

In the last two years, developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Inc., along with other Kansas service providers for people with developmental disabilities, have had to make significant reductions to its workforce, as well as, dramatic cuts to the services they provide.

In 1009, the service restructured services for people with developmental disabilities across northwest Kansas due to a funding shortfall and rising costs which eliminated 14 positions, affecting 20 staff. In July of 2009, a cut of \$496,000 was handed down to the developmental service which meant additional erosion, including closures, consolidation, service terminations and job loss. An

additional 25 staff positions were affected. In the most recent round of cuts, Governor Parkinson's announced budget allotments equated to yet another \$665,000 loss in revenue for the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas for this fiscal year, the period January to June, 2010. The service was required to scramble once again to balance an already depleted budget.

"The Developmental Service of Northwest Kansas has worked hard to remain fiscally responsible and to be good stewards of the system making changes that minimize the negative impact on the individuals we serve and on our staff. With the latest round of cuts, we are dangerously close to compromising the services that we are called to carry out,"

said Jerry Michaud, the services' president. Repercussions from this most recent round of finding reductions includes the elimination of 16 additional positions, reduction in hours for several other positions throughout our northwest Kansas region and once again increases in caseloads for its Service coordinators. The staff is being stretched further and further to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities in northwest Kansas.

Unfortunately, even after the service has implemented these latest cuts, the organization remains short of reconciling the "\$665,000 budget reduction.

"We know our work is not finished and we will need to continue our planning efforts.

We will continue to consider our limited, options, those internal as well as external to respond to the chronic funding shortfalls in our system," said Mr. Michaud. These are distressing times for everyone, especially for people with developmental disabilities and their families. We sincerely hope that our State Legislators will take the necessary measures to reverse the damage cast upon the community service system; a system which relies heavily on the financial commitment of our great state to its citizens with disabilities. Mission driven, non-profit providers like Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas were established to meet the needs of our most valuable citizens."

Old Fashioned box supper planned

The Bird City American Legion Hall will be the place to be for the "Old Fashioned Boxed Supper" auction that will be held on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and hosted by the Bird City 125-year Celebration activities committee. The auction is a fund raiser to help with events and festivities on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and hosted by the Bird City 125-year Celebration activities committee. The auction is a fund raiser to help with events and festivities on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and hosted by the Bird City 125-year Celebration activities committee.

Everyone will have a great time bringing a favorite meal in a "box" of their own creation that will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Then the buyers get the chance to eat their prize with the person who made the meal. The quasiquintennial belt buckles will be available for purchase.

Students race cars

Amy Hendricks' freshman, general science class, wrapped up their unit on forces and motion with a bag of pieces with instructions that it is a mousetrap car.

"I didn't give them any directions on how to build their cars," said Mrs. Hendricks. "They would have to figure it out through inquiry how to fit the pieces together."

Each student had fun putting their own mousetrap car together and once the cars were built, they had to answer questions based on the concepts they had been studying in class. Questions that were asked regarded Newton's three laws, friction, kinetic and potential energy.

Mrs. Hendricks said then the students were able to race their cars against each other. Not only were the students having fun, it also brought out their competitive nature as well.



(l to r) Austin Cobb, Josh Keltz, Jessie Smith, Adam Orten, Stephanie Busse, Keenan Reeh, Cassie Rucker, try out their own mousetrap box cars.

Photo courtesy of Susan Jensen

Letter to Editor

To the editor:

I have been following the fate of the old lumberyard property in the Bird City Times and Century II pamphlet the last several months. At first I thought it was the finish of the old Griffin lumberyard. Regardless, it is with a touch of nostalgia that I write this note.

Growing up, the two lumberyards became great places to hide and play. Both were just a hop, skip and jump away from my childhood home. But, as you know, nothing is very far away in Bird City. That is one of the many advantages of growing up in a small community.

Anyway, there were countless ways to access the "play areas" and to "re-access" the properties if we were found and told to vacate the premises, which we were, sometimes several times a day. That was part of the fun I think.

Neal Leathers and Kenny Will were kept busy chasing us out of the Co-op yard. They probably felt that it was part of their job description.

One particular time Mr. Leathers came storming in the west door and we exited the east one. Lyle Smith was screaming the whole way and almost became hung up getting over the gate in the northeast corner of the property. It might have been his first time in the "yard."

As far as the Griffin yard, I can still see Guy Long coming out the side office door and shooing us off. Many times he could not even see us but knew we were there.

Mr. Griffin himself, sometimes did us the honor of telling us to go home...not necessarily in those words though.

Derald Sawyer, good friend and fellow "lumberyardite," and I have often talked about those days and what would have happened if all that wood had fallen on us as we crawled on the ground under

all of it. We probably would not have been found until years later as they were demolished.

I am sure razing the old Co-op yard or what was left of it has made an unbelievable difference in the downtown area as it had seen better times. Frankly, though, I preferred them both when they were viable parts of the community and places for youngsters to explore and play in.

Kent Chapman
Emporia

**7th Annual
Scott City Quilt Guild
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Friday, February 19th — 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 20th — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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APPLIANCES - FURNITURE - HOUSEHOLD - GLASSWARE

Gibson Upright Deep freezer; Crosley 7 cu. Ft. Chest Type Deep freezer; Pacemaker SX Pro Soft Step Treadmill; Cookshack Smoker Oven, Model 008, on Stand; 8 bags Royal Oak Natural Wood Charcoal; (2) Love Seats, Beige; (2) Twin Beds w/ frames & headboards; (3) Curio Cabinets w/ Glass Shelves, lighted; (4) Oak End Tables; Queen Bedroom Set: Bed, Chest of Drawers, Dresser; (2) Elec. Hospital Beds; Desk; Couch; Rocker & Rocker Recliner; Dresser w/ Mirror; Queen Mattress, box springs, frame, headboard; Daybed; Overstuffed Chair; Kenmore Microwave; Equiflow Food Dehydrator; Mitsubishi 32" Color TV on Stand; Lots of Entertaining Serving Items; Magazine Rack; TV Console; Office Chair; Lane Cedar Chest; Rocker & Overstuffed Chair, beige; Salt Rock Lamp; (4) Floor Lamps (7) Tables Lamps; (2) Card tables w/ 3 chairs; Large Aquarium; Carpet & Pad; Large Stone Stand; Cookbooks; Wicker Chair; Bar Stool; (2) Hunter Humidifiers; Kosta Boda Sweden Candle Holders; Table Linens; (2) Post office box Banks, #634, #165; Apple Peeler; Tree Root Display; Mamma Ro Italy Saucers & Cups; Music Boxes; Copper Pot India; (2) Large Red Hurricane Globes; Several Longaberger Baskets; Noble Excellence Dinnerware; Crystal Dishes & Vases; Several Brass Bells, Switzerland; (2) 10", (3) 6" Vornado Fans; Bird Feeders; Kodak 475 Movie Deck; Imperial Noodle Machine; Cuisinart Mini Prep Processor; (4) Rose Bud Vases; (8) Tumblers; (10) Margarita Glasses; Pflanzgraff Coffee Server; Chatal Saute 3 qt. Casserole w/ Lid; Several Chafing Dishes w/ Burners; Chatal Chafing Dishes w/ Burner; Round Bread Baker; Martini Shaker; Coffee Press; Pyrex, Casserole Dishes & Pie Pans; Vacuum Containers; Serving Trays; Round Cutting Block; 10 Bodum Tea Cups w/ Cork; Several Ramekins; Jerky Cannon; BBQ Accessories; Hallmark Items; Brass Décor Items; Pie Slicers

SHOP TOOLS - LAWN & GARDEN - MISC.

Walker Riding Mower w/ Grass handling system, 40" cut, 448 hrs., 0 Turning Radius, Always Shredded; Pour-Kraft Dual Action Sander; Tree Saw; Rockwell Table Saw w/ 7" Blade; Craftsman 1 1/4 hp router w/ table; Ventamatic Maxx Portable Air Circulator; Chicago Elec. Tile Saw, Model 30020; 16" Delta Variable Scroll Saw on Stand; DeWalt 7730 Radial Arm Saw, 10" Blade on Stand; Spurs; Tool Belts; Misc. Fishing Equipment; Soldering Gun; Battery Charger; Tuff Trax Cart; TR High Torque Kawasaki Trimmer Mower; Stihl HS 45 Gas Hedge Trimmer; Wagoner 2000 Power Painter; Hammers & Screwdrivers; Makita Finishing Sander; J-Clamps; (3) Igloo Coolers; Several Lunch Box Coolers; Floor Jack; Fertilizer Spreader; Featherlite XT200 Weed eater; Levels, Trimmers; Extension Cords; Shovels, Pitch Forks, Trimmers, Ice Tongs; Drafter Tools; 14, Shade Screen; Tiki Torches; (2) Hand Sprayers; (6) Bags Green Master Fertilizer; (3) Bags Grubex

GAMES - TOYS

500-600 MatchBox Toys, some new in Box; Dart Board; Ceramic Chess Set; Lionel Train w/ Track & Controller; Match Box Farm Set; Misc. Fisher Price Toys; JD 6600 Combine; Model Toys, Adams Road Grader; Model Toys, Dump Wagon; JD 7520, 4WD Tractor; 1370 Case Tractor; Misc. Wagons & Trailers; Lots of Legos; No. 8.5 All Electric Erector Set; (2) Sets of Zometool Building Sets; (2) Master Sets of Blocks & Marbles; 300 or More Ty Collectible Beanie Babies; VCR tapes; Misc. Games; Harry Potter Books & Tapes; Harry Potter Dobby Statue; Stamps & Coins; Kodak Carousel Projector; Lots of Books; Teaching Aids

SEASONAL ITEMS

Broadman Santa; Santa Chiminea; Lots of Christmas Decorations; Boyds Bear Teddy Bear; Crystal Christmas Tree; Christmas Puzzles; Waechersbach Christmas ware; 12 Red Charger Plates; Many Christmas Lights; 40" Christmas Wreath; Large Wood Santa; (4) Large Elec. Pumpkins

ANTIQUES

4 gal. Western Crock; (2) Childs Oak Chairs; Wooden Ice Cream Freezer; (2) Kerosene Lanterns; (2) Milk Pails; 20 qt. Cream Can; 8 qt. Sausage Stuffer; Glass Washboard; Old Phone; Old Scale; Granite Pots; Wooden Trunk; Tin Toys; Kerosene Heater; Cream Can; (2) Old Tricycles; Old High Chair

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