

Locks of Love gets gift from Rexford

Spring has come to Rexford. I love seeing the trees with buds and new leaves.

Morgan Wark made a donation to Locks of Love earlier this month. She had been growing her hair for a few months with this goal in mind and was able to donate 10 inches. The hair donated to Locks of Love is made into wigs for financially disadvantaged children with medical hair loss.

The Griffiths family was a part of the Feed My Starving Children mobile pack event at McCook Christian Church Friday. We packed meals for an hour and a half - during that time our group of about 160 people packed 36,504 meals, which is enough to feed 100 children for a year. These meals will be sent to Haiti to help children there.

Golden Plains School held its annual Penny Carnival on Friday night in Rexford. Kids and their parents got to participate in all kinds of games including bingo and a cake walk.

Sunday, Shepherd's Staff held a paintball party for eight area youth and two parents. They had a great time (and great weather) out on the paintball field.

As for upcoming events, Shepherd's Staff will have a busy



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weekend. We'll start off with the Crop 'n' Clip scrapbooking retreat on Friday evening. This event runs through Sunday afternoon and is a great chance for people to catch up on photo albums or work on special projects.

Then on Saturday, Shepherd's Staff invites all area men to join us for Men's Day at 9 a.m. Bill Twinem will be the speaker for Men's Day. He is a former SWAT officer for the Thornton Police Department in Colorado; he now serves as a K-9 officer. Any man is welcome at this event. There is no cost for the day, which includes lunch. There will be a free-will offering, and the day will end at 2 p.m. Call 687-2565 with any questions about either event.

That's the news from Rexford. If you have something you'd like to share in this column, please leave a note in the jar at the Red Barn, call me at 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com.

Have a great week!

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Friday

4:49 a.m. - Walk-through at Walmart.

12:17 p.m. - Caller reported impaired driver leaving area. Vehicle was located at its residence.

7:59 p.m. - Caller reported witnessing a hit and run accident. Report filed.

8:29 p.m. - Driving under the influence: suspect from case at 7:59 came to station claiming his vehicle had been hit and run in parking lot at 1605 S. Range. Report filed.

Saturday

2:42 p.m. - Dog at large caught, turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

3:50 p.m. - Provided assistance at Citizens Medical Center for visitor off of Greyhound.

6:41 p.m. - Caller reported kids on tennis courts at Fike Park causing problems. Everything OK.

8:22 p.m. - Caller reported car parked in middle of N. Range with hazards on. Made contact with owner; ran out of gas.

8:57 a.m. - Walk-through at Colby Bowl and Fun Center.

11:06 p.m. - Security check at Twisters.

Sunday

12:16 a.m. - Suspicious vehicle driving around Truck Town. Unable to locate.

1:28 a.m. - Security check at Twisters.

11:07 a.m. - Caller reported purse being stolen from Fike Park. Report filed.

1:59 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles fighting and making threats. Spoke to subjects, no report.

2:16 p.m. - Subject came to station with purse found at Fike Park.

2:53 p.m. - Report of vandalism at Phillips Park. No damage.

6:31 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew on call.

7:46 p.m. - Removed debris from roadway in the 1700 block of S. Franklin.

Monday

1:55 a.m. - Security check at the B-Hive.

7:48 a.m. - Criminal damage to property: caller reported sugar was put into gas tank of vehicle. Report filed.

9:40 a.m. - Caller reported man possibly trying to mess with her dogs. Spoke to reporting party.

10:32 a.m. - Walk through at Colby Middle School at 750 W. Third.

1:37 p.m. - Attempt to locate. All OK, message delivered.

1:57 p.m. - Injury accident at Country Club Drive and Willow.

7:50 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed.

11:08 p.m. - Caller reported someone mowing their yard. Spoke with subject.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Friday

10:21 a.m. - Booked Christopher Alan Hansen.

5:27 p.m. - Spoke to subject at 312 Elm, Gem, about trash disposal problem.

6:34 p.m. - 911 caller reported crane moving a grain bin, causing traffic hazard in the 1200 block of County Rd. R. Spoke to subject at address in Levant.

8:12 p.m. - Helped Colby Police look for hit and run suspect vehicle in the 1000 block of County Rd. 22.

9:36 p.m. - Booked Lucas Alexander Moore.

10:08 p.m. - Released Moore.

Elevator credentials offered

The Grain Elevator and Processing Society and Kansas State University recently announced a joint credentials program for the grain-handling industry.

"This program offers opportunities for professional development that have never existed before," said Bill Lyster, the society's president. "... educational programming in grain operations has lacked continuity. This path that we have laid out will help ... earn formal credentials."

The credentials program, developed by K-State faculty and society member-volunteers, builds on an existing distance-education curriculum. The first credential is in grain-operations management. To earn it, participants must complete a structured series of six distance-education courses. Those completing the grain-operations management credential will then have the opportunity to earn sub-

sequent credentials in specialty areas such as grain-quality management, grain-handling equipment management and grain-operations safety - also available through the distance-education curriculum.

"This credentialing program provides opportunity for professional growth but requires commitment and effort," said Dirk Maier, head of K-State's department of grain science and industry. "It will make them more effective and efficient at their jobs.... Advancing lifelong learning and professionalism are our main goals."

The curriculum currently consists of 14 distance-education courses, but that number is expected to increase.

Students who have already completed one or more of the courses automatically receive credit toward the credential.

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