

Obituary

Gene Alfred Mears

April 6, 1926 - December 10, 2009

Gene Alfred Mears was born April 6, 1926, in rural Cheyenne County, Kan., to Alfred and Winnie M. (Lavell) Mears. He died in Glendale, Colo., on Dec. 10, 2009, at the age of 83.

Gene accepted Jesus as his Savior when he 9 years old. That faith was a big part of his life.

Gene graduated the eighth grade from the rural Walnut Grove School. He farmed and ranching in northwest Kansas until his death.

On Nov. 15, 1953, he was united in marriage to Carol J. Antholz at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bird City, Kan. To

this union was born son, Kevin George, in 1954, and daughter, Monica Lea, in 1957. Gene and Carol recently celebrated 56 years together.

One of the highlights of his younger days was coyote hunting with family and friends. His passion was his cow herd and he had an eye for good cattle. For a lot of years, he cared for them from the saddle on one of his horses.

Gene loved his family and enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow up and recently, his great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his brother, Kyle, his parents, sister, Eula Cook; brother, Norman; and sister-in-law, Dorothy

Engelman.

Gene is survived by his wife, Carol, of McDonald; son, Kevin and wife, Teresa, of Topeka; daughter, Monica Johnsen, and husband, Dave, of Imperial, Neb.; grandchildren, Jory Mears and wife, Amanda, of Edmond, Okla.; Crystal Thompson and husband, Dallas, of Bonner Springs; Brandee Halbleib and husband, Landen, of Eudora; Ben Johnsen and wife, Sheila, of Lincoln, Neb.; Tara Deyle and husband, Matt, of Russell; Amanda Johnsen of Lincoln; great-grandchildren, Will and Samantha Johnsen, Hayden Deyle, Addyson Thompson, and Avery Mears; sister-in-law, Ivalee Mears, of McDonald; brother-in-law, Don Antholz,

and wife, Florence, of Atwood; nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16 at the Federated Church in McDonald with Pastor Mark Adams officiating. Honorary pallbearers were granddaughters, Crystal Thompson, Tara Deyle, Brandee Halbleib, Amanda Johnsen, Amanda Mears and Sheila Johnsen. Casket bearers were grandsons and a nephew, Dallas Johnsen, Landen Halbleib, Ben Johnsen, Jory Mears, Matt Deyle and Bud Mears.

Burial was in the Grace Cemetery of McDonald.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Public Notice

Notice of Sheriff sale to be held on Jan. 8

Petition filed in court for Magnani estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Bank of America, National Association as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-4

Plaintiff,

vs.

Jesse P. Jones, et al.

Defendants.

Case No. 09CV13
Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved

Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Cheyenne County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand in the lobby of the Cheyenne County Courthouse, Kansas, on January 8, 2010 at the time of 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

UNPLATTED LOT TWELVE (12), IN BLOCK FORTY-ONE (41), DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), IN TOWNSHIP THREE (3) SOUTH, RANGE FORTY (40) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. LYING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, BUT NOT PLATTED, WHICH LIES IMMEDIATELY SOUTH AND ADJOINING LOT ONE (1), IN BLOCK FORTY-ONE (41), OF SAID CITY, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 41, CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, THENCE RUNNING SOUTH IN CONTINUATION OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, TO THE SECTION LINE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAID SECTION 22, THENCE RUNNING WEST A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET ALONG SAID SECTION LINE, THENCE RUNNING NORTH TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE RUNNING EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCLUSIVE OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND ALLEY, ALSO KNOWN AS 220 EAST FIRST STREET CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS. Tax ID No. 1652203043010000000. Commonly known as 220 E. 1st St., Saint Francis, KS 67756 ("the Property") MS#95064

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.

Cheyenne County Sheriff

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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4 IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate

SHERIDAN RAY MAGNANI, Deceased

Case No. 2009-PR-31

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 15, 2009, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Schelly Ann Magnani, an heir, devisee and legatee of Sheridan Ray Magnani, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

SCHELLY ANN MAGNANI, Petitioner

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Notice of vehicle sale published by sheriff

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Pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1102

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the undersigned Sheriff of Cheyenne County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the lobby of the Cheyenne County Courthouse, Kansas, on January 15, 2009 at the time of 10:00 AM, the following vehicle:

A 1984 Nissan Mirage camper utility vehicle, VIN 1N6NDO5H3EC332364, titled to Art Warsell, P.O. Box 515, Bird City, Kansas 67731.

The Vehicle has been impounded by the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office. The titled owner has ten days from the last date of publication to claim, pay the removal and storage charges and publication fees incurred by the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office.

The sale is to be made without appraisal and no warranties or guarantees will apply.

Cheyenne County Sheriff

Santa arrives in McDonald



There were 150 people who attended the Lions Club Pancake Day, visited with Santa and then playing bingo. The attendance might have been a little smaller than usual due to the basketball games and also several farmers were still in the fields.

After the tables were cleaned off, Santa arrived with his bag of treats for all. A line of kids waited to talk to Santa and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. There were bags of candy for everyone.

Everyone seemed to have fun

playing bingo. Some families even had their family reunions at the Christmas Day celebration. There were lots of prizes so that everyone was a winner. Gerald Pochop won the big prize, a large Nativity scene made by Bill Schaff.

Several people reported winning turkeys while playing pitch in the basement. This day was made possible through the joint efforts of the McDonald Lions Club, McDonald Area Development, and the McDonald Legion.



VANCE CHURCHWELL covers his opponent during the game held in McDonald against Triplains.

Boys basketball suffer tough loss

On Friday, the Cheylin Cougar boys high school basketball team came out to play against Triplains on home court in McDonald. It was a tough game for the Cougars with the final score 57-66 Triplains win.

Scorers were Adrian Garcia with 17 points, Vance Churchwell with 10 points, Caleb Keltz with his eight points, Heath Antholz and Chris Walden each with seven points, Jeremiah White with six points and Max Hengen with two points.

"We came out hard and looked real good," said Coach Jeremy Stefan. "Unfortunately we could

not continue it through the entire game."

Junior varsity

On Saturday, the junior varsity team played against Scott City and gained some good experience. The final score was 42-75 Scott City win.

Joshua Keltz was top scorer with 18 points, Danny Frisbie and Kenan Reeh each added eight points, Adam Orten with five points, Grant Shrader three points, Heath Churchwell with two points.

"They all did very well for the competition that we played," said Coach Stefan.

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| CORRECTED 2009 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KS USED TO FUND THE 2010 BUDGETS | | | | 2009 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS USED TO FUND THE 2010 BUDGET | | | |
|--|--------------|--------|------------|--|-------------|---------|---------|
| Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk | | | | Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk | | | |
| Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$44,824,318 (Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation) | | | | Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$44,824,318 (Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation) | | | |
| Comparison of 2008 and 2009 levies and valuations: | | | | CORRECTED | | | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | Difference | | | | |
| State | \$40,954,887 | 1,500 | | 001 City of Bird City | \$2,289,985 | 52.965 | 6.141 |
| County | \$40,954,887 | 1,500 | | State | 2,289,985 | 52.965 | 6.141 |
| General | 27,162 | 26,783 | -379 | 002 City of St. Francis | \$6,532,217 | 1,500 | |
| Road & Bridge | 20,146 | 17,568 | -2,578 | State | 6,532,217 | 1,500 | |
| Bridge Building | 1,009 | 1,055 | 46 | County | 50,857 | 50.857 | |
| Noxious Weed | 0.794 | 0.248 | -0.546 | City | 52,956 | 41,751 | -11,205 |
| Hospital | 0.657 | 5.203 | 4.546 | USD 103 | 42,333 | 35,026 | -7,307 |
| Total | 49,768 | 60,857 | 10,899 | Recreation 103 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 1 | 1,024 | 1,024 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 2 | 0.653 | 0.653 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 1 | 0.879 | 0.879 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 2 | 1.148 | 1.148 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 3 | 0.636 | 0.636 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | Total | 162,319 | 132,928 | -29,391 |
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| | | | | 017 Calhoun Township | \$213,687 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | State | 213,687 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | County | 50,857 | 50.857 | |
| | | | | City | 41,751 | 35,026 | -7,725 |
| | | | | USD 103 | 42,333 | 35,026 | -7,307 |
| | | | | Recreation 103 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 1 | 1,024 | 1,024 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 2 | 0.653 | 0.653 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 1 | 0.879 | 0.879 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 2 | 1.148 | 1.148 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 3 | 0.636 | 0.636 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | Total | 101,382 | 93,204 | -8,178 |
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| | | | | 018 Calhoun Township | \$558,451 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | State | 558,451 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | County | 50,857 | 50.857 | |
| | | | | City | 41,751 | 35,026 | -7,725 |
| | | | | USD 297 | 35,026 | 35,026 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 1 | 1,024 | 1,024 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 2 | 0.653 | 0.653 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 1 | 0.879 | 0.879 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 2 | 1.148 | 1.148 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 3 | 0.636 | 0.636 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | Total | 101,382 | 93,204 | -8,178 |
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| | | | | 019 Calhoun Township | \$125,748 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | State | 125,748 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | County | 50,857 | 50.857 | |
| | | | | City | 35,026 | 35,026 | |
| | | | | USD 297 | 35,026 | 35,026 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 1 | 1,024 | 1,024 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 2 | 0.653 | 0.653 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 1 | 0.879 | 0.879 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 2 | 1.148 | 1.148 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 3 | 0.636 | 0.636 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | Total | 93,575 | 93,204 | -371 |
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| | | | | 027 Cleveland Run TWP | \$901,179 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | State | 901,179 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | County | 50,857 | 50.857 | |
| | | | | City | 35,026 | 35,026 | |
| | | | | USD 297 | 35,026 | 35,026 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 1 | 1,024 | 1,024 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 2 | 0.653 | 0.653 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 1 | 0.879 | 0.879 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 2 | 1.148 | 1.148 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 3 | 0.636 | 0.636 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | Total | 93,204 | 93,204 | |
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| | | | | 028 Wano Township | \$137,294 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | State | 137,294 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | County | 50,857 | 50.857 | |
| | | | | City | 41,751 | 35,026 | -7,725 |
| | | | | USD 297 | 35,026 | 35,026 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Recreation 297 | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 1 | 1,024 | 1,024 | |
| | | | | Cemetery 2 | 0.653 | 0.653 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 1 | 0.879 | 0.879 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 2 | 1.148 | 1.148 | |
| | | | | Rural Fire 3 | 0.636 | 0.636 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | SFD #6 | 2.141 | 2.141 | |
| | | | | Total | 101,382 | 93,204 | -8,178 |
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| | | | | 034 Wano Township | \$139,990 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | State | 139,990 | 1,500 | |
| | | | | County | 50,857 | 50.857 | |
| | | | | City | 41,751 | 35,02 | |