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Daycare dearth, preschool problems

Community Conversation meeting set for 6:30 p.m. today at Seward County Community College, room 219. Organizers invite residents of Liberal to discuss daycare and early childhood needs, including preschool. The guided discussion aims to gather information and look for solutions. Light refreshments will be served.

Public meeting hopes to find solutions

By RACHEL COLEMAN
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Preschool children needs weigh seven-10 pounds. They're small, they're young and they don't would much power.

But there's a lot to be finding quality daycare and preschool services in Seward County small children are at the center of a big problem.

This reached a point where the problem had hit critical mass," said Kay Barnhill, director of the Seward County United Way. Over the last few years, we've watched the slow decline of licensed daycare providers and the closure of local preschool programs, including Head Start and Preschool.

The numbers bear out that description. Longtime preschool Head Connection closed several years ago. In 2010, the United Way reported more than 150 children without preschool services. At the same time, licensed daycare providers in Seward County decreased from 20 to 15, despite

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Interstate 70 reopens in western Kansas

GOODLAND (AP) — Interstate 70 in western Kansas is reopened after a storm system dumped snow.

The Kansas Department of Transportation reopened the highway between Goodland and Ellis, Colo., about 8 a.m. Thursday. The interstate was closed about 9:30 Wednesday night.

The closure was prompted by blowing snow and poor visibility and road conditions primarily which caused dole-ends and some motorists to abandon vehicles.

Other roads in northwest Kansas also reopened as conditions improved. A winter storm that dumped several inches of snow in Colorado and parts of Nebraska and northwest Kansas reported between 6-10 inches of snow.

The National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory for most western Kansas through Thursday bringing light snow or sleet to much of the state.

Forecasters say the storm system, with a high over 40 the afternoon, may steadily rush a cold front through the state as gusts as high as 40 mph of wind bearing down.

The storm, that, with a low around 20, Monday, with a northeast wind 10 to 20 mph increasing to 5 to 15 mph after midnight.

MAY DAY SNOW

This house on north Sherman, Liberal, Kansas, has seen its share of snowfall through the years, including this one, starting falling last night and still moving in Liberal. The forecast for precipitation accumulation ranges from "dusting" up to 8 this morning. Photo by Rachel Coleman

Gov. appoints Gilmore judge in 26th Judicial District

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Governor Sam Brownback appointed Jason Gilmore of Liberal as attorney from Liberal to the 26th Judicial District of the State of Kansas. Gilmore will fill the vacancy created by Judge Sam Schwartz who was recently appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Gilmore, 44, has been a resident of Liberal nearly 10 years.

"I have been blessed with my wonderful wife Jessica, Ella and Marcella," Gilmore said Monday.

Gilmore graduated from University of Kansas law school in 1994. I moved to Liberal and practiced law with Millan & Gilmore, P.A. from 1994 through 2000.

In 2004, I joined Jason Islas-Hall and Grant Chalkenbarger and opened the law firm of Islas-Hall, Gilmore & Martinez, P.A. (Gilmore shifted name).

Gilmore's 10 years of experience has ranged from being a Kansas Bar Association jury leader as plaintiff's counsel and as counsel for criminal defense, including jury trials and bench trials and appeals cases before the Kansas Court of Appeals. Disputed matters in which Gilmore has been involved include personal injury, car accident, tenant litigation, property damage claims and criminal defense matters.

Other law experience and disputed matters involve his cases including divorce, child custody, child support modifications and divorce cases, school law, employment law, tort claims, civil and misdemeanor county legal issues.

Attorney Seward County Community College, prepared Seward County students for success and prosperity. ... to name a few.

That experience also expressed the ... "Gaining experience as a litigation attorney will serve Kansas of the 26th Judicial District well," Gilmore said. Gilmore brings to Liberal and residents in the Seward County Criminal gave him the knowledge needed to perform the duties.

"I believe I am qualified for this district judge position based upon my knowledge and trial experience. It is the court room and the issues of my daily

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Dogs! Dogs! Dogs!

Contact K-State Research & Extension Office is offering positive, motivational methods to teach dogs to sit, stay, come, walk on a leash, leave the dish and learn new ways to train your dog.

The class is for kids ages 9 to 18 with dogs. 14 weeks and older. It will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays starting Friday at the Extension Office in the Seward County Ag Building in the Fairgrounds. Enter the northwest door.

Contact K-State Research & Extension Office at 624-0569 for more information and to sign up for this awesome opportunity.

Pre-registration and reservations for Pam 2-H, & Mallet also recommended.

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STARTING FRIDAY

Memorial Library hosting Free Comic Book Day' Saturday

The Liberal Memorial Library will be celebrating Free Comic Book Day from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Saturday. Along with free comic books (while supplies last), there will be a raffle for a Kindle Fire and other giveaways. Prizes will include graphic novels, special edition comic books and much more. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

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Sons of Confederate Veterans hosting recruiting meeting

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is having an organizational recruiting meeting on May 11 at the Liberal Public Library. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 in the conference room to establish Sons of Confederate Veterans camp in Liberal. Any male age 12 or older with confirmed Confederate ancestors who served honorably in the War of 1861-1865 is eligible for membership. The SCV is a non-profit, non-political and a hereditary historical and educational national organization. Genealogy assistance is available. Contact Kevin Hay at 620-276-8275 for more information.

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College to offer concealed carry class

Seward County Community College/Area Technical School will offer a Concealed Carry class through Business and Industry from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday in the Tech Center. The class is open to the public.

The cost is $100 per class and is the mandatory training that is required to carry a concealed handgun. Students must bring a Kansas driver's license to class. Lunch is not included.

For more information, call Doug Gilbert at 417-192 or mentoman.doug@sccc.edu.

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