

Legion to host meeting for all veterans on Tuesday

American Legion Post 137 will host a meeting for all veterans and their families who wish to learn more about their earned Veterans Administration benefits at 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Veterans and their family members who have specific questions regarding their veterans benefits are urged to attend the meeting which will be held at the St. Francis Senior Center, 322

W. Washington. The country's largest veterans service organization, The American Legion assists more veterans and their dependents in filing for benefits through service in the Armed Forces than any other group or organization. American Legion members authored the original GI Bill of Rights during World War II and have pioneered many veterans

programs including compensation for veterans exposed to radiation and Agent Orange and investigating Gulf War Syndrome.

The Oct. 2 meeting is part of the Legion's annual American Legion Veterans Affairs Tour when State and District officers visit each of the over 330 American Legion Posts throughout Kansas.



BUSINESS OPENS in St. Francis—Bud and Lounie Erskin have opened Majestic in the original building on US 36

Business opens in St. Francis

*By Karen Krien
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Bud and Lounie Erskin, owner of Majestic Service Station, has relocated the business back to where it

originally was on west U.S. 36, St. Francis.

Mr. Erskin bought the Majestic on July 1, 1986, where he ran a gas station and repaired cars, trucks and semi trucks. But, in 1995, he was offered a deal that he said he couldn't refuse and took it!

He moved the station to River Street where he continued to do mechanic work, sold tires and also took on the U-Haul dealership.

The people who purchased the U.S. 36 building did some remodeling and took out the old buried gas tanks but eventually went out of business. Recently, the property went up for sale and, in June, Mr. Erskin purchased it again.

He has replaced windows, put in new dropped ceilings and cleaned up the front where he plans to put in a convenience store. He has painted the roof and put a new awning in the front. Eventually, the "Majestic" sign will go back up.

He has already moved his tools and equipment to the mechanic shop in the back and he is repairing cars, trucks and semi trucks, replacing and selling tires, doing service and engine work. His equipment is set up and he will be able to work on

electronic equipment as well as air conditioners.

"If it has four wheels, I can fix it! If it has two wheels, I can fix it! If it has no wheels, I can fix it!" he said. He says he will also repair lawn-mowers and other small machinery but notes that he is looking for more mechanics.

When the gas pumps are installed, Mr. Erskin said there will be a full-family service island where people can get their gas pumped and windows washed. He said he will also be expanding his tire sales by carrying more tires.

Dirt is being hauled in and the back lot is being turned into needed truck parking. The station will have a lounge and showers for truckers.

Mr. Erskin said the building is still being remodeled and cleaned but he wants people to know that the vehicle repair shop is open and he has tires to sell with more coming in. Just stop by and talk to him or call him at 785-332-2905 to set up an appointment.

He hopes to have the convenience store and gas service up and going as soon as the gas tanks are in and pumps are up.

Ag Talk with Jeanne

By Jeanne Falk, K-State Agronomist for Cheyenne, Sherman, and Wallace Counties

Application of a preharvest treatment to sunflowers can speed the drydown time to harvest, help control weeds, and allow earlier planting of fall seeded crops following sunflower harvest.

Three treatments are now labeled for preharvest application to sunflowers, including Gramoxone Inteon, sodium chlorate (Defol 6), and Roundup products (Roundup Weather Max, and Roundup Original Max).

Preharvest treatments should not be applied until after the sunflowers reach physiological maturity and the seed moisture is less than 35 percent. This generally corresponds to the time when the back of the sunflower heads have turned yellow and the bracts are turning brown. The florets on the face of the flower also brush off easily near 35 percent moisture. Earlier application could result in illegal residues, yield reduction, and loss of quality. Therefore, seed moisture testing is also advised. It is also important to remember the weather plays a role in the speed of the drydown of the sunflowers and the time frame for

herbicide activity. Gramoxone Inteon and sodium chlorate can provide a little quicker desiccation and drydown of the sunflower seed than the Roundup products, but generally won't be as effective for weed control. Roundup products were just approved for preharvest treatment in sunflowers during the past year under a supplemental label. The only labeled application rate of the Roundup products as a preharvest treatment is 22 ounce per acre.

Sunflowers should not be harvested for seed for at least seven days after application with any of the three approved treatments. Sunflowers treated with Gramoxone Inteon or sodium chlorate should not be grazed, or the treated forage fed to livestock. Sunflower treated with Roundup products can be grazed or fed to livestock seven days after application.

For more information on preharvest treatments in sunflowers, see the following articles on the National Sunflower Association website: www.sunflowermsa.com/magazine/details.asp?ID=480 and www.sunflowermsa.com/magazine/details.asp?ID=478.

Kansas will help Pay the Bill!

A new program administered by Kansas State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins, CPA, reaches out to hardworking Kansans who struggle to put aside the money required to make a college or post-secondary education possible.

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Lynn Jenkins, CPA
Kansas State Treasurer

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2	= \$27,380
3	= \$34,340
4	= \$41,300
5	= \$48,260
6	= \$55,220
7	= \$62,180
8	= \$69,140

For each additional person in the family, add \$6,960.

Public Notices

Notice published City ordinance concerning ATVs for foreclosure

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK PLAINTIFF

Case No. 07CV11 Div. No. K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure EARL D. CROWE DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to: EARL D. CROWE; BEV COLLINS; JOHN DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN); MARY DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN)

and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, by Washington Mutual Bank for judgment in the sum of \$105,252.23, plus interest, costs and other relief; judgment that plaintiff's lien is a first lien on the said real property and sale of said property to satisfy the indebtedness, said property described as follows, to wit:

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (N1/2N1/2NW1/4) OF

SECTION THIRTY-FOUR (34), TOWNSHIP THREE (3) SOUTH, RANGE FORTY-TWO (42) WEST OF THE SIXTH P.M. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING ON THE WEST SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION THIRTY-FOUR (34) AND THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 36 AS NOW CONSTRUCTED, THENCE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO (652'), THENCE EAST AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHT FEET (708'), THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO FEET (652'), WHICH IS THE SOUTH LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 36 AS NOW CONSTRUCTED, THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY A DISTANCE OF SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHT FEET (708') TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as HC1, Box 43, Saint Francis, Kansas 67756

and you are hereby required to plead to said petition in said Court at St.

Francis, Kansas on or before the 11th day of November, 2007.

Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Petition filed in the Bierig Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE DELAINE BIERIG, a/k/a BRUCE BIERIG, a/k/a BRUCE BIERIG. CASE NO. 07-P-11

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Rosemary Bierig, spouse and one of the heirs of Bruce Delaine Bierig, a/k/a Bruce D. Bierig a/k/a Bruce Bierig, deceased, praying:

Decent be determined of all personal property and any Kansas real estate, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death and that such property be assigned pursuant to the Valid Settlement Agreement attached to the Petition for Determination of Descent, and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 12th day of October, 2007, at A.M., of said day, in said court, in the City of St. Francis, Kansas, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Rosemary Bierig, Petitioner
JAMES M. MILLIKEN, CHARTERED
James M. Milliken, #07001
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Attorney for Petitioner

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ORDINANCE NO. 548

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 544, WHICH ADOPTED BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION 2007" BY DELETING SECTIONS 114.1 AND 114.2 AND AUTHORIZING, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THE OPERATION OF WORK-SITE UTILITY VEHICLES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS INCLUDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, that sections 114.1 and 114.2 of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities as adopted by reference pursuant to Ordinance 544 be deleted and the following be adopted:

Section 1. OPERATION OF WORK-SITE UTILITY VEHICLES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES; PENALTY.

(a) Work-site utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles may be operated upon the public highways, streets, roads, and alleys within the corporate limits of the city between sunrise and 10 p.m.

(b) No work-site utility vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, street, road, or alley unless such vehicle shall comply with the equipment requirements under the provisions of article 17, chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

(c) No all-terrain vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, street, road, or alley after sunset, unless equipped with lights as required for motorcycles.

(d) No person shall operate a work-site utility vehicle and all-terrain vehicles on any public highway, street, road or alley within the corporate limits of the city unless such person has a valid driver's license.

(e) No person under the age of 18 years shall operate or ride upon a work-site utility vehicle or an all-terrain vehicle unless wearing a helmet which complies with minimum guidelines established by the national highway traffic safety administration pursuant to the national traffic and motor vehicle safety act of 1966 for helmets designed for use by motorcyclists and other motor vehicle users, along with applicable eye protection.

(f) A violation of this section shall be deemed an ordinance

traffic infraction. Upon an entry of a plea of guilty or no contest or upon being convicted of such violation, the penalty imposed shall be in accordance with Section 201, 2007 Standard Traffic Ordinance, and amendments thereto, or such other similar provision as the city may then have in effect.

(g) Work-site utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles shall not exceed 20 mph.

(h) All work-site utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles shall be equipped, maintained and operated so as to prevent excessive or unusual noise.

(i) No all-terrain vehicles are allowed on U.S. Highway 36, the Access Road or to travel Washington Street in either an easterly or westerly direction.

(j) All laws, ordinances and other rules of the road that are applicable to the operator or occupant of a motor vehicle within the city limits are also applicable to operators and riders of work-site utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles.

Section 2. SAME; DEFINITIONS.

(a) **"Work-site utility vehicle"** means any motor vehicle which is not less than 48 inches in width, has an overall length, including the bumper, of not more than 135 inches, has an unladen weight, including fuel and fluids, of more than 800 pounds and is equipped with four or more low pressure tires, a steering wheel, and bench or bucket type seating allowing at least two people to sit side-by-side, and may be equipped with a bed or cargo box for hauling materials.

(b) **"All-terrain vehicle"** means any motorized non-highway vehicle 48 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,000 pounds or less, traveling on three or more low pressure tires, and having a seat to be straddled by the operator. As used in this subsection, "low pressure tire" means any pneumatic tire six inches or more in width, designed for use on wheels with rim diameter of 12 inches or less, and utilizing an operating pressure of 10 pounds per square inch or less as recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

This Ordinance shall take effect shall take effect and be enforced from and after its publication in the official city newspaper, **The St. Francis Herald**.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.

/s/ SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor
City of St. Francis, Kansas

Attest:
/s/ MARY P. LAMPE, City Clerk

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