

I'll work hard to make good things happen

The New Year and the start of the 110th Congress were marked by the passing and national mourning of our 38th President, Gerald Ford. As the new Congress assembles in our nation's capital, it would do well to remember the example set by President Ford, who helped restore our faith in the American system of government following Watergate. Ford once said, "We might question the other side's ideas, but never its motives or its patriotism."

Kansans have grown weary of the partisan bickering and gridlock that has taken over Washington, D.C., in past years. They are ready for a change — for Republicans and Democrats to restore civility, respect differences and work together to find answers to today's problems. Though time will tell whether attitudes will change this year, my commitment remains unchanged from day one — to see that good things happen for Kansans.

All of us are concerned with the situation in Iraq. With more than 125,000 U.S. service members deployed at the start of 2007, this will be an important year as Congress seeks to advise the President on U.S. policy in Iraq. My goal is to find a strategy for success so our troops can come home. The sacrifices of our military men and women must never be forgotten, and I will continue to work to ensure veterans receive the benefits they have earned.

2007 will be a significant year for Kansas agriculture as Congress writes the new farm bill, examines our nation's energy policy and considers disaster assistance for farmers and ranchers. After meeting with agriculture producers across the nation last year, I have learned that most farmers and ranchers want the same thing — to

Capitol Views

Rep. Jerry Moran

provide their sons and daughters an opportunity to return to the family farm. I will fight for a farm bill that encourages rural development and improves the economic circumstances of Kansas producers. As a nation, we must reduce our reliance on foreign oil. By increasing use of fuels made by Kansas crops, we enhance the vitality of farmers and rural communities, in addition to helping our environment and making the country more energy independent. Disaster assistance for weather-related losses also remains a priority as agriculture producers continue to feel the effects of years of drought.

Rather than more bills and new laws, we need to fix those already on the books. I will work to improve No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. Our Kansas schools are struggling to meet the flawed standards and unrealistic demands of NCLB and I will reintroduce legislation that offers practical changes for the program. I will continue to advocate for reforms to the Prescription Drug Benefit, including allowing the government to negotiate with drug companies for lower-priced medications and protecting community pharmacists who have been adversely affected.

Other aspects of health care deserve attention and we must find ways to reduce the costs of health care for our families and small businesses.

I look forward to working on your behalf in Congress to see that good things happen for Kansans.

Election filing deadline coming up

(Continued from Page 1) Russell Bird and Councilpersons Michele Franco, Carl Jo Robinson, Richard Mather, Tom Hickert and Ruby Cook are up for re-election. Ms. Franco is the only person who has filed so far.

All of the City of Edmond's elected officials are up for election, including Mayor Howard Richard and Councilpersons Carl Conkey, Robert Richard, Norma Riley and Jim Akers, who took the place of Tammy Katchel, who resigned.

The primary election, if needed, will be held on Feb. 27, while the general election will be held Tuesday, April 3.

Students talk about Model U.N. experience

(Continued from Page 1) opinion. She said the experience shows how your country relates to other countries. She said that Historic Model UN is much smaller and held at area towns. She said 10 to 12 schools participate.

She invited everyone to attend the Scholars Bowl to be held Jan. 29 in Norton.

In other business the board:

- Accepted the donation of \$260.39 from the Knights of Co-

lumbus. The donation is to be used for Special Education programs.

- Appointed Jeff Nielsen to serve on the calendar committee to develop the 2007-2008 school year calendar.

- Approved the work agreement with Coni Park as the Junior High/High School in-school suspension supervisor.

- Extended the contract of Superintendent Greg Mann through the 2008-2009 school year.

- Heard a report by Elaine Lofgreen on a Special Education meeting she attended. She said government changes will affect payments to the schools. Payments will be made in only three areas: physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology.

The board held a five minute executive session with Superintendent Mann.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 12.

Eisenhower students make the grade

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Members of the fifth grade team are: Leif Carlson, Hannah Pollock, Marisa Maddy, Katelyn Engelbert, Landon Slipke, Hannah Goss, Johnnye Ruder, Bryce Baker, Ethan Ross, Kristen Burge and Drew Schrum.

Members of the sixth grade

team are: Wyatt Wentz, Rachel Slipke, Juliana Miller, Dylan Spradlin, Jacob Cronin, Harley Rupp, Jared Bohl, Cody Ellis, Kelsey Mordecai, Andrew Ellis and Kayleigh Norwood.

This was the 18th year the Thinking Cap Quiz has been held. Results of the quiz will be released Jan. 18.

Linda Burge, technology teacher at Eisenhower Elementary, administered the tests in the absence of Nancy Sebelius, who is the regular team sponsor. Mrs. Sebelius recently fell and broke her hip and is on medical leave.

Mrs. Burge said, "I was really proud of how well both teams did in the quiz."

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON

Senior High:

Saturday — High School Wrestling at Newton Tournament of Champions, 9 a.m.; Mid-Continent League Basketball Feather Bracket Games, TBA

Monday — Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament; Boys Quarter Finals; Here, vs Stockton, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Junior Class: Prom Decoration Meeting, a.p.; Mid-Continent Basketball Tournament; Girls Quarter Finals at Trego, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — Faculty Meeting, 8 a.m.; Junior Class Prom Committee Meetings, a.p.; site Council, 5 p.m.; Mid-Continent League-NWKL Meeting at Hoxie, 10 a.m.

Thursday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; KAYS, a.p.; Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament; Backside Games, TBA

Friday — Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament; Semi-Finals at Hays, TBA

Saturday — Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament; Finals at Hays, TBA; FFA; Agriculture in Education Speech Contest; Manhattan

Sunday — Prom Style Preview; JH Gym, 2 p.m.

Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Honor Choir and Band, UNK; FFA Public Speaking Contest, Hill City, 4 p.m.

Junior High:

Tuesday — KAYS, a.p.
Wednesday — Site Council, 5 p.m.
Thursday — Stuco Dance, 7-9 p.m.
Next Monday — Scholar's Bowl at Smith Center, 4 p.m.

Eisenhower:

Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.
Wednesday — CBM: Grade 1, Team Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Thursday — 5-6 Grade Level Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

All Schools:

Monday - In-Service, No school for students

NOTE: The basketball games with Oberlin postponed from Tuesday, Jan. 2 will be played on Thursday, Jan. 25 beginning at 5 p.m. NO "C" games will be played.

NOTE: The Junior High Scholar's Bowl originally scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 25 was moved to Mon., Jan. 22

NOTE: High School Wrestling with Kearney, NE and Hays which was to have been at Hays on Tuesday, Jan. 23 has been moved TO NORTON on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Start time at 5 p.m. SENIOR NIGHT has also been moved to Jan. 30.

High School Menus:

Monday — No School-Inservice

Tuesday — Breakfast: S'more snack bar, fruit or juice or choice of cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup and crackers, broccoli and cauliflower salad, rosy applesauce or chef milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Hard

boiled egg, sausage links, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Birthday Meal - Burrito, lettuce, chopped tomato and shredded cheese, corn, hot roll, chocolate sheet cake or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken fry patty, mashed potatoes and country gravy, hot roll, carrots, pears

Friday — Breakfast: Banana bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Ham and cheese rollup, green beans, coleslaw with carrots, pumpkin custard or chef salad, milk

Eisenhower Menus:

Monday — No School

Tuesday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Hot French toast, pears, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Sau-

sage patty with biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, pears, celery stick, dinner roll, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Banana bread, peaches, milk; Lunch: Turkey and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, peaches, dinner roll, milk

NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — Teacher-In Service,

No School

Tuesday — Grade 4-8 Northern Valley Spelling Bee at Long Is-

land, 1:50-3:10 p.m.; High School Girls Basketball at Southern Valley, 5 p.m.; K-State Pizza Party at Norton Pizza Hut, 6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Grade 6 and 7 KMEA Honor Band to record at FHSU; Site Base Council meeting in the Conference Room in Alma, 7 p.m.

Thursday — Financial Aid Night in the lunchroom at Alma, 7 p.m.

Friday — High School Basketball at Logan, 4:30 p.m.

18th ANNUAL

WICHITA RV SHOW

Special Show Prices
\$5 ADULTS \$1 CHILDREN

JAN. 10TH - 14TH

<p>Wednesday January 10 Thursday January 11 Friday January 12 Saturday January 13 Sunday January 14</p>	<p>4pm-9pm 4pm-9pm 12-9pm 10am-9pm 12-6pm</p>
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Kansas Coliseum

Here's proof that Mom's day never comes to end

Mom and Dad were watching TV when Mom said, "I'm tired, and it's getting late. I think I'll go to bed"

On her way to bed, she went to the kitchen to make sandwiches for the next day's lunches. She rinsed out the popcorn bowls, took meat out of the freezer for supper the following evening, checked the cereal box levels, filled the sugar container, put spoons and bowls on the table and started the coffee pot for brewing the next morning.

She then put some wet clothes in the dryer, put a load of clothes into the washer, ironed a shirt and secured a loose button

She picked up the game pieces left on the table, put the phone back on the charger and put the telephone book into the drawer.

She watered the plants, emptied a wastebasket and hung up a towel to dry.

She yawned and stretched and continued her journey to the bedroom. She stopped by the desk and wrote a note to the teacher, counted out some cash for the field trip, and pulled a text book out from hiding under the chair.

She signed a birthday card for a friend, addressed and stamped the envelope and wrote a quick note for the grocery store. She put both near her purse.

She then washed her face with 3 in 1 cleanser, put on her night solution and age fighting moisturizer, brushed and flossed her teeth and filed her nails.

Dad called out, "I thought you

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were going to bed."

"I'm on my way," she said.

She put some water into the dog's dish and put the cat outside, then made sure the doors were locked and the patio light was on.

She looked in on each of the kids and turned out their bedside lamps and TVs, hung up a shirt, threw some dirty socks into the hamper, and had a brief conversation with the one up still doing homework.

In her own room, finally, she set the alarm, laid out clothing for the next day, straightened up the shoe rack.

She added three things to her 6 most important things to do list. She said her prayers, and visualized the accomplishment of her goals.

About that time, Dad turned off the TV and announced to no one in particular, "I'm going to bed." And he did...without another thought.

Anything extraordinary here? Wonder why women live longer? BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO, THEY ARE MADE FOR THE LONG HAUL.

(If you have something to share, e-mail it to tom@nwkanas.com, fax it to him at 877-3732, drop it by the office or mail it to him at 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654.)

√Nancy Kent, for cleaning the sidewalk at Eisenhower Grade School. (submitted by telephone)

√Carol K. Ross, best wishes as you added another candle to your cake. (e-mail)

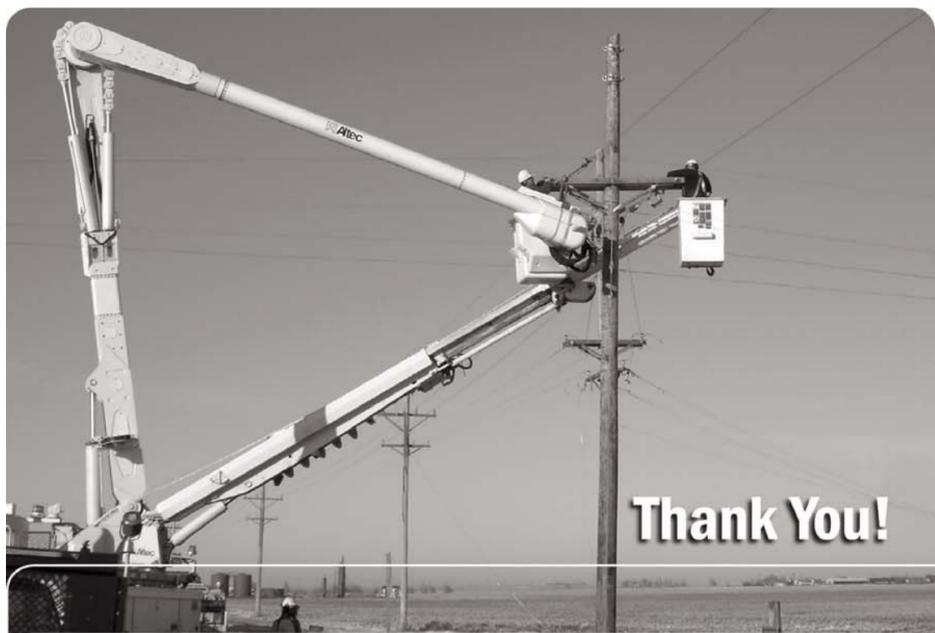
√BCI (Bus and Coach International), on your fine facility at Jennings. (e-mail)

√Dean Kruse, on your service as a county commissioner. (e-mail)

√Harold Shinn, Jake Harrington and Jon Stanton, for a push on the slick streets. (hand delivered /Connie Glenn)

√Ketan and Mani Kher, proud parents of Krishna, "First Baby of the New Year."

Thumbs Up to . . .



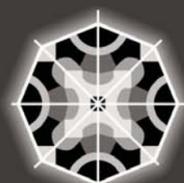
Thank You!

Aquila wants to thank our customers, community leaders and public safety personnel who cheered us on and remained patient as we worked to resolve the recent electrical service interruption. We appreciate your support!

We apologize for any inconvenience the interruption may have caused. We'd also like to thank our dedicated, professional employees who worked tirelessly to quickly and effectively restore service to our customers.

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Thank you for making our job a pleasure!



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