let out an audible gasp. Of course, the volunteers opened their eyes and all but one immediately decided they really didn't want to help.

Ms. Page said she travels about 10 months out of the year presenting programs at schools all over the midwest.

The program was sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council.



## Safety chief cautions Super Bowl party crowd

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Chip and dip. Coke. Pepsi. Perhaps a few beers or other 'make-me-feel-good' refreshments. These are all ingredients for watching Sunday's Super Bowl game between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants.

The chip, dip, Coke and Pepsi won't create much problem. But the other ingredients could spell danger.

That all said, the Kansas Department of Transportation is joining with

federal, state and local highway safety and law enforcement officials to remind those who plan drinking alcohol on this special Sunday to act responsibly and designate a sober driver before the game even begins.

"Driving drunk or riding with someone who is drunk is simply not worth the risk; the consequences are serious and real," Pete Bodyk, chief of the Kansas Department of Transportation's Bureau of Traffic Safety told *The Norton Telegram*, and other media across the state.

"Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while drunk are significant," he said.

"Simply put, ending up in jail or the hospital isn't the way you want to spend your Super Bowl Sunday," he said.

A rather startling figure Mr. Bodyk shared was that nearly 40 percent of all traffic deaths during the Super Bowl weekend in 2007 were caused by drunk drivers. The National Highway Traffic

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## Soup money goes toward scholarships

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At least 20 years ago the Norton Rotary Club began awarding a scholarship to a deserving Norton Community High School student.

About 15 years ago the club decided to give three scholarships per year. To support this endeavor, the club began to host soup suppers. Rotarian Alberta Slaby said it takes one soup supper to support one scholarship. She said the club is lucky to have Myron Veh as a member because he makes all the soups. She said the club provides the ingredients and the members donate cake and relishes to complete the (Continued on Page 5)



Rotarians Scott Sproul, left, and Warren White stirred roasters full of vegetable and chili soup as they helped serve about 150 people at a soup supper Tuesday evening. The benefit was to raise money for Rotary Club scholarships.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## 'Bee' champ moves up to next level

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It only took 10 rounds for Eisenhower Elementary to have its spelling bee champion Wednesday.

Words like "scratch", "orange" and "eagle" started off the first round, getting progressively harder as each round went by. Students had to spell words like "coward" and "sushi" in round three, "recommend", "implement" and "magnolia" in round six, "tantalize" and "cauliflower" in round eight, and "bambino", "believable" and "vulnerable" in round nine.

By round 10, there were only three students left — Marisa Maddy, Darcy Bainter and Haley Branek. Marisa started off the round by correctly spelling gingham. Darcy went out on curriculum and then Haley went out on gorgeous.

Marisa then correctly spelled infomercial to take the Eisenhower championship.

Haley and Darcy then had a quick spell-off for second and third place, with Darcy taking second by correctly spelling ridiculous.

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