

Breath takers



The African Acrobats performed Wednesday at the Logan School Gymnasium. Their performance was sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum through the Bureau of Lectures Program. The acrobats performed gymnastics, rope jumping, juggling, contortions, human pyramid building, limbo, balancing and hoop diving. About 550 people attended including students from Logan, Phillipsburg, Kensington, Northern Valley and Lenora.

-Photo courtesy of Shirley Henrickson

Area coach back on the court

By Patty Decker

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Colby Community College head basketball coach John Woods was given a one-year reprieve by the trustees at last Monday's board meeting.

Woods, who will begin his fourth season as head coach, was initially asked to resign Tuesday, Feb. 26, by Colby College President Dr. Lynn Kreider and Athletic Director Duane Arntt due to dissatisfaction with the men's basketball program.

However, after weighing-in comments from Woods at the beginning of the Monday meeting, the trustees offered him another season.

Mark Winger, board member, speaking for all the trustees said that while they are not satisfied with the men's basketball program and where it is at right now, they were willing to give it another year and see what develops.

Prior to board consensus, Woods told the board that if they keep him on, he would make adjustments.

"I think you need to ask yourselves two questions," he said, "What could you have done different — and what if we give you

another year?"

Woods said one thing he would have done different is not put up with some of the attitudes, admitting he had some selfish players.

"Normally, I would have gotten rid of such players," he said, adding he wouldn't make that same mistake next year.

As for next year, Woods said he has a team that equates to nine high school juniors coming back for their senior year.

Adding new recruits in, Woods believes it won't be the same kind of season the Trojans had this year.

He also addressed the decision by Kreider and Arntt asking for his resignation and if the board voted for another year, it would be a win-win for everyone.

"Whether you (the trustees) vote for or against (staying), the vote would be for these young men and the opportunity for them to play together," he said.

He added that by keeping him on, it wouldn't be going against

the president or athletic director because Woods said he sees it as everyone winning.

"When the players win," he said, "we all win by looking out for the interest of the students and for the community."

Board President Arlen Leiker said he was not happy with the program this year and how some players were missing practices.

"This is not acceptable and shouldn't be tolerated in any sport," Leiker said.

The taxpayers, he said, put out money for their (the athletes) education and when some students don't show up for practice, the public believes we need to be held accountable.

Wood said he agreed and he will make the commitment.

"I did not put up with missing practices the first year and this year I did put up with it," he said.

Woods reiterated he put up with selfish players and bad attitudes some this year, but would not tolerate it next year.

Eggs outnumber bunnies

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fingers and baskets could hold.

The annual event is sponsored by the Norton Child Study Club, a group of mothers with children 12 years old or less.

The group has been putting on the annual egg hunt for 20 years or more, members said.

"My Mom used to be in it (the club)," said group member Angie Bird as she looked up old records showing that the group has been active in the Norton area since at least the late 1980s.

Each year, she said, they ask a teen-ager to be the Easter Bunny because the members are all too busy taking pictures, putting out eggs and setting up the grounds and signs and running a scavenger hunt for older children, to do that too. This year, she said, Lucy, the daughter of a member, volunteered for the job.

And it was quite a job. Besides holding frightened babies and overly excited youngsters, she got to smile for more than two solid hours while wearing face paint and a white, furry costume

with gloves. She also worked the grounds during the egg hunting and helped sort out scavenger hunt booty.

The club charges \$3 for a picture with the Easter Bunny. In years past the pictures were taken with a Polaroid camera. However, since film is no longer available, this year a digital camera was used and pictures were run out of an Epson picture mate.

Club members said they liked the digital photos a lot better than the old Polaroids but it did take about one minute per picture to print the photos off.

While there was no way of knowing exactly how many children and parents were in attendance, the courthouse square was divided into four sections, each for an age group ranging from infant through third grade.

In the infant section the youngsters aged up to 1 got first crack at the prizes. After about a minute and a half of very little ones picking up a piece or two, the 2 year olds were allowed to get a couple of minutes to find their piece or two of sugary treats. Then the

3 year old were allowed in to clean up the rest. By that age the youngsters knew pretty well what they were doing and the treasures disappeared into baskets and bags in short order.

Not as quickly, however, were the next three age groups of 4 and 5 year olds, kindergarten and first graders and second and third graders, who know their stuff and were out to fill those baskets, which were plain, with feathers and fur, or shaped like rabbits and cars.

After the grounds had been swept of edibles, most families headed home to enjoy the candy and wash sticky hands and faces.

Club members, meanwhile, picked up the roping and signs used to fence off the four sections of courthouse lawn, and moved the ingredients for a successful hunt into the courthouse basement until next year.

The bunny went to get changed and parents who hadn't picked up their pictures stopped by to get them at the front door.

Any leftover photos were to be left at The Norton Telegram office to be picked up.

Scavenger hunt keeps kids busy

By Cynthia Haynes

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You couldn't take a bike or car and within an hour you needed to bring back 20 items ranging from a purple button to a 2007 calendar.

Thirteen teams of fourth, fifth and sixth graders took up the challenge.

Each team had a maximum of four members and they had one hour — from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday to collect all 20 items or as many as they could and return to the Norton County courthouse with their hauls.

The first team back with all the items would be declared the winner. If no one got all the items, each of which had a point value, the team that got back the soonest with the highest point value would be declared the winner.

Items could be begged, bought, borrowed or belong to one of the lookers.

Eleven teams came back, the first arriving back at 2:08 but with only 18 or the 20 items.

Scavengers were looking for: a 2007 calendar worth 3 points, a

paper plate with flowers, 4 points; a character band aid, 5 points; a red bread twist tie, 6 points; a cassette tape, 10 points; a 1980s penny, 3 points; a toothpick, 1 point; a Kool-Aid packet, 3 points; a men's sports team tie, 8 points; a muffin baking cup, 6 points; a purple button, 7 points; a colored paper clip, 3 points; an empty egg carton, 5 point; a plastic fork or spoon, 5 points; a piece of plastic wrap, 3 points; a Jamboree sale flyer, 4 points; a rock, 3 points; an earring, 3 points; plastic or silk flowers, 5 points, a diaper, 7 points; and a tea bag, 5 points.

Each participant got a candy bar from Norton Shop and Save or Jamboree Foods and a certificate

for an ice cream treat from Dairy Queen. The winners got their choice of a gift certificate from Pizza Hut or Adventures in Eating. All the prizes were donated by the participating businesses.

First place went to Johnnye Ruder, Katelyn Engelbert and Jared Shelton. Second went to Nick and Meaghan Peterson and third to Raenee Patterson, Morgan Griffey, Adriana Ankenman and Rachel Jones.

The scavenger hunt, like the Easter Egg hunt, which was going on for the younger children about the same time, is sponsored each year by the Norton Child Study Club, a group of mothers with children under the age of 12.

Subscription Line: 785 877-3361

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Clayton Cemetery Association

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008

Clayton Methodist Church
To Review Annual Budget
JK Gallentine, Secretary/Treasurer

GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, sericea lespedeza, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian, knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Norton County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

(1.) Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,

(2.) Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds.

Additional information may be obtained from the Norton County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 901 S. Kansas, Topeka, KS 66612.

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Members and Guests Welcome

SO GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Enjoy the Evening of Saturday, April 19 with the Norton County Arts Council

Dine first and then dance to the music of JIMMY DEE AND THE FABULOUS DESTINATIONS Norton American Legion

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.; Dance: 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Dinner and Dance-\$25; Dance Only-\$10 for Non-Members

Dinner tickets must be purchased by April 11.

See Carol at First State Bank or Karla at the Chamber Office or

Mail Check to NCAC, PO Box 225, Norton, KS 67654

TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU

Vehicle, Antiques, Household & Collectibles Auction

Denning, Rowh, Atkinson, Roberts & Others

Saturday ~ March 29, 2008

9:00a.m. Coins will sell ~ Rest of Sale to follow.

4-H Building ~ Park Street ~ Norton, Kansas

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VEHICLE:

1987 Dodge Diplomat, 4 Door, 318 Motor, 56,000 miles. (Consigned by Doris Clydesdale)

Advertising Items, Antique Specialty Items, Appliances, Camping Items, Collections, Crocks, Dishes, Feature Items, Furniture, Household Accessories, Jewelry, Linens, Music Items, Office Equipment, Paper Goods, Sewing Items, Special Item, Sports Items, Tools, Toys and Children's Items, Traps, Wood, Metal, Steel, Yard

Auctioneer Notes: This sale is a celebration of four people who have downsized to move to the new Bieber Cottages in Norton, KS and one has purchased a different home. There is a nice run of small items, especially with all the collections and specialty items. You will find several choices for appliances, different styles of furniture and lots of odds and ends. The tools are in good shape. The car belongs to Doris Clydesdale and just needs a new owner. It's a good sale and hopefully the end of March will find the weather like a lamb! See you there!

Duane R. McEwen

Auctioneer - Salesperson

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