

# County holds off on mapping system

By VERONICA MONIER  
The Norton County Commission is holding off on doing anything with geographic information systems (GIS) mapping until the state knows more about what it wants.

Carolyn Applegate, who is working for the area Resource, Conservation and Development group, told the commissioners that she is part of a group working to get a grant for the group's six-county area to begin the mapping process.

She said the mapping is actually a group of transparent maps that lay on top of each other. Each transparency had different information and when laid on top of each other, it makes a complete whole.

Commissioner Leroy Lang asked why they couldn't just use the Farm Service Agency's maps.

Ms. Applegate said the new maps will be much more detailed. "They will have information on them that you cannot get from the FSA office," she said.

She said there is going to be state and federal mandates that counties have this done.

"You'll have to do it some day," she said. "It's better to deal with it now when you can get grants to help pay for it, than waiting."

Commissioner John Miller said he thought the group was getting ahead of itself.

"You can apply for grants now, but when the state gets everything figured out, each county is going to have to redo everything," he said. "It's like 911 mapping. The state cannot figure out how it wants it done."

"We need to get a standardized plan so everyone has the same plan," agreed Mr. Lang.

Ms. Applegate said her group has a plan and is trying to get it

implemented. She said they are just working on geographic mapping, not 911 mapping.

"Everyone is getting into a bunch about this," Mr. Miller said. "Pushing, pushing, pushing to get this done. I think we need to stop and take a look at what is going to happen. I'm really worried about what kind of unfunded mandates are going to come back to us on this."

"I don't care if we apply for the grant, but only if the grant says we don't have to use it right now. I'm not against applying for this grant, but I think we need to get some more information on this before we jump into it."

Ms. Applegate said the county just needed to get a head start on it, seeing what each department needs to do to get coordinated with other departments and not wait until the last minute when all the grants are gone.

Mr. Miller said he wasn't disagreeing, but still felt they needed to take a good look at this before they got in over their heads.

"We want to see the total picture," said Mr. Lang.

"And you can," Ms. Applegate responded, "but you need to not put the blinders on."

"We have to be really careful about what the price tag is going to be and how much we're going to owe when we're done," Mr. Miller said.

Ms. Applegate said right now, they were just doing research to coordinate the county departments. That way, she said, they aren't doing the same thing over and over.

The commission did agree to Ms. Applegate participating in a geographic mapping meeting during the Kansas Association of Counties convention in November in Topeka.



## Turkey and stuffin' and pie, oh my...

Last Saturday, the St. Francis Catholic Parish served well over 500 people during its annual turkey dinner and bazaar. The ladies of the church (above) served up the plates of turkey and all the fixin's, while the Knights of Columbus (right) did the dishes.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



## Medical service does well on inspection

By VERONICA MONIER  
The Norton County Emergency Medical Service got a gold star from the state during its annual inspection.

The inspection Sept. 27 was done by the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, said County Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen.

"We passed with flying colors," he said.

The service also did very well last year. Included in the inspection were reviews of operational and medical protocol, the ambulances and equipment, equipment list, garaging, call schedule, attendants certification cards, daily response record, and the service's quality improvement program.

Randy Cardonell, a specialist who did the inspection, said in his

letter to the county service that "overall the inspection went very well."

He said it was a pleasure meeting the Norton staff and looks forward to working with them in the future.

"I appreciate the time you spent with me in discussing your service and community," the letter said. "I was very impressed with your

documentation on the run reports I reviewed as well as the completeness of all your paperwork.

"Your service takes great care in maintaining the ambulances as well as the garage facility. "It's obvious Norton County EMS takes pride in the care they provide the community."

Mr. Cardonell's report said the Norton County service doesn't

need to fix any problems. "I'm really proud of the department and the staff for the great job they do," said Mr. Nielsen. "They all work really hard."

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## Congressman offering internships at all offices

Congressman Jerry Moran is accepting applications for congressional internships in his Washington, Hays, Hutchinson and Salina offices for the spring term.

Applications are due by Friday, Nov. 18.

Intern responsibilities include assisting the congressman and his staff with legislative and adminis-

trative projects.

To apply, students should submit a completed application, cover letter, résumé, college transcript and three letters of reference. The cover letter should explain their interest in the internship and the goals they hope to achieve by participating.

Application forms can be obtained online at: [www.house.gov/moranks01/internweb.htm](http://www.house.gov/moranks01/internweb.htm).

Students are asked to fax their applications to (202) 225-5124. If students are unable to fax, they can mail them to Congressman Moran's Hutchinson office, Attn: Intern Coordinator, Box 1128, Hutchinson, Kan. 67504.

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Parents are reminded that all USD 211 schools will start two hours late on Monday, October 24

**SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M.**

Buses will run accordingly  
Breakfast will NOT be served  
There will be no morning ECD

USD 211 Teachers will be completing state mandated training in the State reading and math standards. The administration and staff of USD 211 apologizes for any inconvenience this late start may cause.

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