

Developmental services takes deep funding cuts

In the last two years, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Inc. along with other Kansas service providers for people with developmental disabilities, has had to make significant reductions to its workforce, as well as, dramatic cuts to the services they provide. In 2008, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas 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 Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas which meant additional erosion, including closures, consolidation, service terminations and job loss. An additional 25 Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas 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 Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas for this fiscal year, the period January to

June. Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas was required to scramble once again to balance an already depleted budget.

"Developmental Services 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," stated Jerry Michaud, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas President.

Repercussions from this most recent round of funding reductions include 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. Staff of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas are being stretched further and further to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities in northwest Kansas.

Unfortunately, even after Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas 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," stated 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 vulnerable citizens."

Council

(Continued from Page 1) of Agriculture—a combination of loan and grant money—which Lawson expects to come in within 60 days. He said that funding will take care of the state revolving loan, which costs the city \$456,000 per year.

The payment due this month will have to wait until the funds come in.

"The funds just aren't there," he said.

In other council business:

• Rob Lawson stated the fire truck that was taken to Colby had several fuel injectors which were bad. The fuel pressure check

valve filters and oil were changed, greased and checked out. They will have their electrical department look at it.

• The City ordered the transformer for the new Dollar General store. It will take five to six weeks for delivery, and will be paid for from the Industrial Development account. The total cost will be \$5,150.00 from Solomon Electric.

• Mayor Corns announced that Feb. 8 is the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. He reported the roofing company has been working on leaks at the library.

• A motion was made to ap-

prove the renewal of the Chamber of Commerce dues at a cost of \$750.40 to be paid from the Electric fund. Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made to approve the renewal of the Kansas Municipal Utilities membership at a cost of \$3,344 to be paid from the Electric fund. Vote taken, motion passed.

• A motion was made by Toby Kuhn and seconded by Jeff Otter to approve the donation of \$150 for Norton Post Prom to be paid from the Special Parks Fund. Vote taken, motion passed.

Daffodil

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Jane's husband, Jack, is more than a 30 year cancer survivor. The Kersenbrocks also lost their 44 year old son to lung cancer caused by the toxic materials with which he worked.

The fund-raising is different this year. No one will call you.

Letters have been sent to the businesses in Norton County asking for their support. Ask them if you can donate.

Individual bunches of up to 10 daffodils is a \$10 donation. A sunshine bouquet, a vase and a bunch, is a \$15 donation and a Boyd's bear and a bunch is a \$25 donation.

Or you can donate whatever you would like. Donations must be given by Feb. 12.

"Let's eradicate cancer in our life time," says Ramona Pabian, co-chair of this event.

Call Jane at 877-3445 or Ramona at 877-5352 to donate or to answer any questions you might have.

Call The Telegram for the news you need, 877-3361

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Norton Community High School

Monday, February 8
FCCLA WEEK Feb. 8 through Feb. 12

S.A.D.D. "Hats for Haiti"

Tuesday, February 9
7:30 a.m. Jay Singers

9 a.m. MCL Meeting at Stockton

A.P. S.A.D.D.

5 p.m. JV/V Basketball vs Oberlin (H)

Post Prom 50-50 raffle

Wednesday, February 10
A.P. National Honor Society

Thursday, February 11
FCCLA Meeting A.P.

7:30 a.m. Jay Singers

5 p.m. Wrestling at Osborne with Hill City

Friday, February 12
7:45 a.m. NCHS Faculty Meeting

7 p.m. FFA PÅL's Valentine party

APHS Jazz Band rehearsal

Saturday, February 13
7:30 a.m. Norton Forensics Invite

TBA Scholar Bowl State at Cimarron

9 a.m. Bill Voss Novice Wrestling at Colby

9 a.m. FFA Meats judging at Kensington

8 p.m. Snowball Dance

Norton Junior High

Monday, February 8
AP Kays

Wednesday, February 10
7:45 a.m. Faculty Meeting

4 p.m. Norton County Spelling Bee, East Campus Auditorium

Thursday, February 11
7:45 a.m. NJHS SIT

5 p.m. Wrestling at Phillipsburg

Eisenhower Elementary School

Wednesday, February 10
3:40 p.m. TEAM Meeting

4 p.m. Norton County Spelling Bee, East Campus Auditorium

All Schools

Monday, February 8
7:30 p.m. BOE Meeting: USD 211 Office

Tuesday, February 9
7:30 a.m. Curriculum Council USD 211 Office

Norton Junior and High School Menu

Monday
Breakfast: Long john, fruit or juice, or toast w/margarine and jelly, cereal, milk.

Lunch: Pig in a blanket, green beans, coleslaw, lime jello w/pears, peaches or chef salad, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Breakfast tornado, fruit or juice or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk.

Lunch: Grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce and tomato, potato tots, fruit cup, or chef salad, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk.

Lunch: Enchilada, lettuce and chopped tomato, french bread w/margarine, peaches, peanut butter bar or chef salad, milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Ham slice, hash-brown patty, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk.

Lunch: Minute steak, whipped potatoes w/brown gravy, rolls w/margarine, carrots, pears, or chef salad, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin square, fruit or juice or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk.

Lunch: Sloppy joe, baked beans, carrots, fruit cup, or chef salad, milk.

Eisenhower Elementary

Monday
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, rosy applesauce, orange juice, and milk.

Lunch: Beef and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, cheese rolls, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and ham, pears, grape juice, milk.

Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Warm cereal w/toppers, orange juice, milk.

Lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, sweet heart pears, celery stick, dinner roll, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Chilled yogurt, bagel w/cream cheese, apple juice, milk.

Lunch: Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosy applesauce, blonde brownies, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Fruit crisps, grape juice, milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, yellow

cake, milk.

Northern Valley Schools

Monday, February 8
8:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mentoring meeting at Hays

6:30 p.m. Bus Drivers meeting in Long Island

7:30 p.m. School Board meeting in the conference room at Alma

Tuesday, February 9
TBA High school track rules meeting at Hays

4 p.m. High School BB Junior varsity tournament at Phillipsburg

Wednesday, February 10
4 p.m. Norton County Spelling Bee at Norton East Campus

7 p.m. Site base council meeting at Long Island in the library

Thursday, February 11
1 p.m. Junior high league band clinic at Damar

7 p.m. Practice Concert

Friday, February 12
2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. K-4 Valentine's Day party

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 5th and 6th grade Valentine's Day party

5 p.m. High School BB at Ellis

Saturday, February 13
TBD High School state scholars bowl

8 a.m. High School forensics meet at Norton

Northern Valley Menu

Monday
Breakfast: Crumb top muffin, links, hashbrowns, pear half, cereal, milk.

Lunch: Soft shell taco, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered spinach, pineapple ring, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Oatmeal w/toppings, toast, scrambled, eggs, strawberries, cereal, milk.

Lunch: Shaved turkey w/bun,

ranch wedges, buttered carrots, brownie, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Sausage pinwheels w/gravy, hashbrowns, grape juice, cereal, milk.

Lunch: Beef stew w/crackers, hot roll, relish plate, banana half, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Apple oatmeal bars, ham, scrambled eggs, pineapple, cereal, milk.

Lunch: Sierra chicken, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered beets, tapioca pudding, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, hashbrowns, applesauce, cereal, milk.

Lunch: Beef and noodles, french bread, mashed potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, applesauce cake, milk.

Lenora Elementary

Monday
Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Smokies, cinnamon toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Bacon, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Hamburger patty in soup, baked potato, beets, fruit,

milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Sausage, muffin, juice, milk.

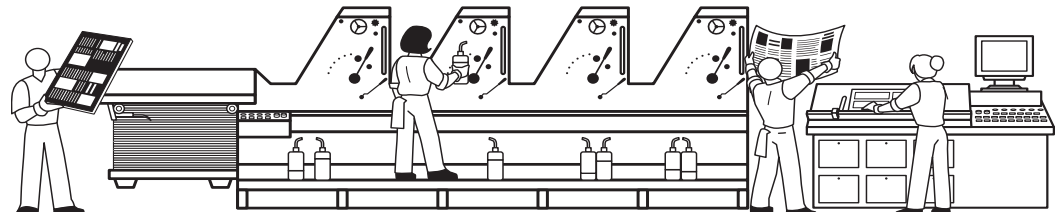
Lunch: Sub sandwich, relishes, cottage cheese, fruit, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Long jons, cereal, juice, milk.

Lunch: Ham and beans, lettuce salad cornbread, plums, milk.

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Ag Valley Coop

COW/CALF Producer Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the

The Eagles Club
Norton, Kansas

Meeting Agenda:

- 6:00 Registration
- 6:30 Welcome and Dinner
- 7:00 Chance Gregory-Alltech
- 7:20 Jon Albro-Ridley Block
- 7:30 Carl Stander-Ag Valley Seed Division
- 7:50 Bob Myers-Ag Valley Coop
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