

# Magicians' show coming to Oakley

Magicians Kevin and Cindy Spencer will appear at the Oakley High School auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Magic is no longer merely about baffling the audience by doing something seemingly impossible, the couple says. We've seen it all before. Magic these days is about spectacle, drama, danger and personality, are the masters of the new magic theatre.

The Spencers say they've redefined the art of illusion by combining original theatrical elements with cutting-edge illusions. One of the most sought-after illusion teams in the business, they have been named Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year for six consecutive years. Their peers have recognized them as International Magicians of the Year, an honor they share with the likes of Copperfield, Henning, Penn and Teller and Criss Angel.

With one of the largest touring illusion companies in the United States, the Spencers transport several tons of illusions and special effects from city to city. "Theatre of Illusion" is a sophisticated pro-

duction filled with original magical creations designed exclusively for the couple. People levitate, walk through walls, vanish and reappear. In one illusion, the entire audience is asked to participate in a stunning, interactive mind-reading experience.

Kevin Spencer created the Healing of Magic program designed for rehabilitation professionals. Simple magic tricks are used to speed patient recovery by improving motor coordination and cognitive skills. He recently released Hocus Focus for special education teachers and students. It combines education and imagination to help children improve their abilities in planning, sequencing, organizing tasks, fine-motor skills, concentration and more.

The program is sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association. Admission is by season ticket or at the door, adults \$20 and students \$10.

For information, go to [www.SpencersMagic.com](http://www.SpencersMagic.com), [www.MagicTherapy.com](http://www.MagicTherapy.com) and [www.HocusFocusEducation.com](http://www.HocusFocusEducation.com).



"Look, Ma, no hands – or feet!" seemed to be the message in this shot of Kevin Spencer, shown with Cindy Spencer and an unidentified assistant.

# 'State weed' pretty – except in your lawn

Do you remember learning the state symbols in grade school?

Now I am originally from Illinois, not Kansas. However, we all learn at an early age of the birds, animals, flowers, trees, etc. that symbolize our states. Most know the state flower for Kansas is the sunflower. You have also heard Kansas' nickname, "The Sunflower State," or used it yourself when visiting with out-of-state people.

When I first tell people what state I moved from they ask how I like it out here on the prairie or "in the desert." Did you know that Illinois' state nickname is "The Prairie State"? Yes there is prairie land in Illinois – however, a lot of it has been tilled up and farmed. I grew up in the southeastern part of Illinois. I also spent a lot of time trail riding in the Shawnee National Forest. It is drier out here and there are a lot fewer trees, but it is still a great place to live.

When I was looking up state symbols I did not see any state weed. I know many do not want their state to be symbolized by a weed – but when it shows up as a



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sea of purple, how could you not want to see it everywhere – unless of course it is in your yard. We have seen a lush sea of purple this year and for most of us it is in our yard.

What is this beautiful purple weed? A good candidate for the "State Weed" of Kansas.

The plant with the little purple flowers showing up in home lawns is called henbit. If you are not sure this is what you have, check the stems. If they are square, not round, you have henbit.

Though it actually comes up in the fall, most people do not pay much attention to this weed until it starts to flower. Trying to kill it at this late stage with an herbicide usually is a waste of time and money. Though the plant may be burned back, it will rarely be killed. So what should you do? Remember, this is a winter annual; it comes up in the fall, matures

in the spring and dies as soon as it starts to get hot. All you can do now is keep it mowed until nature takes its course.

However, you can do something in the fall that will help next spring. Henbit usually germinates about mid-October. Spraying with 2,4-D, Weed-B-Gon, Weed Free Zone, Weed Out, or Trimec in late October to early November can go a long way toward eliminating henbit next spring. Plants are small during the fall and relatively easy to control.

Choose a day that is at least 50 degrees so the henbit is actively growing and will take up the chemical. Spot treating will probably be needed in the spring to catch the few plants that germinate late. Use Weed Free Zone, Speed Zone, Weed Out, Weed-B-Gon, Trimec or one of the special henbit herbicides early in the spring before the henbit has put on much growth.

To learn more about weed control in your home lawn, plan on attending the gardening and lawn care series to be presented by the Thomas County Extension Master Gardeners. This series, on four

Thursday evenings, begins at 7 p.m. this Thursday at the Thomas Office Complex. The topic covered this week will be on weed control.

Later sessions will be on selecting vegetables, April 19, selecting annuals and perennials, April 26, and insect control, May 3.

I can be reached at the Thomas County Extension Office at (785) 460-4582 for information about controlling weeds and about the gardening and lawn care series.

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## Deaths

### Elta Mae Dornberger

Elta Mae Dornberger, 74, Leonardville, a Brewster native and sister of August Durham of Colby, died Sunday, April 8, 2012, at her home.

She was born March 17, 1938, in Brewster, the daughter of Charles and Rosa (Miller) Durham.

On May 29, 1955, she married Martin D. Dornberger in Gem.

A homemaker, she worked with her husband in their fruit juice vending machine business and volunteered in driving people around for errands and appointments.

Preceding her in death were a son, Douglas D. Dornberger, and two sisters, Norma Jean Rath and Clara Jane Langley.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two daughters, Donna D. (Larry) Hopkins, Jefferson City, Mo.; and Debra

D. (Don) Gohn, Frazier Park, Calif.; a son, Daniel D. Dornberger, Florida; two sisters, Rosalea Johnson, Bloomington, Ind., and Ellie Marty, Chandler, Ariz.; another brother, Charlie Durham, Baudette, Minn.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 13, 2012, at the Holmes-Pfeiffly Funeral Home at 303 S. Broadway in Riley, with the Revs. Diana Stewart and D. Erich Schwartz officiating and burial in the Bala Cemetery west of Riley.

Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorials for the Leonardville Community Center, in care of the funeral home, Box 176, Riley, Kan., 66531.

Condolences may be left at [www.pfeifflyfuneralhome.com](http://www.pfeifflyfuneralhome.com).

## Corrections

Thomas County Commissioner Ken Christiansen says he voted for a motion to deny the Fair Board authority to authorize beer sales on the fairgrounds at a meeting Friday, March 30. The vote was reported as 2-0 with commissioner Byron Sowers making the motion. Mr. Christiansen also noted that his name was mis-

spelled throughout the story, on Page 1 of the Thursday, April 5, edition of the *Colby Free Press*. These were reporting errors.

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The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

## Barn tour set Sunday

A county tour of barns in the Oberlin area will be offered Sunday by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.

The group will leave at 2 p.m. from the parking lot at The Gateway Civic Center, off of U.S. 83 south of U.S. 36. Those attending will have time to form car pools.

The tour will be primarily west

of Oberlin on the Sappa Creek Road and in the area of the old St. John's Lutheran Church. It should take about two hours; refreshments will be served.

This is a season ticket event or \$12 for adults and \$7 for students when the tour begins. A special family ticket is \$25.

For information, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.92
Corn (bushel)	\$6.10
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.41
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.87

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## Carnival helps Hays museum

Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History will hold "One Giant Carnival" from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Proceeds will go towards care for animals and purchasing sup-

plies for the museum's Discovery Room.

For information, contact Vernon King at (469) 438-8739 or e-mail [sternbergpr@fhsu.edu](mailto:sternbergpr@fhsu.edu).

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Pioneer Seed	Certificate for 6 Bags Round-Up Ready Seed Corn	Colby Police/Thomas C. Sheriff Office Impound Facility	BBQ Grill
Ken and Sheila Frahm	Alabaster Indian Chief and Eagle Sculpture	Comfort Inn	Large Decorative Wall Clock
Maurices	12 Gift Bags	Holiday Inn Express	Double M Designs Turquoise Necklace
MC Auto Outlet	Certificate for StainGuard Application	Oasis Travel Center	Pony Bike
Ken & Sheila Frahm, Sharon & Paul Steele, Peggy Frahm, Phil & Jerrilee Shuman, Lon Frahm, Bruce & Janice Frahm, Mark & Wendy Weishaar, Pam & Ed Geishler, ...	Holland America 7-Day Cruise w/ Round Trip Airfare	Starbucks	Gift Basket
Rasure Lumber	Framed Print	The Loft	Large Print
The Movement Connection	1 Month Membership CMC	Village Inn	Pie of the Month for 1 Year
Anonymous	Signed KU Basketball	Woolter Construction & Irrigation	Surf and Turf - 1 Case 12 oz KC Strips and 2 Boxes of Fan Tail Butterfly Shrimp
Anonymous	Signed KSU Basketball	Colby Furniture	Smoothie Maker
Dr. Larry & Joyce Washburn	Craftsman Lawn Mower	Donelan Jewelry	Clock
Gambino's Pizza	2 Family Meal Deals	Palace Drug Store	Western Metal Welcome Sign
Western Winds Therapeutic Massage	30 Min Therapeutic Massage	Plum Creek	Men's Suit
Hairitage	Fiesta Afghan	Shari Oren	Gift Certificate to The Neighborhood Nook
Hairitage	Matrix Hair Product Basket	Someplace Special	Leather Bench
Health Cottage	Gift Certificate	Suzanne Schielke	Gourmet Cupcakes
Janet Hopson	2 Pottery Items	Arlen & Joni Leiker	Samsung Galaxy Tab + Case
Jay and Cindy Black	Kindle Fire	Bill and Janiece Dowell	1 1/2 Tree
Jaylea Black	Fort Hays State Basket	Farm Credit of Western KS	1/4 oz American Eagle Gold
Griffin LLC	1/5 Jack Daniels with 2 shot glasses	Gavon's Electronics	Solar Cam
Sleep Inn of Colby	Free Night at Hotel	Golden Plains Garden Center	Wire Basket
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