

Medicaid to be reformed

Following a months-long public input process, Governor Sam Brownback and Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D., announced recently the administration's plan for reform to the state's Medicaid system. Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Robert Moser, M.D., Aging Secretary Shawn Sullivan and SRS Secretary Rob Siedlecki joined them for the announcement.

The cornerstone of these initiatives is an integrated care system, called **KanCare**, focused on improving health outcomes for Kansans that will bend the cost curve of Medicaid down over time.

KanCare will improve coordination of care and services to achieve better outcomes and long-term savings without reducing benefits or eligibility, while safeguarding reimbursement for providers. As part of this Medicaid reform, the Governor also is proposing a realignment of state agencies to

more efficiently administer the newly integrated KanCare, and focus an agency solely on services for children and families.

KanCare will lead and implement coordination structures that are not currently in place. The state will submit a request for proposal to coordinate all aspects of behavioral and physical health, as well as services for the aged and disabled. KanCare will align incentives for the payer, providers, and consumers to promote the best outcomes for Kansans.

To continue public engagement for Medicaid reform the Administration will create an advisory group to provide counsel on policy decisions, throughout the implementation process and continuing once implementation occurs. The group will consist of Kansas seniors, persons with disabilities, advocates, providers and other interested Kansans.

The State of Kansas will create new and strengthen existing

programs designed to facilitate work opportunities for people with disabilities to transition from Medicaid to work and independence. SRS, working with the Department of Commerce, are working to implement an innovative program to align current Medicaid recipients who want to work with resources available at Workforce Centers located throughout the state. The state also will work to leverage state employment opportunities and opportunities to leverage state purchasing power to employ people with disabilities.

In addition to reforms to Medicaid programs, a realignment of state agencies will increase administrative coordination and streamline Kansans' interactions with state government. The realignment will lead to better communication and reflect the Kansas commitment to coordination across services and programs.

Record crops set stage for McCook expo

With record crop yields the last two years in Southwest Nebraska, Northwest Kansas and Northeast Colorado, the McCook Farm and Ranch Expo is the place to be. The Expo will return to the Red Willow County Fairgrounds on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 16-17.

The show opens at 9 a.m. both days and closes at 7 p.m. the first day and 4 p.m. the second. Admission and parking are free.

To kick things off, there will be a free producers' breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday Nov. 16. Come join us for some great food and friendly faces. This event is sponsored by Willow Creek Meats, Archer Petroleum, Hometown Family Radio, Kugler, Peps, Nebraska Bull Service, Kleins Motor Electric, Cappel Sales, Eugene Koch Pioneer Seeds, Chief Hotel and Restaurant, Arickaree Ranch Supply, Cowboy Up Tack, Grosch Irrigation and Farmers Magazine.

"It's a great place to come see the newest and latest in farming and ranching practices and technology," said Darren Dale, show manager. "We are expecting 350 vendors from 20 states, Canada and Australia."

Exhibitors include displays for farm and ranch equipment, seed and chemicals, agricultural services, irrigation manufacturers, financial providers, commodity organizations, colleges,

governmental services, home services, furniture and art galleries and much, much more.

This year the McCook Farm and Ranch Expo will feature a working Ranch Horse Sale on Wednesday the 16th starting at 6:00 p.m. The sale will showcase the best performance horses for sale in the state that will be sold to the highest bidder. This event is sponsored by Z Tags North America. Along with the horse sale many local FFA Chapters will be making a project that will be auctioned off with all proceeds going back to that chapter.

Scott Daily Horse Training will be displayed this year at the expo. Mr. Daily has been featured on RFD-TV. He will be showcasing his low stress horse training techniques both days at the expo. Mr. Daily has been around horses most of his life. His love for horses and desire to train them began in 4-H while he was growing up in Inola, Okla. Mr. Daily started training horses about 15 years ago. After many years of working with challenging colts and horses, Mr. Daily has developed and perfected his own techniques. Mr. Daily believes in building trust between horse and rider. Scott Daily Horse Training is sponsored by Vap Construction.

There will be park and drive zero turn mower demonstrations in front of the Kiplinger Arena.

They will be brought to you by Kurtzer's Walker Mowers.

We have a great line up of Rodeo Athletes this year, including Professional Bull Fighter Quirt Hunt, World Champion Steer Wrestler Dean Gorsuch, World Champion Bareback rider Will Lowe, along with Miss Rodeo Nebraska. They will be at the expo both days signing autographs along with other Rodeo queens from the area. There will be several drawings at the expo including tickets to the Tri-City Storm Hockey and a beer garden to quench that thirst. Corporate sponsors for the expo include Southwest Implement, Hometown Family Radio and the American Hat Company.

McCook is in the center of rich farmland and cattle feedlots in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas.

"Our parking lot counts from last year showed vehicles from 37 Nebraska counties, 20 Kansas counties, 13 Colorado counties and 10 other states," Dale said.

The Red Willow County fairgrounds are in north central McCook, near West Fifth and O Streets.

For more information, contact Darren or Tana Dale at 866-685-0989 or dales@bwtelcom.net or go online to www.mccookfarmandranchexpo.net

Historical Society puts military history online

The Kansas Historical Society announced recently it has added several military-related items to its digital portal, Kansas Memory (kansasmemory.org). Images of letters, diaries, photographs, and artifacts document all aspects of military history from pre-statehood on. A "faceted" browsing system on the left hand side of the homepage lets the user narrow results by selecting a thematic time period such as "World War II." Then the user selects "Service" and a specific branch of the military from the listed options.

Information on more than 200 World War I soldiers has been uploaded to Kansas Memory. Following the war, the Kansas Historical Society and the American Legion undertook a project to gather information about Kansas soldiers who died while serving during the war. The project expanded to include all soldiers. Those who completed

the information also submitted photographs, letters, and newspaper clippings. These items can be accessed on Kansas Memory by selecting "Manuscript" and "World War I." One example is a letter written December 2, 1918, by Albert Nelson, a member of the 353rd Infantry, 89th Division. The 353rd was an all-Kansas unit.

"I have been a happy boy since Nov. 11 but will not eat Christmas dinner in the U.S. this year but I can wait another year if I have to since the fighting has ceased. I went through the St. Mehiel (Mihiel) also the Muse (Meuse) Argonne drive and haven't been wounded a time very lucky am I not. We are in the Army of Occupation traveling north east ward. Have crossed Belgium and are now in Luxemburg. Most of the people speak French and are glad to see us."

Also available on Kansas

Memory is a collection of oral histories of World War II veterans. Several years ago, the Kansas Legislature funded this project and allowed local groups to apply for funds to do interviews. The transcripts of more than 500 interviews are now available on Kansas Memory. Oral histories were completed by organizations in Crawford, Doniphan, Ellis, Lyon, Gray, Barber, Rice, and Douglas counties.

Kansas Memory contains more than 17,000 items with more than 180,000 pages. The home page contains a map of the state. Users can click on a specific county to see what is available for that county. Not all of the Kansas Historical Society's collections have been digitized for Kansas Memory but these other holdings are available to researchers at the Historical Society's State Archives, located at 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS.

BIRTH

Brody Douglas Horwart

Andrew and Amber Horwart of Henderson, Neb. announce the birth of their son, Brody Douglas, born on Sept. 29, 2011 at Henderson Health Care Services Hospital. He weighed eight pounds and was 20.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Doug and Jodi Horwart of Orleans, Neb. and John and Pam Engelbert of Norton.



NORTON MANOR

Visitors of Mary Lue Archibald are her daughters, Peggy Mache and Dona Purcell, Phoenix, Ariz., and Becky Knackendoffel, Grand Junction, Colo., who arrived Monday and are staying until Friday.

Wendy Schmidt and Eli visited last week with Mary Smith.

Doris Mizell accompanied Ray and Ruth Mizell, Lester Mizell and Aaron Mizell to Hays to a concert on Friday, Oct. 21 put on by the college. The Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir performed. Jacob Mizell is a member of the choir.

Diana Greving and Evan Slavik visited Mary Keith on Monday. Diana helped Mary with some chores.

Linda Keith visited on Thursday with Mary Keith.

Doris Mizell accompanied Ray and Ruth Mizell, Lester Mizell to the home of Jeff and Linda Van Der Weele, Prairie View, for Sunday lunch. Other visitors were Aaron and Priscilla Mizell, Lenexa and Phillip Van Der Weele from Hays, Stephen and Karlyn Mizell and David and Jacob Mizell, all from Hays. After lunch we celebrated an early birthday for Aaron.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Schulze from Salina came to help his mother, Alma Schulze, celebrate her birthday which was Sunday.

Doris Mizell had a good visit with her grandson, Jared Foster, Overland Park, who was home to ride the combine for the corn harvest. His mother, Patty Foster, and Doris took lunch to the field and visited while helping move from one field to the other. You can get a lot said in a short time because it was getting ready to rain.

Correctional facility names employees of the quarter



Non-Uniformed
Facility Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Husted returned to employment at Norton Correctional Facility last November and has hit the ground running. He has a reputation of being a self-starter who takes the initiative to complete work orders with a thorough, skilled approach showing excellent attention to detail. Chuck has a good rapport with staff and inmates, a very pleasant personality and uses his experience as a former

officer to enhance his performance with security related duties. He sets a great example to all he works with.



Contract
Food Service Supervisor Heather Loftus has caught on quickly learning her job duties, frequently asking questions so her duties are performed as accurately as possible. She is more than willing to work all shifts and is trained in all positions at both central and east unit. Heather completes her paperwork thoroughly and cares about the quality of the food being prepared. We appreciate her good attitude and she is very pleasant to work with.

Uniformed
Corrections Officer Robert Beadle has been employed at NCF since October 2005 and plans to retire in January. During these years, Bob has developed into a very responsible and dependable officer who always performs his best, completing duties as assigned, is where he is supposed to be and ensures rules are enforced. He is very observant and attentive to the assigned duties, thorough with his searches, investigates any discrepancies in inmate movement or accountability and thoroughly documents incidents and daily functions. Bob has shown a great work ethic with very little unscheduled leave and a good natured, friendly attitude.

Elicia Wicker at Elleven
E. Hwy. 36 Rd E1, Norton, KS
will be giving \$10.00 Hair Cuts - ALL DAY - Sat., Nov. 19
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!
Elicia's children will also be selling Lemonade and Smoothies for 50c
All Proceeds will go to "The Rock" and Lions Club Holiday Baskets

82nd Annual **Harvest Home Festival**
Soup Supper
(Oyster, Chicken Noodle, Chili and Vegetable)
Sat., Nov. 12
Northern Valley High School Cafeteria
Free Will Donations
5:00-6:30 with Auction to follow

Look Who Is Turning 60!!
Happy Birthday from Mike, Brian and Jessica

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, is proud to present "K is for Kansas" and "Considering the Common Place: Prairie Towns" which opened Oct. 28, and will be on display through Dec. 18. "K is for Kansas" is an exhibit exploring Kansas from A to Z. "Considering the Common Place" consists of seventy-one photographs taken by artist/teacher, Bob Regier, from North Newton.

The Janie Lowry Quilting Class will continue to meet every Tuesday evening through Nov. 15. The seven-week class meets from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and it is amazing to watch the progress as the quilts are being pieced together.

Our November Artist of the Month is Paula Rumbach from Oakley. Paula has quilts and tote bags on display and for sale.

Deliciously Fall at Destination Kitchen
115 W. MAIN STREET
NORTON, KANSAS 67654
PHONE: (785) 877-2911
Saturday, November 12
8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
20% Off All Fall Items
Free Popcorn Bowl with Any Popcorn Popper Purchase and Plenty of Yummy Samplings

Nov. 11- Nov. 16
Showing at the **NORTON THEATRE**
Courageous
2 Hours, 19 Minutes (PG-13) Presented in Digital Sound
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
Dolphin Tale
2 Hours, 4 Minutes
Presented in Digital Sound (PG)
All passes accepted for Courageous and Dolphin Tale
Courageous is only \$4.00 per person (NO \$3 Sunday since tickets are already discounted)
Dolphin Tale is General Admission: \$6.00 and \$5.00 (\$3.00 on Sunday)
Premiering Friday, November 18 - Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part I (PG-13)
Premiering Wednesday, November 23 - The Muppets (PG)
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