



Cathryn Leiker, left, presented a packet of seeds, as an appreciation gift to healthcare providers, to Physicians Assistant Julie Seifers, center, and Dr. Glenda Maurer. RoseAnn Miller, and Darlene McEwen, Andbe Home staff personnel looked on.

— Photo courtesy of Darlene McEwen

## Andbe Home honors Norton doctors

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Dr. Glenda Maurer, Dr. Ruben Silan, Dr. Jeff McKinley, P.A. Julie Seifers and P.A. Trish McCartney were honored March 30 at the Andbe Home with a Doctor's Appreciation Luncheon. This day has been set aside as Doctor Appreciation Day in America since 1933. It was March 30, 1842, when Dr. Crawford W. Long became the first noted physician to use ether as an anesthetic agent in a surgical technique. This

day honors physicians and the progress made in medicine.

Dr. Glenda Maurer and Physician's Assistant Julie Seifers were the two honored guests. After a welcome from Andbe Home administrator, Kent Blake, Dr. Maurer and her husband, Dale Carlson, performed two ballroom dances.

A luncheon followed served by Patty Fisher, Certified Dietary Manager. A tablecloth that once belonged to resident Aileen Boxler was used on the luncheon table. Afterward, Helen Roach

gave some advice to other residents when dealing with their doctors.

She said, "Don't argue with your doctor. They have inside information." She whispered an aside to the crowd, "I'm not sure I agree with that."

Wava Hickert read a humorous poem with a serious ending titled "Docs".

As a remembrance of the day, residents presented Dr. Maurer and P.A. Seifers with packets of seeds.

## Councilman thinks economic development could do better

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budget. But, he said, he doesn't think the city has gotten anything out of its investment yet.

Mrs. Foley, who is one of the council representatives on the board, told Mr. Briery that he should come to a meeting to see what they do and tell the board his opinion. It's an open meeting, she said, so anyone can come.

Mr. Briery said he hasn't gone to the economic development meeting before because he's not on the board and wouldn't have a say in what the board does.

Mrs. Foley said the board is willing to listen to anyone who comes and take their opinions and thoughts into consideration. She invited him to come to the next meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the requested change orders for the sewer plant renovation project with the exception of a change order for \$15,210 for additional electrical work requested by BRB Contractors with a vote of 3-1 with Mr. Briery voting no. Greg Werner of Miller and Associates, the city's engineers for the project, said most of the change orders were requested by Miller and Associates. However, he said he asked BRB for more information on their request for electrical work and they hadn't gotten back to him yet. The money to pay for the change orders is coming out of a contingency plan that was written into the project's budget.

Mr. Briery said he heard they are using fly ash with the concrete and wanted to see the concrete supplier's mix design. Mr. Werner said he would get that information to the city.

- Heard from Mayor David Corns that the Northwest Kansas Library System is having a 2007 tour of libraries within the system on April 24. The tour will begin at 8 a.m. at the Sheridan County Library in Hoxie.

- Learned that a letter of resignation was received from Police Chief Lynn Menagh for the purpose of retirement, effective April 17. Mayor Corns asked staff to advertise for the Chief of Police position with a 30-day deadline.

- Rejected the offer of Roger and Michael Moffet, regarding the properties at 205 S. State Street and 212 S. Kansas. The property

on State Street has received notice of environment violations and needs to be demolished, and the property on Kansas is on the National Register of Historic Properties. The Moffets offered to sell both properties to the city for a total of \$15,000. The motion to reject the offer tied 2-2 with Mrs. Foley and Mr. Gaer voting no. Mrs. Foley felt that new terms should have been looked at. Mayor Corns broke the tie with a vote in favor of rejecting the offer.

- Agreed to allow city crews to assist Joe Durham with the baseball park as time allows. Mr. Durham said they've made some improvements to the field, including buying a new batting cage. But, he said, they could use help tearing down the old cage and putting up the new one.

- Waived the formal second reading of Ordinance 1559, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement with the State of Kansas for a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund to pay for the water plant renovation project.

- Heard from Mayor Corns that he would be signing proclamations declaring April as Fair Housing Month and April 22-28 as the Week of the Young Child.

- Learned from City Attorney Karen Griffiths that Toby Kuhn, chairman of the Housing Authority Board for the Norton Manor, called the city to request that the property the Manor's carpools were on be deeded to the housing

authority. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the property be in possession of the housing authority, since HUD gives the Manor funding.

Mr. Briery said the Finance Committee told them that a representative of the Housing Authority Board needed to come to the Finance Committee to make the request. Mr. Kuhn has been invited to the Finance Committee meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 16.

- Authorized City Administrator Rob Lawson to spend up to \$19,000 to buy two dump trucks from the Department of Transportation, rather than the \$15,000 which the council had previously authorized to buy one dump truck. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote. Councilman Kelly Gaer abstained as he works for the Department of Transportation.

- Heard from Mr. Briery that he would like speed bumps re-installed on the road going through Elmwood Park. He said several parents have asked that this be done for the safety of their children. Mr. Lawson said something would be done.

- Passed a motion to begin picking up yard waste. The motion passed 3-1 with Councilman Jerry Jones voting no.

- Heard that Jill Lively will be the pool manager again this year. Mr. Lawson said he will be meeting with Cheri Brooks and Klaire Mann about swimming lessons.

## Program allows drop-outs diplomas

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Mr. Mann said the center would be located in the old East Campus drafting room. The district will have to pay for equipment costs and the ongoing costs, such as the utilities. But, he said, the district

already pays for most of those anyway with the room empty. Utilities and custodian costs will go up and a phone line will need to be added.

The contract with ESSDAK will be renewed yearly and can be terminated by either side at any time with 60 days notice.

High School Principal Rudy Perez said learning centers are great programs and this is something that Norton really needs.

"The bottom line," said Mr. Walker, "is giving second chances. I just wish you'd give some second chances."

He said they also open up the center to grandparents who want to learn how to email their children and grandchildren and for those having small computer problems.

The board adopted the program and signed the contract.

## Tobacco will soon be off limits

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Tobacco products, she said, include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco. School property includes all real property, including parking lots and athletic facilities, and personal property, including vehicles, which are owned, leased or rented by or for the district.

Mrs. Menagh said people who are caught using tobacco products will be asked to stop. If they don't comply, she said they will be asked to leave and if they continue to refuse to comply or leave, then the district has the option to call the police.

Students who violate the policy will be disciplined according to the regulations in the student handbook and the policies of the board.

Mrs. Menagh said they received a grant to pay for writing the policy, signs to hang up and cards to pass out, quitting information, and publicity.

"We're going to try to educate people," she said.

The board adopted the policy, which will go into effect on Aug. 1.

In other business, the board:

- Heard the low bid for the tractor with attachments was received from Malsom Implement of Collyer for a New Holland tractor at a cost of \$28,500.

- Learned that any decision by the city on repairing the tennis courts will not be made until the

Parks Committee has a new chairman and the committee meets.

- Heard from Mr. Mann that he bought a two-year supply of quality paper at a good price. He said the paper doesn't become available very often and this was a good opportunity. He said he also rented a storage unit in which to store the 10 pallets of paper until room becomes available in the district's buildings.

- Heard presentations from Amy Griffey on the Eisenhower Elementary Site Council and Todd Fulton on the Language Arts department.

- Approved alternative courses to meet graduation requirements. Architectural Drafting and Advanced Multimedia Technology will meet Fine Arts requirements and Intro to Technology, Animal Science and Plant Science will meet the added Science requirements. These classes only meet Norton graduation requirements, not the Board of Regents requirements, but that won't keep anyone from going to a four-year state college.

- Directed the superintendent, clerk and treasurer to prepare the necessary documents for republishing the 2006-07 general fund budget when the official audit is approved by the state and set a budget hearing at the May meeting.

- Scheduled a special board meeting at noon on Monday, April 16 to consider concrete bids.

- Accepted a bid from Engel's

Sales and Service for \$11,900 for a replacement sedan. This was the only bid turned in.

- Accepted the resignations of Dale Goss as a bus driver for the purpose of retirement with regret and appreciation for his 34 years; Connie Green as the concessions supervisor; Susan Anthony as the junior high's inter-related teacher for the purpose of retirement with regret and appreciation for her 29 years; and Jim Green as the high school tennis coach.

- Held a 5-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Hired Lindsay Wilson as the high school dance team sponsor and Cheri VanDoren-Cook as the high school cheer sponsor.

- Implemented a sick leave bank for the classified staff; added a third paid personal day for employees on their 10th anniversary with the district; and paid the nine-month employees for days missed because of school being called off.

- Chose not to replace the fifth/sixth grade social studies teacher position. Instead, the other fifth and sixth grade teachers will begin teaching social studies.

- Offered contracts to all certified teaching staff who have not resigned or received notice of the possibility of non-renewal for the 2007-08 school year with salary and benefits to be determined at a later date.

- Held two closed sessions lasting a total of 30 minutes to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations.

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# THE ROCK

Christian Youth Center  
7:00 P.M.

## Monday, April 16

### at The Rock

- All Youth, Parents and Public Invited •

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