

Easter bunny visits kids



Morgan and Allison Peterson, children of Brandon and Kyla Peterson, enjoy the warm embrace of the Easter Bunny at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Norton Courthouse lawn. The wind was cold but did not dampen the spirit of the children looking forward to hunting the candy filled eggs that decorated the lawns.

Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Cow-calf seminars focus on profitability

The Kansas Livestock Association and Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health will host three cow-calf profitability seminars during April. These seminars are designed to help ranchers address the challenges of today's beef industry, including instability in the marketplace and increasing regulations, by providing practical management information that can be applied to any operation.

Minimizing risk is more important than ever in the current environment of volatile markets. Management and marketing decisions that have worked in the past may not be the best options today. Kansas State University ag economist Michael Langemeier will provide suggestions on how cow-calf producers might be able to reduce risk and improve profit potential by using practical management methods. Intervet/Schering-Plough Beef Cattle Technical Service Manager Eric Moore, DVM, will take it one step further by explaining how producers can increase value and efficiency through health programs.

Kansas Livestock Association Vice President and General Counsel Allie Devine, Assistant Counsel John Donley and Senior Vice President Mike Beam will discuss the current political and regulatory environment. The panel will provide information to cow-calf producers regarding information being discussed in

Washington, D.C., including those pertaining to air and water quality, and how their livelihoods could be affected.

The seminars will take place April 13 at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg; April 14 at the 4-H Exhibit Building in Holton; and April 15 at the Kingman Christian Church. Each seminar is free and will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Those wanting to attend can find more information and a registration form at www.KansasLivestockAssociation.org/calendar. The registration deadline for all three seminars is April 8.

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Kansas Livestock Association is a trade organization representing the business interests of independent beef producers at the state and national levels. Members of the association are involved in all segments of the livestock industry, including cow-calf production, backgrounding, cattle feeding, swine, dairy and sheep.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD W. COCHRAN

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of **HAROLD W. COCHRAN, deceased**
Case No: 2009-PR-26
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed on March 22, 2010, in said Court by Sheila Walker, executrix of the estate of Harold W. Cochran, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts, proceedings and accounts as executrix, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees

entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will of the decedent, the law and the orders of the Court.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 14, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., on said day in said court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Sheila Cochran, Petitioner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL D. HRABE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of **CAROL D. HRABE, Deceased**
Case No. 2010-PR-11
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 26, 2010, a Petition was filed in this Court by Don Covington, named as Executor in the Last Will and Testament of Carol D. Hrabec, Deceased, dated September 11, 1997, praying that the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate, that he be appointed as Executor without bond, and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE our

written defenses thereto on or before Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 8:30 o'clock A.M., of said day, in this Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

ALL CREDITORS ARE NOTIFIED to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Don Covington, Petitioner
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEORA M. ADAMS, DECEASED

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of **LEORA M. ADAMS, Deceased**
Case No. 2010-PR-10
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 18, 2010, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Warren Larry Billips and Gary Lynn Billips, heirs, devisees, legatees, and Co-Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Leora M. Adams,

Deceased.

All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Warren Larry Billips and Gary Lynn Billips, Petitioners

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Business in the spotlight

Thanks to Norton City/County Economic Development, Mark Baker was able to start his tree service business three and a half years ago by taking over an existing business that was closing.

Mark said he has been interested in this work since he was a child picking up branches for his neighbor when he cut down trees. He always thought it looked like fun and he likes cutting things up. He also noted that there was a real need for this business in Norton County.

His only regret is that he didn't start his business sooner.

His family has lived here for about 12 years, but his wife, JuliAnna, is from the Norcatur

area. Their sons, Nathan, 18, and Jordan, 13, help Mark with the business. Nathan is in college at Goodland but will be working with him full-time this summer. Mark and his wife have two other children, Marissa and Noah.

Mark fondly remembers one of his first jobs that involved doing some work on a giant maple tree. It was a touchy job, but he was able to remove a limb without damage to the house, garage or yard.

Wind and ice storm damage provide extra work, but there are always trees that need maintenance work. Mark is employed full-time at Garrett Plumbing, Heating and Electric Company,

so he does his tree service work on weekends and after hours. In winter, due to the weather and early sunset, the work tends to be somewhat seasonal, however he works anytime the weather is agreeable. During the summer, he and Nathan work until sunset and often later if there are limbs that can be loaded by truck lights.

Currently he does tree removal, stump removal and tree trimming. Future plans include the purchase of a larger stump remover, a tree spade and a bigger truck.

Their present truck has a reach of 55 feet and they want to add one with a 95 foot reach. He is also hoping to find a used band saw to they can cut firewood and

lumber. He is able to do most of his own mechanical work and keeps all his equipment in good repair. One piece of equipment he uses was made in 1953.

Mark said they are 'all about safety' and don't take on more work than they can handle, although they are currently at the mercy of the weather and have some jobs waiting for them.

The economy of Norton County has slowed down, but he feels it will make a comeback.

Mark really enjoys meeting the people in the area and likes doing a service for people that they cannot do themselves. He believes that if you treat people right, they will also treat you right.

Police Log

March 26
12:11 a.m. Report of fight, Second and Waverly
9:14 a.m. Report of juvenile missing from school
12:55 p.m. Report of possible runaways
2:03 p.m. Report of bus driving recklessly
5:40 p.m. Request for information
11:02 p.m. Report of individual that keeps entering house uninvited
March 27
1:39 p.m. Report of two stray dogs, 500 block N. 2nd
3:18 p.m. Report of kids in middle of street, N. Jones
8:45 p.m. Welfare check
10:46 p.m. Report of threatening text messages
March 28
1:29 a.m. Arrest made for domestic battery
9:00 a.m. Report of individual getting kicked out of his residence
10:02 a.m. Report of individual going to house and not to be there
11:00 a.m. Civil standby
11:35 a.m. Dog complaint, 300 block W. Washington
1:12 p.m. Report of theft from laundry mat
1:15 p.m. 911 call
1:35 p.m. Report of individual locking themselves out of residence, 500 block W. Wilton
1:52 p.m. Two vehicle accident, Subway
3:33 p.m. Civil standby, 700 block N. Norton
4:50 p.m. Report of semi all over road
5:03 p.m. Report of dog running

loose, N. Jones
6:51 p.m. Report of damage to vehicle, 300 block S. State
7:17 p.m. Complaint on construction trailer parked to close to driveway
9:23 p.m. Assist Kansas Highway Patrol, Diamond Shamrock
10:52 p.m. Report of dog running loose, First Stop
10:54 p.m. Report of phone harassment, 400 block W. Washington
11:04 p.m. Assist NTSO, possible fight at sale barn
March 29
7:24 a.m. Report of cows in roadway by cemetery
8:40 a.m. Request for extra patrol
9:14 a.m. Report of vandalism, Midwest Contractors
9:23 a.m. Request for accident information
2:30 p.m. Funeral escort
4:03 p.m. Report of possible scam
4:43 p.m. Report of two dogs running loose,
6:00 p.m. Report of reckless driver
7:05 p.m. Report of cats in garage
7:06 p.m. Report of individual driving too fast, E. Woodfield
7:49 p.m. Report of vehicle driving recklessly
9:43 p.m. Welfare check
11:09 p.m. Report of fight, 300 block W. Lincoln
11:20 p.m. Arrest for domestic battery
March 30
11:09 a.m. Barking dog complaint
2:11 p.m. Report of scrap metal in roadway, 400 block N. 2nd

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