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HUTCHINSON'S FRAESE DRUG & SODA FOUNTAIN, IN OPERATION SINCE 1939, WILL BE MOVING ITS LOCATION, AND CLOSING ITS SODA FOUNTAIN. KATHLEEN DUNCAN SPECIAL TO THE HDN

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Donations target beautification, recreation

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Two sizable donations have been made to the Heartland Community Foundation to improve Hays aesthetics and improve quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

The Ross and Marianna Beach Foundation has given \$30,000 in seed money for a new program called Trees for a Beautiful Hays. Interest garnered on the money will

be distributed to the city of Hays Parks Department annually for the purchase of trees and community education efforts.

Another fund totaling \$50,000 in seed money also has been created by the Beach Foundation to provide recreational opportunities for clients of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas.

"Hays was an important part for all of us, a part

of our lives," said Terry Edwards, a daughter of Ross and Marianna Beach. "And you want things to stay vibrant and healthy."

Edwards noted both of her parents always have been interested in beautifying the community and caring for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Both are open funds, meaning anyone can add to the seed money. The first interest payments from the

endowed funds will be disbursed in May 2012.

The Heartland Community Foundation, which was established in 2007, serves Ellis, Trego and Rooks counties. The Beach Foundation's contributions are the first two designated funds the foundation has established, said Chairman Bob Muirhead.

"These two funds show really fantastic examples of what community foundations

can do," Muirhead said. "A person (or) an entity can pick whatever their passion is and support that for the long-term."

The donations will be matched by grant funds from the Kansas Health Foundation. The grant provides for donor-advised funds to be matched 25 cents per dollar. A portion of those matching funds must be used for community health initiatives.