

Public Notices

# Annual meeting to hold election

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Cheyenne County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 28th day of February, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. an annual meeting of the Cheyenne County Conservation District will be held at the St. Francis High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE: The supervisors of the Cheyenne

County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO: They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Dan Busse and Spencer Schlepp is expiring.

All in the county of Cheyenne in the State of Kansas.

By Randy Rueb  
Chairperson  
Cheyenne County Conservation District

ATTEST  
Jeanne Dunn  
Manager/Secretary



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AT the Bird City senior center. From left to right; Paul Roesener, Emma Hopp, Shirley Statley, Darlene Burr, ErvaGene DeArgon, Lee Amsberry and Vivian Seymour Times staff photo courtesy Edna Roesener

# Company will sell belongings

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To: Jennifer Phillips & Darrell Johnson  
Topside Storage Unit #B22  
St. Francis, Ks.

From: Topside Storage  
Your personal belongings in storage at Topside Storage, St. Francis, Ks., will be sold if restitution is not made by March 8, 2008, 12:00 noon CT.  
Topside Storage

# Hearing set for estate settlement

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY E. WALDEN, Deceased.  
CASE NO. 07-PR-09

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 was filed in this Court by Eldon F. Walden, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Mary E. Walden, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court

find the allowances requested for fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Mary E. Walden, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 24th day of March, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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# Petition filed for mineral interests

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH L. COOK, Deceased.  
Case No. 2008-PR-04

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the Court by Lawrence J. Cook, one of the heirs of Joseph L. Cook, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described mineral interests situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas, to-wit:

of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas.

and all personal property, other Kansas real estate and mineral interests owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas mineral interests owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 24, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. (CT) in the City of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Lawrence J. Cook, Petitioner

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# Congressman draws large crowd

By Karen Krien  
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Congressman Jerry Moran was in St. Francis on Thursday as one of the stops in his listening tour. The congressman generally draws a big crowd but Main St. Coffee shop was filled with interested and inquiring adults as well as Steve Jenkins' high school government class.

He talked about his goals which included to pass the Farm Bill; energy, conservation, health care and repealing or reforming the "No Child Left Behind" program.

Mr. Moran as senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, has been working to create a better awareness and understanding in Congress of the financial strain farmers are experiencing. The price of fertilizers, natural gas and other costs are creating a financial hardship.

He said that there are more urban congressmen than rural congressmen and over half of the money in the farm bill goes to nutrition and food stamps. He said he wants to make sure the direct payments continue.

The farm bill is still uncertain, he said it will take more money and it is unsure where the additional revenue will be found.

"The White House needs to remember that the farm bill is primarily about farmers and making sure they are able to provide food and fuel for our country.

### Oil dependency

He said he is concerned about the country's dependency on foreign oil. He doesn't want to increase the supply even though people complain about the price, he said.

"We need to get the bioenergy market open," he said. For the U.S. to remain competitive in a global market, citizens must have an ample energy supply that is affordable, reliable and environmentally responsible. More than 60 percent of this country's oil is imported from foreign countries.

"Oil provides our country with many economic benefits, it is important that we continue to advance technologies to help reduce

our dependence on domestic and foreign sources of oil," he said.

He recognized that high gas prices are a challenge for rural Kansas where people travel longer distances for work, school and other necessary items.

These higher prices have also increased the operating costs for many businesses, including truck drivers, farmers, and ranchers.

### Health care

The congressman said there are 75 hospitals in his District and he realizes how important small hospitals are to rural communities. He told about a letter he had received from Kody Krien, pharmacist in St. Francis. It told how, if the problem with payments for drugs wasn't fixed, he would be forced to close his business, move and would take three kids out of the school. Congressman Moran said he had taken this letter with him as urban congressmen didn't understand just how important it was to the school and community to not only lose their only pharmacy but how important it is to keep those three students in the school system.

Dr. Mary Beth Miller commended the congressman on looking out for the people, telling how she had two patients who were in the Veteran's Hospital in Hays and were getting nowhere with reimbursements. She had made a call to Mr. Moran and he had gotten it straightened out.

Rick Reeser, administrator at the Good Samaritan Village, was concerned about Medicare and Medicaid payment reductions. He said to be competitive, the nursing home now pays \$10 for certified nursing aides.

Mr. Moran said that nursing homes are being threatened and he was opposed to reducing reimbursement money.

### Horse slaughter houses

Gary Wickwar, St. Francis, was concerned about the closing of horse slaughtering facilities. Mr. Moran pointed out that most people don't understand that the French aristocrats want to eat horse meat.

With the closing of the slaughter house, there is no place for ag-



At Main St. Coffee, Congressman Moran speaks to a local crowd about many issues concerning Kansas.

Times staff photo courtesy Karen Krien

ing horses or those who need to be put out of their misery to go. There have been reports of horse owners turning their horses loose in pastures and on public lands because they cannot afford to take care of them and there is no other place to take them.

Mr. Moran said the bill has yet to pass in the congress and he didn't feel that it would. He said that farmers are worrying that, it is horses now, but when will the animal activists start on cattle, hogs and chickens.

### Illegal immigration

One of the high school students asked about illegal immigration and securing the borders. Mr. Moran said that he had a conference with a retired Kansas Bureau of Investigation officer and, it is a fact that most of our illegal drugs come across the borders.

"Rural America is being eaten away by meth and no Kansans should have this fear," he said.

He went on to say that, right now, the system in place is dysfunctional; that there needs to be a system where immigrants can come in legally.

### Faith in government

Mr. Moran was asked about the lack of faith in today's government and system. He said people need to have more faith in the political institution.

"We have a system that is the envy of the world but it is easy to become cynics," he said.

He encouraged individuals to excel, to help neighbors and make a change for the betterment of people.

"Your life will be determined by what you say and do," he said. "We need to remember that people we didn't know sacrificed so we can live and raise our children in this country.

"We have an obligation to honor what people did to see that this country has a future and, as Kansans, we have to try to make a difference."

There is the satisfaction — not the money, but the difference you make in life, he said.

There were a number of people giving thanks to the congressman for the work he does in the Congress as well as representing Kansas well.

# Grant needed to remodel hospital

By Karen Krien  
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Les Lacy, Cheyenne County Hospital administrator, attended the Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting with Amy Griffey, representative with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development, Hill City, to discuss the possibility of applying for a Community Development Building grant for the hospital kitchen renovation.

Mr. Lacy said the hospital kitchen will not pass a Kansas Department

of Health and Environment inspection, but, because the hospital showed it is in the process of renovation, the board was given time to complete the project.

Mr. Lacy estimated that the project would cost \$200,000. Mrs. Griffey recommended the county/hospital match with one-half of the cost to assure a better chance of gaining the grant.

The commissioners agreed that the administrator and Mrs. Griffey should move forward with the

grant.

The administrator and commissioners then discussed the hospital's budget. They asked that any budget requests should be brought to them as soon as possible.

### Prairie dog controlling

Prairie dog control was on the agenda. The deadline for taking care of the dogs with Rozal is March 15. At the previous meeting, Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed and prairie dog supervisor, had asked permission to attend the annual weed meeting in Garden City on March 3 through 5. However, with the county having so many prairie dogs needing to be taken care of and so little time to compete the job, the commissioners denied the request.

### Airport Authority

Dave Yost, representing the Airport Authority, said PRT Consulting, the company which had been hired to oversee the airport apron (area used for parking planes), had turned in a bill for \$12,771 because the project had taken more time. Four of the Airport Authority had responded and voted not to pay the additional price.

The reason the project had taken

longer was that the company had not stopped the project when there was a problem and, later, some of the work needed repaired. Thus, the commissioners also agreed to not pay the bill.

Mr. Yost said the company may be back. They had said they would not sue if the bill was not paid but he didn't know this for sure. The commissioners stood firm in their response to not pay the bill.

### Courthouse steps

The courthouse steps were discussed. The commissioners had agreed to rebid the project but Eric Johnson, contractor, could not be at the meeting until March. Mr. Johnson said that Fridays and Mondays were not good days to meet so, to accommodate the contractor, the meeting was moved tentatively to Tuesday, March 18. At that time, the bids will be opened.

### Communication disputes

A great deal of time was spent with the St. Francis City Council as they discussed communication or the lack of communication in the law officials as well as the 911 dispatch. See related article for additional information.

## Club Clip

### Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met on Monday, Feb. 4, at the Senior Center with 12 members present.

Ilene O'Leary, executive director of the Cheyenne Manor, gave an informative program about the Manor. The Manor opened July 1, 1975, with 20 units available for rent.

Helen Burnham, president, opened the business meeting. The

reports were given. Gary Rogers of the Cheyenne County emergency management asked for volunteers to help man the phones in case of an emergency. The meeting adjourned.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses Elaine Kite and Anita Miller.

The March meeting will be a luncheon at the hospital on Monday, March 3.