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**Dillon's robbed**  
 Robber claimed he was armed, fled with cash

**DAYCARE AS USUAL**  
 New facility provides childcare option

**Get an early start to the holiday shopping season! Thursday at the Holiday Open House**

**NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPS**  
 Seward honors doubles champions

**WIN A NEW CAR**  
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**CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
 Downtown Liberal, KS

**Thursday: 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Downtown Open House - at Fashion Two, Taps 'n' The Grill, Kwik, Flower, Bakes, Sews & Outdoor Shop, Downtown Brown's and Optics.**

**Saturday: 10 to 5 p.m. - Spanish Clean Car Wash**

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Sen. Moran sponsors bill to allow Kansans to keep their health care plans

Sen. Bill Moran (R-Kan.) has introduced legislation that would allow Kansans to keep their health care plans if they are currently covered by a self-insured employer plan. The bill, known as H.R. 127, is part of a larger effort to reform the health care system and reduce costs for employers and employees alike.

Moran said the bill would allow employers to self-insure their employees' health care needs, rather than purchasing a policy from a private insurer. This would give employers more control over their health care costs and potentially lower the overall cost of care for their employees.

The bill also includes provisions to ensure that self-insuring employers meet certain financial and reporting requirements to protect the interests of their employees. Moran expects the bill to move forward in the House in the coming weeks.



**SW Kansas Black Hills customers to benefit from pipeline purchase**

Black Hills Energy announced today that it has purchased a 100% ownership stake in the Black Hills Pipeline, a major natural gas pipeline that runs through the Black Hills region of South Dakota and Nebraska. The purchase is expected to benefit customers in the region by ensuring a steady supply of natural gas and potentially lowering rates.

The pipeline is one of the largest in the country and has been a critical part of the region's energy infrastructure. Black Hills Energy's acquisition of the pipeline is a significant step in its strategy to expand its natural gas service and improve its operational efficiency.

**National Beef closes temporarily for operational issues**

National Beef, a major supplier of beef to the food service industry, has announced that it will be closing its operations temporarily due to operational issues. The company is currently working to resolve the issues and expects to resume operations in the near future.

The closure is expected to affect a significant portion of the national beef supply, which could lead to shortages and higher prices for consumers and businesses that rely on beef. National Beef is currently in contact with its customers to discuss the situation and provide updates on the status of its operations.

**Colorado's mixed tax votes leave future unclear**

Colorado voters have cast their ballots on a series of tax-related measures, leaving the future of the state's tax system uncertain. The measures include changes to property taxes, sales taxes, and income taxes, which are expected to have a significant impact on the state's budget and economy.

The results of the election are mixed, with some measures passing and others failing. This has led to a complex set of options for the state government, which will need to navigate the various outcomes to determine the best path forward. The state's fiscal future remains uncertain as a result of these mixed results.