

# Commissioners get report on developmental services

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Commissioners met with representatives of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Monday afternoon.

Retiring President Jim Blume told the commissioners it was the last time he would be meeting with them and introduced them to the new president Jerry Michand. He said Mr. Michand has been with the agency for 15 years.

Mr. Blume said, as a non-profit organization, developmental services usually just squeaks by.

"I think we've been good stewards of your money," he said. "We certainly appreciate all of the support you've given us over the years."

He said there are 97 people on the waiting list for services in Northwest Kansas including three in Norton County.

Mr. Blume also said the agency possibly would remodel the Grant House in Norton so it could keep its license. He said they can't move

to a new house because licenses can't be transferred and the government isn't giving out any new ones.

He said nothing was final yet. Mr. Blume said last year the agency spent \$664,000 in Norton County. All of the money the county puts into the agency, it gets back, he said.

"It's a return on our investment," said Commissioner John Miller. "There is no doubt about that."

Mr. Blume said the agency serves 17 people, which costs more than \$1 million.

Most of those people need around-the-clock service, he said.

Federal and state money provides \$1,043,000 which is less than the \$1,079,000 it costs to take care of those 17 people.

The county gives \$54,000 to help offset the costs.

"If you could just keep on with what you're doing, we'd appreciate it," said Mr. Blume.

In other business, the commis-

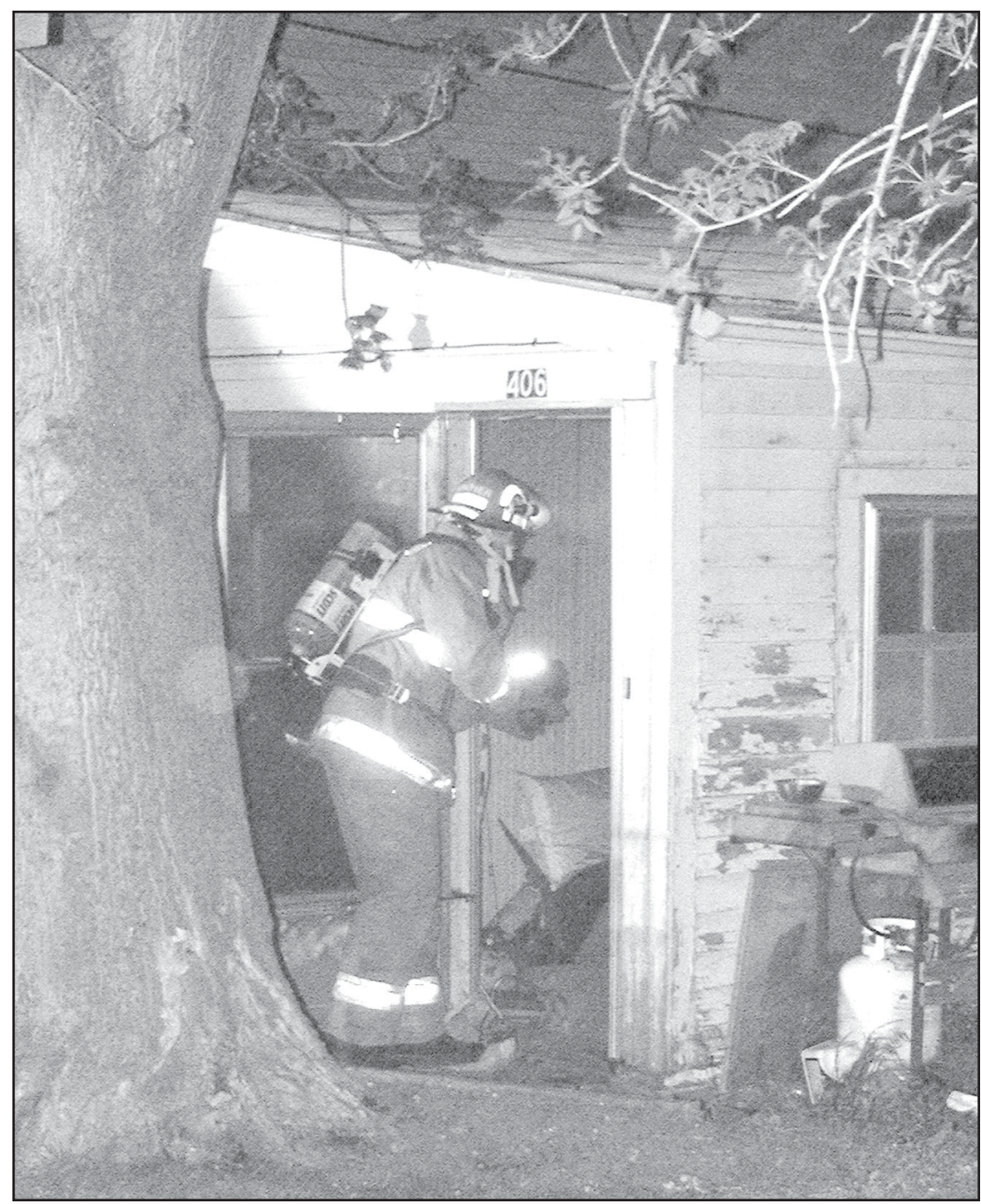
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- Heard from Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen that Emergency Medical Service Week is May 15-21. He said the service will be having an open house on Thursday, May 19, and would be in Almena on Wednesday, May 18 to help with a drill involving a mock explosion in the chemistry room at Northern Valley High School.

- Held a 15-minute closed session for non-elected personnel with Mr. Nielsen. The session was cut short when Mr. Nielsen had to leave on an emergency call.

- Accepted a bid from Norton Sports Center for \$4,485 for a Yamaha Bruin four-wheeler for the county's noxious weed department. The other bid turned in was from Day Motor Sports in WaKeeney for \$4,899 for a Kawasaki.

The four-wheeler is to replace a three-wheeler, which is considered unsafe and is a liability for workmen's compensation insurance.



The Norton City Fire Department was on the spot Thursday night when they were called to a fire at 406 N. Wabash around 11 p.m. The full story will be in Tuesday's edition of *The Norton Telegram*.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier



A clarinet trio of Eisenhower Elementary students played in a sixth grade band recital April 27. They played *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* by Mozart. The musicians are, from left, Dustyna Sprigg, Melinda Becker and Melissa Byler.

— Photo by Charlotte Stephenson

## CORRECTION

In the Tuesday, May 3 edition of *The Norton Telegram*, a story about activities at the Norton Senior Center omitted the name of Angela Bird who is also a Vita-Band instructor. Susan Engelbert conducts the class on Monday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and Ms. Bird teaches the class on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Complete information was not

submitted to *The Telegram*.

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THE NORTON TELEGRAM

## The Andbe Home Residents and Staff Invite You to Celebrate

### EVENTS:

**SUNDAY, MAY 8 —**

2:30 p.m. Activity Room - Mother's Day Tea, "I Remember Mama"

**MONDAY, MAY 9 —**

10 a.m., Flag Ceremony, Front Porch; 2:30 p.m., Remembering the Home Front

**TUESDAY, MAY 10 —**

5 p.m., American Inspirations — Horses, Apple Pie Bakeoff and More  
6 p.m., Family Dinner, Activity Room; 7 p.m., Program with Abner Williams, Speaker

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 —** 2:30 p.m., Red, White and Blue Service, Activity Room

**THURSDAY, MAY 12 —** 10 a.m., Garden Club; 2 p.m., Movie

**FRIDAY, MAY 13 —** 11 a.m., Picnic — Staff and Residents; 4:30 p.m., Kid's Hall Parade

**SATURDAY, MAY 14 —** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Flower and Plant Show, Activity Room

## ANDBE HOME EMPLOYEES:

EMPLOYEE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Shari Archer	4 Years
Vicki Baker	1 Year
*Sharon Batson	24 Years
Belinda Bauer	4 Years
Heather Bausch	1 Year
Dawn Bevell	18 Years
Sherland Bietz	28 Years
Katie Blair	35 Years
Tamara Browning	1 Year
Amanda Burns	1 Year
Trevor Burns	1 Year
Nikki Cook	4 Years
Cami Cornelius	2 Years
Connie Dale	15 Years
Savannah Davis	1 Year
Tracy Engelhardt	14 Years
Dawn Fawcett	5 Years
*Patty Fisher	3 Years
Crystal Franco	1 Year
Daniel Frye	1 Month
Renne Galgocy	1 Year

Jennifer Garrison	1 Year
Michael Garrison	1 Year
Karen Gebhard	22 Years
Ellen Gibson	1 Year
Janelle Glaze-Shinn	8 Months
Patty Goodman	7 Years
Patricia Gordine	6 Months
Leota Goss	6 Years
Wanda Graham	24 Years
Pamela Hansen	1 Year
Jake Harrington	8 Years
Shelley Harshbarger	2 Years
Brian Hartman	18 Years
Susie Harvey	3 Years
Mary Herring	8 Months
*Becky Hopson	22 Years
Teresa Horacek	9 Months
Jennifer Bausch-Karabin	4 Years
Donna Kentfield	1 Year
Karen Kitzke	7 Years
Katherine Kohr	2 Years
Tara Lahr	1 Year

Heidi Lane	6 Months
Dorothy Lueschen	12 Years
Mary Mann	11 Years
*Ila Marble	7 Years
Kerry Markin	1 Year
Ronda Marsh	1 Year
Carol Mayo	20 Years
*Darlene McEwen	19 Years
*RoseAnn Miller	10 Years
Jarrod Moppin	1 Year
Judy Moppin	4 Years
Diane Morey	1 Month
Amanda Morgan	8 Months
*Donna Mulford	2 Years
Marten Pacheco	1 Year
Cassidy Palmer	1 Year
*Coni Park	3 Years
Marla Pensinger	1 Year
April Pinzensham	1 Year
Crista Rhoades	1 Year
Terri Rhoades	2 Years
*Joyce Rima	28 Years

*Dawn Risewick	8 Years
Charlotte Roberts	30 Years
Viola Rozinski	3 Years
Kathy Runnion	8 Years
Christy Rutherford	13 Years
*Jackie Rutherford	26 Years
Melinda Segura	1 Year
Kay Shewey	4 Years
Wendy Sloan	1 Year
Jon Stanton	2 Years
Kasey Stanton	6 Months
James Stark	1 Year
Mary Lou Steinhaus	1 Year
*Joyce Tien	14 Years
Noel Tier	16 years
Carla Trujillo	1 Year
Deborah Wilson	2 Years
Carolynne Wiseman	24 Years
Jane Wyatt	6 Months
LeAnn Wyatt	1 Year

\*Denotes Department Supervisors

