

## Senior Progress Center

Thursday there will be a pinochle game to join at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Rummikub. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 backgammon. **Wednesday:** cinnamon rolls. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinochle. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** pork cutlet, au gratin potatoes, seasoned carrots, pears. **Tuesday:** Spanish rice with hamburger, cheesy broccoli, apricots, cookie. **Wednesday:** tuna salad, German cucumbers, mandarin oranges, cake. **Thursday:** oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, watermelon. **Friday:** pioneer girl goulash, spinach cheese salad, cook's choice fruit.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

## Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 1:45 p.m. blood pressure clinic; 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. "Come On Down." **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. "Stitch and Chatter."

## Leaf loss means stress

This summer's yellowing and falling tree leaves are signs of stress, as are the browning leaves that stay in place.

Trees are reflecting the unusually warm, droughty weather that started last summer.

"Adequate water remains vital. With that, many trees can survive, if they also have enough stored energy reserves to make it through to next spring. Their twigs and buds will tell the story," said Ward Upham, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist.

Typically, leaf loss isn't serious if it simply results in general thinning, Upham said.

"Trees often set more leaves in spring than they can support during summer's weather. So, they reduce leaf numbers," he explained. "This summer's thinning could look a little worrisome, though, unless you remember trees probably lost some roots over the past year."

During extreme summers, certain trees (e.g., the hackberry) will drop all leaves and enter summer dormancy.

"Dormant trees should still have supple twigs and healthy buds," Upham said. "If so, the effect on tree health is likely to be minor. The tree should leaf out normally next spring."

"However, if any section of the tree has brittle twigs and dead buds, that part, at least, is dead."

When trees finally can't keep up with their own moisture demands, they quickly die - seemingly overnight. Their leaves turn brown, but

may remain attached to the tree.

"Again, though, twigs and buds are the most important clue to a tree's health," Upham said. "So long as buds are alive and twigs are supple, a tree has life. You should wait to see how it responds next spring."

He recommends tree owners talk to their Extension agent or go to [www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/hort2/MF2800.pdf](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/hort2/MF2800.pdf) and [www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/hort2/MF2801.pdf](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/library/hort2/MF2801.pdf).

# Reorganization starts with ceremony

By John Milburn  
Associated Press

TOPEKA - Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback celebrated a reorganization of state social services agencies Monday, joining with children and members of his administration in taking an oversized pair of scissors to yellow and blue ribbons.

The changes, prompted by the Republican governor's overhaul of the state's Medicaid program, took effect Sunday. Brownback announced them in February when he signed an executive order. The changes are meant to curb the growth in state health care programs.

"These are works in progress," Brownback said. "We will continuously work on these things."

Under the changes, the Department of Children and Families replaces the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. The new agency is smaller, shedding involvement in Medicaid to focus on families. Secretary Phyllis Gilmore said the emphasis would be on protecting children, promoting healthy families and promoting personal responsibility.

The former Department on Ag-

ing has been expanded into the Department on Aging and Disability Services, picking up former Social and Rehabilitation Services programs providing long-term care for the disabled.

"There are differences between the older adults and persons with disabilities whom we will serve under the new agency, but they also represent many common challenges," said Secretary Shawn Sullivan.

Brownback's administration issued contracts last week to three private companies to manage the \$2.9 billion-a-year Medicaid program, which covers health care for the poor, disabled and elderly. The governor said Monday the changes in the agencies and the new contracts would "restrain the growth" of Medicaid spending by as much as \$1 billion over the next five years.

Administration officials have said the overhaul will lead to better coordination of services for high-need Medicaid participants and will eliminate duplication. Critics have raised concerns that the administration is moving too quickly.

## Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

In the Matter of the Adoption of JAMIE ANN VIEGRA, A Minor Child Case No. 12 AD 3

## NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: THE STATE OF KANSAS, ANDREW JACKSON, THE NATURAL FATHER, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

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## Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR NORTH WEST KANSAS LIBRARY

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 West 4th Street, Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, on the 11th day of July, 2012 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. to consider whether NORTH WEST KANSAS LIBRARY Thomas County, Kansas, should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of such township in Thomas County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NORTH WEST KANSAS LIBRARY THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS  
BY: Karen Gillihan, Chairwoman  
ATTEST:  
Secretary of NWWKL

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR ROVOHL TOWNSHIP

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The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, 350 S. Range, Ste. 12, Colby Kansas during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ROVOHL TOWNSHIP THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS  
BY: Trustee - John Schroeder

ATTEST:  
Clerk Of ROVOHL Township

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to KSA 8-1102, the following abandoned motor vehicles which have been impounded by the Colby Police Department, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, July 14, 2012 at 9:00 AM at the Law Enforcement Impound Lot, 225 N. Court, Colby, Kansas.

If a vehicle was previously titled by a state other than Kansas or as a non-highway vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Identification number verification form will also be required to obtain a title of any vehicle purchased and will be the responsibility of the buyer to request the verification and pay the costs involved.

The Colby Police Department reserves the right to withdraw any and all of the described vehicles prior to time of sale. No implied warranty of condition shall be understood by such sales.

Owners, if any, have failed to claim impounded vehicles. The owners thereof may claim their vehicle and contents within ten days of the date of the second publication if this notice by paying the removal and storage charges incurred.

All sales shall be made under conditions imposed by the auctioneer representing the Colby Police Department and all sales must be settled at the time of sale. Titles will be transferred to buyers, if available. Requirements of the state regarding titles to abandoned or unclaimed vehicles will be met by furnishing an Affidavit of Sale and proof of publication.

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