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Making a comeback

Kut-Ups salon returns with help from residents, businesses

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MOORE — Kristi Lewis, the owner of Kut-Ups Barber & Stylist Salon, is stubborn. But this attribute is perhaps her greatest strength. It helped Lewis win her battle against breast cancer after the EF-5 tornado struck Moore and leveled her business last year.

And it's the sort of perseverance that's paid off: her brand-

new salon at the corner of Fourth Street and Telephone Road in Moore opened late last month after six long months of construction, and it's been packed since then.

"There's been so (much) walk-in traffic here," Lewis said. "It's just been crazy and exciting. There's been lots of new faces in here."

Lewis lost everything inside the shop, including the antique barbershop chair she had

when she picked up her first pair of scissors 18 years ago. She faced another setback when she discovered that her insurance didn't completely cover the cost of replacing her equipment and supplies.

"I was kind of the poster child around here for the underinsured," Lewis said. "I had \$3,600 worth of content coverage and \$2,500 worth of

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Shop owner Kristi Lewis gives Rita Lewis a shampoo Tuesday at Kut-Ups salon in Moore.

SPOTLIGHT

Norman child care provider recognized

Cara Anderson has been recognized by the National Association for Family Child



Cara Anderson

Care as its 2014 family child care provider of the year.

Anderson, owner of Norman-based Sparklekids, has been a family child care provider for three decades.

As a mentor in the Rainbow Fleet Child Care Resource and Referral Quality Enhancement Initiative (QEI), Anderson works with other home-based child care providers to enhance their overall quality of care.

Anderson has an associate's degree in child development from Oklahoma City Community College.

Norman lawyer receives bar association honor

Jan Grant-Johnson, of Norman, was presented with a Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award



Jan Grant-Johnson

during a reception Oct. 3 at the University of Tulsa College of Law.

The Oklahoma Bar Association Women in Law Committee presents the awards annually to women who have distinguished themselves in the legal profession and who have led the way for other women.

Grant-Johnson has been an active member of the OBA, Cleveland County Bar Association and community for many years. For the past 10 years, she has volunteered with Legal Aid, handling numerous pro bono cases. She has also volunteered her time with efforts to provide no-cost legal assistance to military members and disaster survivors. She is a certified mediator and serves as a court-appointed and private-selection guardian ad litem expert and parenting coordinator.

Workshop set

Potential small business owners are invited to "Essential Steps for Starting Your Business" from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 10.

The special session offered by Francis Tuttle Business & Entrepreneurial Services, REI Women's Business Center and SCORE will be at Francis Tuttle Tech Center, Corporate Training Entrance, Room D1810A, 12777 N. Rockwell Ave. in Oklahoma City.

Registration is \$20 per person. Participants may register at reiwbc.org. Attendees can learn the requirements, processes and contacts for registering a business in Oklahoma; how to develop a strong, focused marketing approach; and learning the basics of business financials and determining sources of funding.

For more information, call Jennifer Edwards at 319-8190 or visit reiwbc.org or facebook.com/REIWBC.

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Shifting focus



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A sign in the window at Wright's IGA on the west side of Norman advertises price reductions as the family owned market will close its location at 3623 W. Main St. in Norman after 37 years of business.

Wright's shuts one set of doors, plans to upgrade another

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Wright's IGA Grocery Store will shut the door on its west Norman store soon but will continue to serve the community when it reopens its newly renovated Porter Avenue store to the public.

The family owned market will close its location at 3623 W. Main St. in Norman after 37 years of business.

It's the second grocery store with a Main Street address to close this year. Homeland closed its store at Main Street and Berry Road earlier this year.

Wright's owner Larry Wright said he and his family

"We've had literally customers come cry on our shoulders because we're leaving. ... They're very disappointed that we're having to do this and, of course, we're very disappointed, also."

Larry Wright, about closing Wright's IGA Grocery Store

are consolidating the inventory and bringing it back to the family's building at 1440 N. Porter Ave. in Norman.

"We have a lot of good memories there," Wright said, "and we look forward to operating there for some time."

In the past year, owner Larry Wright, 56, said the number of big-box grocery stores crop-

ping up across Norman increased competition and forced the family to make the difficult choice of terminating the lease.

Customers were devastated to learn that the store that had served them so well over the years was closing.

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Wright's IGA Grocery Store in west Norman is closing, but their store at 1440 N. Porter Ave. is being renovated and will reopen soon.

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