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### Goals love Christmas trees

**Holiday trash becomes treat**  
A group of volunteers from the local 4-H office are helping to cut Christmas trees for the poor in the area. The group will be cutting trees on Dec. 30 and 31. The trees will be distributed to the poor on Jan. 1. The group will be cutting trees in the area of the 4-H office.



### Kansas says last part of Medicaid overhaul delayed

**Okla. tribal languages endangered**  
The Oklahoma Department of Cultural Affairs has announced that it will be working to preserve the languages of the state's Native American tribes. The department will be working with the tribes to identify the languages that are most endangered and to develop plans to preserve them.



### LEADER & TIMES



### PHIL'S BACK!

**Kan. man severs fingertip trying to get wallet**  
A man from Kansas was hospitalized after he severed his fingertip while trying to get his wallet out of his pocket. The man was taken to the hospital and underwent surgery to reattach the fingertip.

**Police: 4 dead after La. shootings, 3 injured**  
Police in Louisiana have announced that four people were killed and three were injured in a series of shootings. The shootings took place in the area of the police station.



**Lawrence woman charged in fatal stabbing**  
A woman from Lawrence, Kansas, has been charged with the fatal stabbing of a man. The woman was arrested and is currently in custody.

**Kan. hunter who drowned identified**  
The identity of a man who drowned while hunting in Kansas has been identified. The man was found in a body of water and was pronounced dead.

**Federal judge rules NSA phone surveillance legal**  
A federal judge has ruled that the National Security Agency's (NSA) phone surveillance program is legal. The judge's decision is a landmark ruling in the ongoing debate over privacy and surveillance.