

# Letter to the Editor

To the editor:  
Friday, I attended the funeral of my great-niece, Elaina Redding (who lived in Fort Lupton, Colo.) She was a happy 2-year-old that I remember always dancing even if there was no music.  
The news in Denver has followed her tragic story but I'm writing this in case some of you, here in Kansas, haven't seen or read about it.  
Elaina swallowed a button battery, but she didn't die from choking on it. The battery was removed from her esophagus a

few hours after she swallowed it, but it had already done irreparable damage.  
Eighteen days later, Elaina bled to death from the chemicals that had leaked into her little body, causing burns to her esophagus and aorta.  
A nurse explained to Elaina's mother that these batteries should be locked away, just as you would lock away bullets.  
Elaina's devastated family is now on a crusade to warn people of the dangers of these batteries. They are commonly used in musical greeting cards, hand-held

games, watches, hearing-aids, and oddly enough, children's light-up toothbrushes, vibrating teething toys, and bath toys.  
Everyone of us has at least one of these items in our home. Some manufacturing changes need to be made, but until then, we need to be aware of the potentially fatal dangers of these tiny batteries.  
Statistics say only 10 percent of people who swallow these batteries die, but there's no way of knowing if you or your loved one will be in that 10 percent. Do not wait for symptoms if

you suspect someone has swallowed a battery...get to the hospital! You only have two to three hours after swallowing before these start to leak.  
More information is available on the internet under the name of Elaina Redding or Poison Control/battery poisoning. (note:I assume these could be potentially dangerous to your beloved pets also).  
Anna Martinez,  
Bird City

## Notice of hearing published

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, Thursdays, June 4, June 11 and June 18, 2009. (23-25)  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR RUBEN KNODEL, deceased. CASE NO. 09-PR-15 PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that on May 29, 2009, a petition was filed in this Court by John G. Knodel, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the Last Will

and Testament of Arthur Ruben Knodel, deceased, dated February 21, 1995, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 26, 2009, 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.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four 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.

John G. Knodel,  
Petitioner

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## Notice of mortgage foreclosure published

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Securities Series 2007-HE1

Plaintiff, Case No. 09-CV-08 Div. No. K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure  
vs.

Gary R. Taylor, Trisha L. Taylor, Capital One Bank (USA) N. A. Successor in Interest to Capital One Bank

Defendant(s).

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of CHEYENNE County, Kansas, to me the undersigned Sheriff of CHEYENNE County, Kansas, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the main lobby of the CHEYENNE County Courthouse at St. Francis, Kansas, at 10:00AM on June 19, 2009, the following real estate:

ALL OF LOT ELEVEN (11) IN BLOCK NINE (9) IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW CITY, OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

more specifically described as 218 E. Emerson Street, St. Francis, KS 67756

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Sheriff of CHEYENNE County, Kansas

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## Public hearing for grant to be held in Bird City

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Bird City will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 111 E 4th, Bird City, Kansas, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act funds. A specific project application to be discussed is the rehabilitation of 12 homes for low-to-moderate income families. Rehabilitation may include repairs or replacements of roofs, gutters, electrical, foundations, floors, plumbing, heating, painting, handicapped accessibility and other repairs to meet CDBG Housing Quality Standards (HQS), in a

target area bounded by 4th Street on the north, Bird Ave on the west, and the city limits on the south and east. The project will also include demolition of three unoccupied dilapidated homes within the target area. The estimated total project cost is \$332,740 with the grant request for \$332,740 of the project cost. Other proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the City of Bird City's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests should be submitted to the office of the Bird City City Clerk, by June 16, 2009.

## Notice of sheriff's sale to be held on July 10

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, PLAINTIFF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

-vs-

SHARANNE LAMPE, et. al.; DEFENDANTS

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Cheyenne, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 09CV7, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the front door of the courthouse in the City of St. Francis in said County, on July 10, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., of said day the following described real estate located in the County of Cheyenne, State of Kansas, to wit:

LOT NINE (9) AND EAST ELEVEN FEET (E 11') OF LOT TEN (10) IN BLOCK NINETEEN (19) IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. Commonly known as 217 West Jackson St, Saint Francis, Kansas 67756

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Craig Van Allen  
SHERIFF OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

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## Notice of sheriff's sale to be held on July 10

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, PLAINTIFF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

-vs-

SHARANNE LAMPE, et. al.; DEFENDANTS

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Cheyenne, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 09CV5, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the front door of the courthouse in the City of St. Francis in said County, on July 10, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. of said day the following described real estate located in the County of Cheyenne, State of Kansas, to wit:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CHEYENNE COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 140, PAGE 233, ID # 1682702009006, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 9 AND 10, BLOCK 10, PARK HILL ADDITION TO SAINT FRANCIS, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 140, PAGE 223, RECORDED 1/21/2009. Commonly known as 517 South Quincy Street, Saint Francis, Kansas 67756

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Craig Van Allen  
SHERIFF OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

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# Plans are set for new cutting-edge slaughter plant

By Karen Krien

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Cheyenne County will be the home to a new business — a slaughter facility.

Ranch Foods Direct, owned by Mike Callicrate, plans to build a cutting edge slaughter plant in the southern part of the county.

"This plant is necessary in completing the loop from pasture to plate and giving us complete control of the process including delivering the highest possible returns to our farm and ranch gates," he said.

Mr. Callicrate is looking at the possibility of a 50 cattle per day slaughter facility located at and as part of the Callicrate Feedyard operation. The plant will also have the ability to process other producers' cattle, hogs, lambs, goats and poultry. We are just getting started in researching everything from environmental requirements for waste and nutrient disposal, water usage, type of construction, location in reference to the feedyard, etc.

"Once we gather the information we will be able to complete a feasibility and cost analysis," Mr. Callicrate said.

He has several construction options on the table from a leading engineering firm. This week he will hire a water engineer with extensive experience in working with the state of Kansas.

The plan is to process the animals where they are raised and ship the carcasses to his fabrication plant in Colorado Springs and to other further processors that he envisions will become part of a network of outlets providing a natural, high quality, direct-from-the-farm alternative

to the meat from the big packers, processors and retailers. This model avoids significant stress on the animals. Shipping a carcass, which is approximately 64 percent of the weight of a live animal, saves freight. Research proves that meat quality is improved when the stress of shipping is avoided.

The plant will employ approximately 15 people.

"For many years, my goal has been to find ways of increasing farm and ranch income, particularly for the community of St. Francis," Mr. Callicrate said. "This type of processing facility is our last step (from our cattle operation in St. Francis to Ranch Foods Direct in Colorado Springs) in completing the infrastructure necessary in connecting the livestock producer to the consumer and in totally controlling the process."

The St. Francis-Ranch Foods Direct concept could become a template to be replicated many times for the benefit of producers of livestock and consumers everywhere, Mr. Callicrate said.

"Unless we find a way to avoid the abusive market power of the big agribusiness firms and retailers by connecting as directly as possible to consumers, farm and ranch communities will continue to suffer the economic decline resulting from prices below the cost of production and increasing imports that we have experienced over the last 20 to 30 years.

"We feel it is important to get input from the community in this early concept phase to insure the best possible outcome."

## Association members to hear survey report

The United States 36 Highway Association will hold its annual meeting Friday in Atwood, with members and dignitaries set to hear a report on an economic survey of the route across Kansas by experts at Fort Hays State University sponsored by the group.

A reception and social hour from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the "Not a Hilton But It'll Do" motel and convention center on U.S. 36 will kick off the meeting.

Chris Sramek, Rawlins County chamber president will offer a welcome during the reception.

The meeting starts at 8 a.m. Friday with registration, followed by a welcome at 9 a.m. from Mayor Betty Mickey and the Atwood Chamber.

President Steve Haynes of Oberlin, who will be the master of ceremonies, said the association meets twice a year. The idea of the association is to promote traffic and business along the road, promote improvements to the highway and good transportation in general.

Before lunch, there will be reports from the Kansas and Mis-

souri Departments of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration and discussion with some of the state legislators.

Over the lunch hour, there will be a report from Dr. Preston Gilson and Dr. Gary Brinker of the Docking Institute for Public Affairs at Fort Hays State. The institute is working on a study of the economic impact of widening and improving U.S. 36 to a four-lane expressway across the state.

The \$48,000 study is being paid for with grants of \$2,000 each sought from the 13 counties along the road and a \$30,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Mr. Haynes said.

In the afternoon, the association will hold a business meeting and elect officers. Among the topics will be final fund raising for the road study.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$18 each at the door. All U.S. 36 Association members, the public in general and anyone interested in transportation issues is welcome to attend.

## South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Bethel Goltl, Don Bruder, Marty Goltl, Sophie Goltl, and Jack Goltl took Alan Goltl to the Denver airport Monday for his trip home to Brooklynn.

Ginger Montgomery and children will be spending this week with Diane Montgomery.

Thursday evening and supper guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey were Ellen's niece and daughter, Debbie and Kate Malone, Tom and Kelly Dewey and children,

and Chris Holste.

Joe and Charlene Kramer helped Reid Shay celebrate his ninth birthday Sunday afternoon at the park in St. Francis.

George and Kathy Banister attended the memorial service for Lindon Montgomery Tuesday morning in McDonald.

Tyrell Robben of Sharon Springs was a weekend guest of David Banister. They attended a friends wedding in Hoxie Saturday afternoon.

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