

Team

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Duet; David Mizell and Jacob Mizell, fourth in Duet; Deidre Kramer and Caleb Goss, first in Duet.

With a top two placing, Melinda Becker, Bekah Streck,

Kyra Fulton, Deidre Kramer, and Caleb Goss all qualified themselves for the State Forensics Competition in May. The team next travels to Dighton on Feb. 2 and hosts their invitational tournament on Feb. 12.

Blue Jays

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Joshua Acheson, Reading; Shania Burns, Reading; Brian Clavijjo, Reading; Caitlyn Cox, Math and Reading; Colt Dunaway, Reading; Will Ellis, Math and Reading; Mavrick Engel, Reading; Tyson Gill, Math; Jacob Green, Math and Reading; Caleb Gregerson, Math and Reading; Tyus Henson, Reading; Mitchell Hickman, Math and Reading; Tyler Karabin, Math and Reading; Levi Kendell, Math and Reading; Macayla Kent,

Reading; Kennedy Leibbrandt, Reading; Miah Melvin, Reading; Baylee Miller, Math and Reading; Layton Miller, Math and Reading; Josephine Otter, Math and Reading; Treianne Park, Math and Reading; Jena Risewick, Math and Reading; Collin (Robinson) Long, Math and Reading; Kade Unterseher, Math and Reading; Taylor Wahlmeier, Math and Reading; Trenton Wright, Reading; Harrison Woodyard, Math and Reading.

Party

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Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Commissioner John Miller asked about having apple dumplings for dessert but found out that, at an extra \$2 per person, it wasn't within the budget.

"You just know I love your apple dumplings," Miller said with a regretful smile.

"We really, really want to do it," said Applegate about the appreciation gesture for county employees.

Crews

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gnon for an afghan she received from Commissioner John Miller for her retirement.

- Heard a report from Commissioner Miller on his trip to Topeka for the Kansas Association of Counties Legislative Policy Day.

- Held a 10-minute closed session to discuss non elected personnel with County Clerk Robert Wyatt and a 10-minute closed session for attorney-client privilege with County Attorney Doug Sebelius and the clerk.

- Received a first-place plaque from the Kansas Workers Compensation group for having an exception loss ratios for 2009 for

the county's premium size. The group insures about 63 counties in the state. The county had no workers compensation claims that year.

- Heard that the county's old D-5 dozer is out for bids on internet, economic development site, Next-Tech classifieds and *The Norton Telegram*. Bids are due by Monday, Feb. 14.

- Got the final construction quality control report for the county's new landfill from Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald.

- Heard that the county's workers compensation bill should be lower this year because of its good rating.

Transportation map to get birthday update

In connection with the Kansas sesquicentennial celebration, the new 2011-2012 Official State Transportation Map will focus on 150 years of transportation across the state.

The map has an antique appearance and includes a variety of historical and recent transportation photos. It will feature a barbed wire fence border around the state and a parchment paper background.

In addition, this is the Kansas Department of Transportation's first state map to be created com-

pletely in Geospatial Information System (GIS) and it is one of the first ones in the nation to be produced in this manner.

Geospatial Information System merges cartography, data analysis and database technology.

Maps will be available soon at Kansas Travel Centers, at Kansas Department of Transportation headquarters and district offices and at various hotels, attractions and other locations across the state. Between 800,000 and one million copies of the maps will be printed in the next two years.

Winter carnival delights area kids

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The Winter Carnival is not only for the kids to have fun during the sometimes blah winters, but it is also the Child Study Club's fundraiser to help purchase candy, plastic easter eggs, and prizes for the Scavenger Hunt for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the courthouse.

This year's carnival had games made and operated by the Child Study Club, anything from Plinko to football throwing, cake walks to the bouncy house. Prizes of tickets, food or food tickets could be won at the games. The tickets allowed the winner to put their name in for the chance to pick a prize. All of the wonderfully tasty cupcakes and cookies were made by the club members. Prizes were donated by club members, Dollar General and Pamida let the club purchase items at half price for the event.

Child Study Club President Cheri Brooks said, "We figured

that about 75 children attended the carnival this year, about the same amount as last year. We would like to encourage any mothers to join us as we are down in numbers this year."

Hosting the Easter Egg Hunt is a sizeable undertaking for the group, especially this year since they only have 11 members compared to the usual 20 to 25. If your child has enjoyed the Easter egg hunt every spring, please thoughtfully consider helping disperse the 3,000 eggs onto the courthouse lawn. It usually only takes about an hour. If you are interested in joining our non-profit service organization please contact Cheri Brooks at (785) 693-4527 or Teresa Stewart at 877-6957.

The group also volunteers at other fundraisers including the Norton County Fair and Lenora Jubilee carnival. If you are interested in volunteering an hour of your time during one of those days while your children are playing let them know.



The Norton Child Study Club held their annual carnival for the children of the community on Saturday. Pictured here is Morgan Mapes getting a little help from her Aunt Kayla Foley, digging for money in the corn pile - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

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Dr. Markiewicz is certified in Cardiovascular Disease and General Internal Medicine with the American Board of Internal Medicine; the Board of Nuclear Cardiology; and the Board of Interventional Cardiology. He has presented at many professional conferences, and has researched and published extensively.

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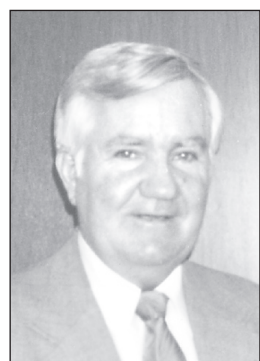


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