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before an emergency embolization surgery to stop the bleeding. She required additional transfusions during surgery and received a total of eight units of blood, or about the total blood volume of an average adult, over a 12-hour period.

The surgery was successful, and Kylee had a partial resection of her jaw a couple of days after the embolization to remove the tumor. Now a few months post-surgery, Kylee is back at home, enjoying middle school and spending time doing the things she loves. Her mother, Brittany Durham, is grateful for the donors who helped save Kylee’s life.

“If it weren’t for blood donors, my daughter would not be alive. She nearly lost all of her blood. Blood donors saved her life,” said Durham. “My dad has been a blood donor for years, and my whole family now are blood donors in honor of Kylee. I encourage people on a daily basis to go out and donate blood.”

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Nov. 13 - Dec. 15

Barton

Ellinwood: 12/3/2018: 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., St Joseph’s Parish Center, 110 W. 2nd St.

Great Bend:11/19/2018: 11:15 a.m. - 6 p.m., St Rose Auditorium, 1412 Baker St.; and 12/11/2018: 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Prince of Peace Parish Center, 4124 Broadway

Edwards

Kinsley: 12/7/2018: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Edwards County Fair Building, 1305 S Niles

Hodgeman

Jetmore: 11/30/2018: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Hodgeman County 4-H Building, South Atkin

Pawnee

Larned: 12/14/2018: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., J.A. Haas Building, 400 E. 18th

Stafford

St John: 12/14/2018: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., IOOF Gym, 700 E. 1st

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit RedCross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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most hardware and retail stores.

Tips to protect your family from CO poisoning:

·Prevent CO buildup in the first place - make sure heating appliances are in good working order and used only in well-ventilated areas. Don’t run a car engine or any other gas-powered tool in the garage, even with the garage doors open. If you need to warm up your vehicle, move it outside first.

·Install alarms in the hallway near the bedrooms in each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home. Keep alarms at least 15 inches from all fuel-burning appliances.

·Follow manufacturer’s directions for installation, testing and using CO alarms. There are many options and styles to choose from, including hardwired, combination smoke and CO alarms, and battery operated. When you check your smoke alarm batteries each month, check the batteries on your CO alarms at the same time.

·Never use an oven or gas range for heating.

·Only use portable generators, gas camp stoves and charcoal grills outside with proper ventilation. They cannot be used indoors, inside of a garage or enclosed porch.

·If more than one person in the home suddenly feels ill for no apparent reason, or if a CO alarm goes off, get

everyone outside immediately and call 911 from a pre-arranged meeting place. Pay attention to pets, sometimes they will show signs of illness first. Don’t go back inside until the fire department or gas company says it is safe.

“Early detection can mean the difference between life and death when it comes to CO poisoning,” said State Fire Marshal Doug Jorgensen. “CO alarms, along with smoke alarms, are one of the best ways to provide protection in your home for your family.”

The Kansas Office of the State Fire Marshal, through its Get Alarmed, Kansas program, is working with fire departments across the state to deliver and install free smoke alarms, which include CO detection. For more information on Get Alarmed, Kansas, visit, www.GetAlarmedKS.org. For more information about CO poisoning, visit www.safekids.org, or call the Poison Control Hotline at 800-222-1222.

About Safe Kids Kansas

Safe Kids Kansas works to prevent childhood injury, the leading cause of death and disability to children. Safe Kids Kansas is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing injuries in children. Coalition members include over 70 statewide organiza-

tions, agencies and businesses and a network of local coalitions across the state. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment serves as the Lead Agency for the coalition. Visit us at www.safekidskansas.org and on Facebook.

About the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

KDHE is the State agency that oversees the divisions of Environment, Public Health and Health Care Finance, which includes the Kansas Medicaid program known as KanCare. The agency of more than 1,000 employees seeks to protect and improve the

health and environment of all Kansans. Visit us at www.kdheks.gov, on Facebook and Twitter.

About the Office of the State Fire Marshal

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is dedicated to protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Kansas from the hazards of fire, explosion and hazardous materials. OSFM’s aim is to reduce the deaths, injuries, and property losses of Kansans through: inspection, enforcement, regulation, investigation, hazardous material incident mitigation and public education. Visit us at www.firemarshal.ks.gov, on Facebook or Twitter.



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