

Hays event introduces Cat's new kids program

Hays Mall will have a special screening of Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, followed by a visit with the Cat, activity handouts, giveaways and a prize drawing to promote his new show, "The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!" The show supports science education for younger children by introducing scientific inquiry

skills, teaching science concepts and vocabulary and preparing preschoolers for kindergarten and first-grade science - all in whimsical style.

Voiced by award-winning actor Martin Short, "The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!" begins at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, on Smoky Hills Public Television.

Wheat variety blends may reduce farmer's risk

Farmers preparing to plant winter wheat might consider blending varieties for a stable yield.

Crop production specialist Jim Shroyer with Kansas State University Research and Extension said blending wheat varieties will spread out performance risk. "While any one variety may do much better or worse than other varieties in the same vicinity, having a blend of two or three varieties can usually even out those ups and downs," he said.

Shroyer said he prefers three-way blends. Studies show that farmers who use three-way blends can lose two varieties and yet still get up to 60 to 70 percent of normal yields from the third variety.

When choosing a blend, it is important for the varieties to be genetically diverse. After yield potential, Shroyer said the most important thing to look for is different types of disease resistance.

He also recommended spreading out maturity of the varieties over three to five days. "If producers can spread out the maturity a bit, there is a better chance that at least one of the varieties can benefit from a given weather pattern," he said. "For example, a later-maturing variety might take better advantage of a late rain than an early-maturing variety."

But spreading out maturity has its price as well. If the early variety has a shattering problem, farmers may wish to harvest as soon as it matures, taking a moisture discount on the late-maturing varieties rather than losing grain yield on the early variety.

Shroyer said farmers also should consider blending varieties with different levels of winter hardiness and spring green-up tenden-

cies. "If there are high-yielding varieties available, but which have poor winter hardiness or a tendency to break dormancy early in the spring, blend them with varieties that have better winter hardiness or stronger spring dormancy," he said.

Shroyer also said not to be afraid of using the newest varieties in a blend; however, he prefers to watch a new variety grow by itself for a year to identify its unique strengths and weaknesses. After this trial period, it is easier to determine with which other varieties it should be blended.

Although blending wheat varieties has many advantages, Shroyer said there are disadvantages as well. Blends do not provide the same management flexibility as a pure variety. They also are unlikely to result in the highest yields in any given year. Many farmers, however, would prefer the stability in yield that comes from a blend over the uncertainty with pure varieties.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

• Shanna Rae Smith, 24, Colby, last Monday, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

• Jose Antonio Villagran-Perez, 20, Colby, last Monday, driving without a license, Colby Police,

Work life has dominated, needs balance

Aries (March 21 - April 20) Your personal life mounts a revolt against work forces that have dominated things. While this creates a need to compromise and balance your personal and relationship needs, you have the tools to make it happen.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21) This is one of the most important professional weeks of the year giving you the desire, courage and determination to make things happen. However pushing yourself 24/7 is not going to work. You'll achieve more if you pace yourself and retain your creativity.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) This is one of the most powerful times in decades to follow your heart or to commit to the things that you want to do. This puts anything you want in reach, with the courage to go after things. Don't be put off by a lack of support, with others not sensing what you do.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) The key this week is balance, as forces on home and career fronts battle it out. This puts pressure on your career sector, calling for some creative time management. You'll get a lot done on the home front with the right boundaries.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Make sure you're not asleep at the wheel. You're moving into a new solar year with a clear sense of what you want, the ability to express yourself and the confidence and courage to follow your passions. Choose to live without limits.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) Pressure between income and finances comes from having options, rather than because something is wrong. Mount an assault on glass ceilings. Lucky financial stars are offering second chances. Don't let it create stress in other areas of your life.

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) You



Shannon O'Brien

Weekly Horoscope

have a strong sense of what you want from the future, the courage and the focus to follow through. This is your time. This may create pressure, especially where you haven't stood up for yourself in the past, but don't back down. Choose to believe in yourself.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Focus on your professional situation. You have the recipe for some intense professional forces, that left to run wild would occupy every waking moment. Get creative, with ingenious ways to manage your time and find balance that will keep you on your toes, keep productivity up and keep you sane.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) For once you're immune to the pressures afflicting your cosmic mates. Where there were problems, things are going well. Don't create challenges where there are none. At the same time follow your heart. Many of the ships you thought had sailed have already done a U turn. Expect surprises.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Your full attention should be on your professional game, but equally important forces are also demanding your attention at home. You can't be everything to everyone, nor do you want to waste professional opportunities or let the things that matter at home suffer. You can have it all, just not at the same time.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) A lot of things are coming to a conclusion at the moment. On the financial and relationship fronts

you're likely to feel the most closure, with things that have been in motion for a long time. The door to second chances opens on the income front. As old chapters start closing you can't help but wonder "what next."

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20) A lot of things are coming to a conclusion. On the financial and relationship fronts you feel the most closure. The door to second chances opens on the income front. Relationships resolve.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Adoption of Mikayla Church, a minor
Date of Birth: 05/07/2001,
and
Colby Church, a minor
Date of Birth: 11/23/2002

Case No. 10-AD-01

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas praying that the adoption of Mikayla Church and Colby Church be granted to Brandon McGuire. The matter will come for hearing before the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas on September 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. If you fail to plead or appear at the hearing, the court may grant the relief sought in the petition.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Patricia E. Nelson, Deceased.
No. 2010-PR-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

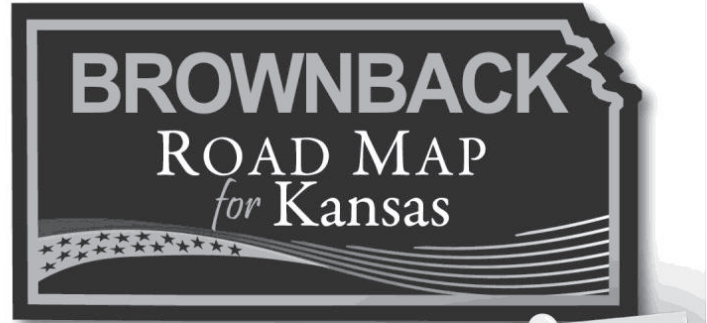
The State Of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on July 23, 2010, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Joyce Washburn, an heir, devisee and legatee and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Patricia E. Nelson," deceased. All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

JOYCE WASHBURN
PETITIONER

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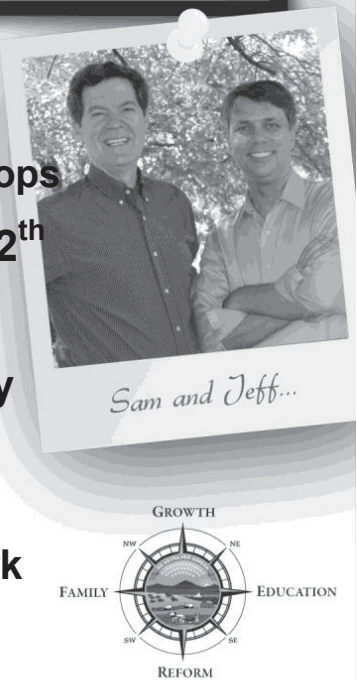
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Preview sale items between 5-7 PM CT Friday, August 13, 2010

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