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Cheyenne Conference Tournament action from this week, Blue Jay wrestlers win duals Thursday, former Norton wrestlers honored.

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Lenora Hansen

Briefly

Potato bar to be Friday at game

Family, Community and Career Leaders of America from Norton Community High School are hosting a baked potato bar fund raiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria.

Money from the event will go to support the group's community service projects. Cost of the meal is \$5 for a full order; a half order is \$4.

Mrs. Regina Stark is the group's advisor.

Guard offers military cards

Military Retirees won't have to far to drive to obtain an updated identification card. The service will be offered at the Norton National Guard Armory, 1200 North State Street, Norton, on Jan. 24 and 25.

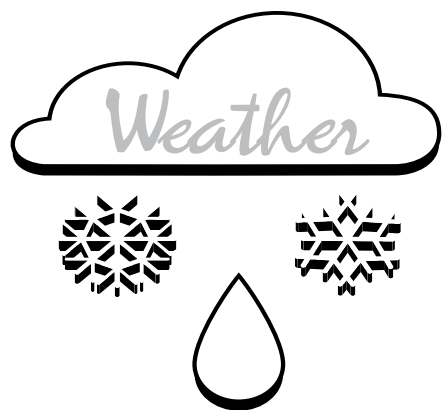
Retirees and their dependents, from all branches of the service, are welcome. Appointments are suggested, but not required. Call 785-877-5103 to schedule an appointment or for additional information.

Animal shoot set for Sunday

The Norton Archery Club will be hosting an IBO animal shoot, beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday at the indoor range in downtown Norton.

The shoot is open to the public. IBO animal targets are different from spot targets in that you cannot see the scoring lines from the shooting line.

For more information, call Harold Mizell at 785-693-4455.

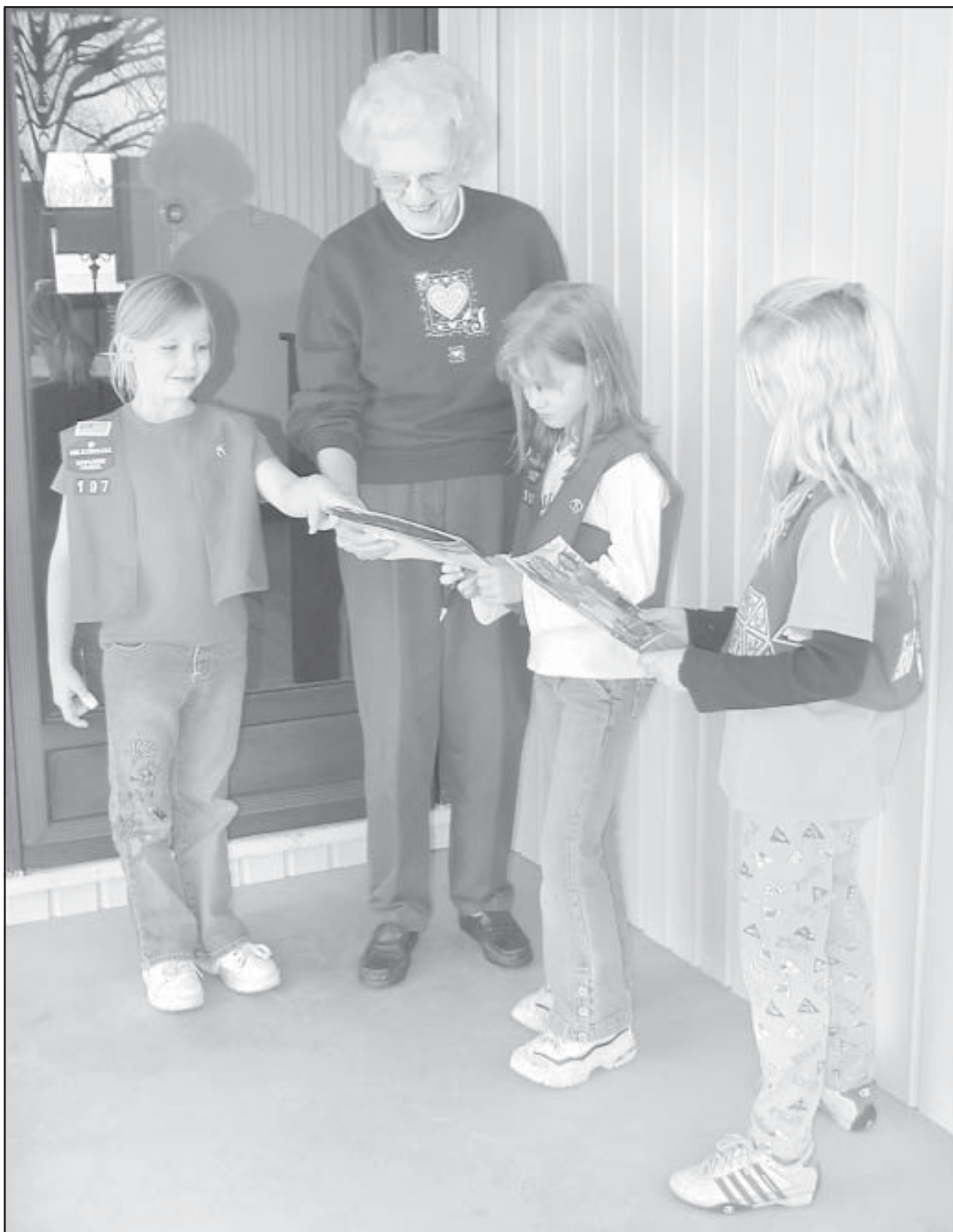


Forecast:

Tonight — Clear with lows in the lower 20s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday** — Increasing clouds with highs in the lower 60s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. South winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the west after midnight. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 50s. **Sunday Night** — Increasing clouds with lows around 30. **Monday** — Breezy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow.

Prayer

Lord, help us to see our brothers' or sisters' needs and realize how, through you, we can meet them. Amen



Doris Winteroth makes her selections from the list of Girls Scout cookies offered by Taylor Dicks, left, Sylvia Estes, next to Mrs. Winteroth and Carmen Ball.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Girl Scouts start cookie sales

Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 197 began selling cookies a week ago. Sales will continue through Monday, Jan. 23. The cookies sell for \$3.50 a box.

All proceeds, after paying the baker,

stays in Northwest Kansas. A portion of the money stays at the council level to support activities. Troops keep 55 cents of every box sold and the girls decide how to spend it. In addition, individual Girl

Scouts earn "cookie dough" which can be used for summer camp, trips, annual dues, uniform components and more.

For more information about Girl Scouts call Lois Rostek 877-3493.

Food show gets 4-H'ers cooking

Norton County 4-H'ers will prepare their favorite recipe and show off their manners as they present the Favorite Food Show Saturday at the 4-H Building.

The program has become a tradition that allows the 4-H'ers an opportunity to try out a favorite dish and design a place setting with their own touch.

The dish may range from a snack to an entree or a dish as part of a main-course meal.

The 4-H members enter their projects at 1 p.m. The consultation judging will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and the exhibits will be open to the public from 2:30-3 p.m. 4-H'ers will visit with the judges about the preparation and serving suggestions of their recipe. They will also talk about nutritional and food safety with the judge.

Committee member Mary Wentz said, "I think they learn more from this than they sometimes do just preparing for the fair."

The 2006 Favorite Food Show committee is made up of Mrs. Wentz, Elaine Lofgreen, Bryce Lofgreen, Katrina Wentz, Lois Wentz, Staci Montgomery and Monica Cole.

New agreement needed for water levels

By CRIS MULDER,
Norton Area Wildlife Manager

The minimum pool agreement responsible for stabilizing declining water levels at Sebelius Reservoir for 2004 and 2005 expired on Dec. 31.

In March of 2004, the Almena Irrigation District and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks entered into a short-term agreement to maintain a water level in Sebelius Reservoir that would ensure more water for fish, wildlife, and recreation interests.

The agreement was made for two years, during which time the irrigation district received payment of \$120,000 per year to not withdraw water until the reservoir elevation reached 2,290 feet above mean

sea level (msl). Under the agreement, once the reservoir elevation reached 2,290 msl, the irrigation district could release water no lower than elevation 2,288 msl. During the agreement, reservoir elevations did not reach 2290 msl. Consequently, no irrigation withdrawals were made. Today, the reservoir elevation is 2286.5 msl, six feet above the level had irrigation withdrawals continued.

The department of wildlife and parks and the irrigation district will be negotiating during the next few months to get a new agreement into effect to keep the pool level higher this year and in the future. However, any future agreements that are made to hold water in the lake will require additional considerations.

The Kansas Division of Water Resources allowed the temporary agreement to move forward last time without any consideration for consumptive water loss due to a higher water level in the reservoir. This time, any agreement will require some retirement of groundwater irrigation rights, to offset the increased consumptive use associated with a higher pool level.

Normally, converting irrigated acres to dry land farming would be an unattractive option for most producers. However, through the Ground and Surface Water Conservation provisions of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, program producers can receive compensation. (Continued on Page 5)

Courthouse roof may need a little extra protection

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Commissioners will be talking to their insurance carrier about the courthouse roof.

Harvey Knoll with Knoll Building Maintenance told the commissioners Monday that he was up on the courthouse roof to fix a leak recently. While up there, he noticed some hail damage and thought that the roof needed to be coated to protect it.

He said coating the roof will add another five years to the 20-year warranty the roof already has.

"The roof already has a 20-year warranty," he said. "This will extend it. Your

warranty ends in 2012 or 2014, sometime around there. I'd have to look up when you did the roof."

Commissioner John Miller said he thought they had the roof done in 1998.

"Well, it'd be 2018 then," Mr. Knoll said. "Recoating will extend that five years. I think the insurance company owes you a coat."

He said there was hail in 1996 and in 2002, but the county didn't make a claim in 2002.

Mr. Miller said there was also hail in 2005, although he didn't know if it hit the courthouse or not.

Mr. Knoll said he had five people in

Norton turn in claims for hail damage in 2005.

"Well, we'd better check with the insurance company before we can OK that," Commissioner Leroy Lang said about recoating the roof.

Mr. Knoll said the insurance company might want to look at the roof. If there was enough hail for five claims, he said, then it's something that needs to be looked at.

Mr. Miller said they would contact the county's insurance provider and have an adjuster come and look at the roof.

In other business, the commissioners:
• Talked with Ambulance Director (Continued on Page 5)

County looks at landfill

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Commissioners are looking at the possibility of combining two pits at the landfill.

Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said a specialist took a tour of the landfill and had a few suggestions to make.

He said it was recommended that the county take out the berm between the first two cells, making them one larger cell. Doing this would allow for more capacity and operational room.

Commissioner John Miller said it sounded like something that would have to be approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment before it could be done.

Commissioner Leroy Lang asked if combining the two cells would allow the equipment to be able to get down there and turn around.

It would, said Mr. Archibald. Mr. Archibald said it's good that they are using the new alternative cover instead of six inches of dirt everyday, because if they continued using the dirt, they would eventually run out.

By the time they got to the last cell, he said, they would run out of dirt halfway through. The alternative cover is doing a good job of helping with that problem.

Now, instead of putting dirt on the trash every day, they use the alternative cover and then put dirt on once every three weeks, he said.

As for mixing the alternative cover, he said they are learning from their mistakes.

"It's trial and error," he said. "But, we're getting better at it."

In other business, the commissioners:

• Heard from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that he has sent out bid requests for motor grader blades and road culverts. Mr. Brannan said he is expecting a price increase on both products. The bids are due on or before Jan. 31.

• Learned from Mr. Brannan that BG Consultants will be doing the bi-annual bridge inspections within the next few weeks.

• Received a general road maintenance report from Mr. Brannan. He said guard rail replacement is scheduled to begin on roads W6 and Q, blading is nearly finished.

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Man has good year in garden



Ed Witt, Norton, displays a monster carrot he raised this year. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

It took some effort, but Ed Witt, Norton, managed to dig up a monster carrot from his garden. Mr. Witt brought the 1 pound 10 ounce vegetable into *The Telegram* office Monday morning where it was weighed on the office scales. He said the only fertilizer used on his garden was from Colip feed-lot. Last year Mr. Witt left his carrots in the ground all winter. He said, "I had some big ones last year, too. But, none like this." This year, he decided to dig them. The carrot measured 2 3/4 inches in diameter and 13 inches in length. He said it was not any exotic variety, "just some old bargain brand". Mr. Witt and his wife, Melba, live 2 1/4 miles south of Norton.

Some changes may be made at landfill

(Continued from Page 1) Andy Nielsen about the envelopes paychecks come in. Mr. Nielsen asked that the envelopes not be sealed in the clerks office. He said he sends out a work schedule at the end of each month and it would be easier and cheaper to mail it with the checks. Commissioner Dean Kruse said he didn't think it was a good idea. Who knows who would see them besides Mr. Nielsen, he said. Paychecks are private, he said. Mr. Miller suggested that Mr. Nielsen put the schedules in the envelopes at the courthouse, that way there wouldn't be a problem. Mr. Kruse said if it was done at the courthouse and wouldn't be a burden on the clerk's office employees. County Clerk Robert Wyatt said the checks were sorted by department, so they are already separate. Mr. Nielsen said they could put the schedules in the envelopes before the paychecks are put in. Mr. Kruse said that would be okay.

Community training set for end of January

The Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas is sponsoring a 2-day community baseline training for anyone who wants to take the initiative in discovering their own views and the views of others regarding alcohol, tobacco and other drug-related concerns in their community. Baseline is created to increase the awareness of the impact that substance abuse has on the individual, the family and the community, and is provided as a tool to help entire communities become actively involved in prevention programming. There is no charge to be attend this program to be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 26 and Jan. 27 at the center, 209 E. 7th St., Hays. Pre-registration is required. The training will include activities, videos, group participation and guest speakers. Manuals will be provided to help in your understanding the workshop concepts. To register contact Jan Denning, 785-625-5521.

Road work is going well throughout county

(Continued from Page 1) on all major collector roads, and crews have moved back on E11 and Q. The road groomer has been over approximately 70 miles of road. Crews are working on sign repair and replacement. He said several signs are being vandalized and need to be replaced. • Heard from Mr. Brannan that he would like to put a couple of new motor graders in the 2006 budget and is looking around. • Went out to the landfill to look things over. They said several things needed to be done like mowing or burning the remaining weeds, removing a fence and leveling the ground, finishing the wind screens and maintaining the landfill equipment.

Agreement up for water level management

(Continued from Page 1) tion for this practice. Participants in this program must not irrigate enrolled acres for four years, and will receive payment of \$100 per acre for three years. This is a Federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services. The program was designed to address water conservation issues. The Prairie Dog Basin is designated as a Quick Response Area that has preference over other areas in the state. The timing of this program couldn't be better, but time is running out for producers to enroll. The application cut-off date is Jan. 20. Local participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program could help make any future agreements for the water in Sebelius less cost prohibitive, and could be important to a "win-win" situation for irrigators and recreational users at Sebelius Reservoir. Irrigators in Norton County can find out more about the program at the conservation office at 785-877-5156.



Members of the Prairie Dog 4-H Club presented Norton Telegram publisher, Tom Dreiling a tray of homemade cookies in appreciation of the paper's support of Norton County 4-H clubs. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:
 Monday — FFA Denver Stock Show; Mid-Continent League Girls Basketball Quarter Finals, Here, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Junior Class, a.p.; Mid-Continent League Boys Basketball Quarter Finals, Here, vs Hill City, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Reading Activity, 8:30 a.m.; SADD, a.p.; Site Council, 5 p.m.
 Thursday — Kays, a.p.; Mid-Continent League Basketball Tourney
 Friday — Jazz, a.p.; Mid-Continent League Basketball Semi-Finals at Hays
 Saturday — Mid-Continent League Basketball Finals at Hays; FFA Ag Ed/Speech Contest at Manhattan
 Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Scholars Bowl, Here, 4 p.m.

Junior High:
 Tuesday — Stucco, a.p.
 Thursday — Stucco Dance, 7-9 p.m.

Eisenhower:
 Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday — CBM Testing, Grade 1, morning; Fifth Grade Knowledge Master Open, 3 p.m.; Team Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
 Thursday — Grade Fifth and Sixth Level Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

All Schools:
 Monday — Teacher Inservice, No School
 Next Monday — Professional Development Council, Alice Tweed Center, 4 p.m.

High School Menus:
 Monday — No School
 Tuesday — Breakfast: S'Mores snack treat, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup and crackers, broccoli and cauliflower salad, applesauce or chef salad, milk
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Hard boiled egg, sausage links, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Burrito, lettuce and shredded cheese, corn, hot roll, chocolate sheet cake, milk
 Thursday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken fry patty, whipped potatoes with country gravy, hot roll, carrots, pears or chef salad, milk
 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

NORTHERN VALLEY
 Monday — High School Dance Team Practice in Alma; No School, Teacher Inservice at Logan, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Tuesday — High School Cheerleading Practice at Alma, 7:15 a.m.; Dance Team will perform at Halftime of A-Team Boys; Bus Drivers Meeting at Long Island, 8:45 a.m.; High School Basketball vs Southern Valley at Alma, 3:15 p.m.
 Thursday — High School Dance Team Practice in Alma; Bald Eagle Day program at Kirwin

for Grades Fifth and Sixth, 12 noon, Program at 9:30 a.m., Tour at 10:30 a.m.; K-8 Pep Rally in Alma, 3 p.m.; Junior High Basketball vs Eastern Heights at Alma, Start with C-Team Girls followed by B-Team Girls, B-team Boys, etc., 4 p.m.
 Friday — Ag Ed Speech Contest at Manhattan; Post Prom Potato Bar during Game; High School Cheerleading Practice at Alma, 7:15 a.m.; John Phillip Sousa Honor Band at Lawrence, 11 a.m.; High School Pep Rally at Alma in the Big Gym, 3:10 p.m.; High School Basketball vs Logan at Alma, Dance Team will Perform at Halftime, Post Prom Potato Bar during game, 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday — KSU Ag Ed Speech Contest at Manhattan; John Phillip Sousa Honor Band at Lawrence

Northern Valley Menus:
 Monday — No School
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon/raisin biscuit, scrambled eggs, pineapple, cereal assortment; Lunch: Chicken-n-noodles, whole wheat French bread, mashed potatoes, broccoli, peach half, milk
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Ham/cheese biscuit, peaches, cereal assortment; Lunch: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, hot roll, peas, vanilla pudding, milk
 Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast taco, pineapple juice, cereal; Lunch: Stromboli, tri-taters, green beans, pineapple ring, peanut butter cookie, milk
 Friday — Peanut butter and jelly French toast/syrup, pears, cereal assortment; Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, hot roll, peas and carrots, apple crisp, milk

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