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A lock goes a long way

Norton, Kansas
Home of Karen Griffiths

Briefly

Blood drive set for March 14

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14 at the National Guard Armory in Norton.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543). Walk-ins are also welcome.

Hays hosting grant workshop

Fort Hays State University's Leslie Paige, grants facilitator for the Graduate School and the Docking Institute of Public Affairs, will lead a grant writing for teachers workshop from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 3 in Rarick Hall, room 231, on the university's campus.

"There are a lot of foundations like McDonald's, Toyota and Sony that teachers or private organizations can apply to for grants, and the workshop is designed to help them get those funds to implement their great ideas which require money," said Dr. Paul Adams, Anschutz Professor of Education. "Although the ideas that Mrs. Paige will present are more interesting for teachers, the ideas are beneficial for anyone."

The workshop is hosted by Fort Hays State University's Science and Mathematics Education Center. The cost is \$15, and the public is invited.

For more information, contact Adams at padams@fhsu.edu or call (785) 628-4538.

School rounding up kindergartners

Eisenhower Elementary will be holding its annual Kindergarten Roundup from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 5.

Students must have turned five-years-old on or before Aug. 31 to be eligible to attend kindergarten.

For more information, call the school at 877-5113.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Saturday — Colder and very windy. Light rain showers in the morning then snow in the afternoon. Blowing snow in the afternoon with accumulation of 3 to 4 inches. Chance of precipitation 80 percent. **Saturday Night** — Colder and very windy with snow likely in the evening. Areas of blowing snow through the night. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 30s.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 26, High 48
Wednesday Low 29, High 49
Thursday Low 28, High 48

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God, keep us mindful of your patience and forgiveness so that we can be patient and forgiving. **Amen**



Marilyn Donahey gave Kim Chambers a special hair cut Thursday afternoon. The cut hair is being sent to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for sick children.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

'Locks' receives loving help from Norton woman

By VERONICA MONIER

A simple lock of hair can turn into something special for someone when given with love.

Kim Chambers is the latest to donate her hair to Locks of Love, a public nonprofit organization that makes wigs for children who have long-term hair loss because of any medical condition.

"It's a good cause and I have lots of hair," said Ms. Chambers.

She said she got the idea to donate her

locks after her niece donated to Locks of Love a couple of years ago.

"When I heard that it primarily helps children, that just pulled on me," she said.

It took her two years to grow out her hair to the right length, she said.

"I'm not going to miss it," she said. "I was ready. I haven't had long hair since high school and I was ready for it to come off."

"Like I said, it's a good cause. There are so many people with cancer in their fami-

lies; anything you can do to help them is good."

Locks of Love makes wigs for children with many types of diseases, including a condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. Alopecia areata is when a person's body attacks its hair, making it fall out.

Locks of Loves feels that the wigs they provide help to restore self-esteem and confidence.

Marilyn Donahey, who cut Ms. Cham-

bers hair, said it's good to make people aware that there are patients out there who need the hair.

She has done around four cuts that were sent to Locks of Love.

The organization accepts hair that is 10 inches long; it can be permed or colored, but not bleached or chemically damaged.

Anyone who is interested in donating their hair to Locks of Love should visit the website www.locksoflove.org for more information.

Economic Development gets website in tip-top shape

By VERONICA MONIER

The discoverNorton.com website is doing well.

Economic Development Director Wade Carter said they have updated the website to include the available jobs in the county. The site is updated once a week to keep it current.

Since they started updating it, the site has had an incredible number of hits. Two days last week they had more hits than normal and had over 11,000 for the week, which is more than average.

Mr. Carter said there was only one week where they didn't have at least 600 hits, and it was only short by about 16 hits.

"We've linked it up to a lot of job sites as well," he told the economic development board at last week's meeting.

Mr. Carter said they were working on getting businesses interested in participating in a work release program with the Norton Correctional Facility. The prison is also looking for a business that wants to rent an available space inside the gates.

In other business, the board:

- Updated the list of board members and their terms.

- Spoke about setting up a sub-committee to deal with alternative energy.

- Discussed the vacant lot in downtown Norton, that is owned by the city. Mr. Carter talked about business incubators, which would be a building that housed the economic development and Norton Chamber offices and would also have space left to rent to beginning businesses. Once the new business was on its feet, it could buy a new building, which would leave the space open for another new business.

- Approved Mr. Carter's request to go to a Market Place training program in Kearney on Feb. 28. The registration fee is \$25.

- Held a 15-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Increased the wages of Verla Gersch, Mr. Carter's part-time assistant.

- Decided not to participate in the Hometown Competitiveness project this year. Rather, it chose to work more on its current projects and get those up and running, instead of starting something new. It might be something the board is interested in in the future.

A stroll in the warm sunshine...



If you don't like the weather, wait a day. It'll change. That old saying has pretty much summed up the month of February. But, people have been enjoying the nice weather while it lasts, like Roger and Lynnette Wetter, who went for a stroll. Unfortunately, the forecast for this weekend predicts rain Friday night and snow blowing in on Saturday. — Telegram photos by Veronica Monier