

Public Notices

Notice published in the Webb estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
Louis Webb, Deceased Case No. 2011-PR-19

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on July 26, 2011, in said court by Garold Lee, named executor and legatee of the estate of Louis Webb, deceased, praying for an Order Refusing to Grant Letters of Administration and assigning the probate assets of the estate to the petitioner for the purpose of paying debts and to admit to record the decedent's Last Will and Testament dated April 13, 2005.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court of 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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Notice of hearing in the Rathfon estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

Joseph B. Rathfon, Deceased

Case No. _____

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 Donald H. Rohrer, as the personal representative named in the "Last Will and Testament of Joseph B. Rathfon," deceased, dated July 15, 1998, praying that: the foreign will of Joseph B. Rathfon, deceased, dated July 15, 1998 and the codicil dated October 17, 2006, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent:
A. Cheyenne County, Kansas

1/2 of 15/80 MI in East Half of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2NW1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township Two (2) South, Range Forty-two (42) West, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

1/2 of 1/16 MI in Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Three (3), Township One (1) South, Range Forty-two (42) West, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

1/2 of 1/16 MI in North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2NW1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township One (1) South, Range Forty-two (42) West, Cheyenne County, Kansas

B. Edwards County, Kansas

An undivided 1/2 of 1/80 of the oil and gas leasehold title to the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N1/2NW1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Twenty-four (24) South, Range Sixteen (16) West, Edwards County, Kansas- subject to proportionate part of 1/64 of 7/8 overriding royalty interest-Eliza Mary Enlow.

An undivided 1/2 of 1/80 of the oil and gas leasehold title to the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Twenty-four (24) South, Range Sixteen (16) West, Edwards County, Kansas- subject to proportionate part of 1/64 of 7/8 overriding royalty interest-Elmer K. Hahn.

C. Pawnee County, Kansas

1/2 of 3/640 MI in the East Half (E1/2) Section Thirty-five (35), Township Twenty-three (23) South, Range Fifteen (15) West, Pawnee County, Kansas, non-participating as to leasing, bonuses and delay rentals, term interest to expire upon cessation of production- Ida M. Hearn.

1/2 of an undivided 1/160 of the oil and gas leasehold title to the East Half (E1/2) Section Thirty-five (35), Township Twenty-three (23) South, Range Fifteen (15) West, (320 acres), Pawnee County, Kansas, - Ida M. Hearn.

1/2 of 1/320 of 7/8 ORRI in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Fifteen (15) West, Pawnee County, Kansas- O.E. Smith "A".

D. Stafford County, Kansas

1/2 of 1/80 of the oil and gas leasehold title to the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N1/2SE1/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Twenty-four(24) South, Range Fourteen (14) West, Stafford County, Kansas, subject to proportionate part of 1/16 or 7/8 overriding royalty interest- L.M. Harrison.

1/2 of 1/80 of the oil and gas leasehold title to Lots Three (3) and Four (4) and the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E1/2SW1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Twenty-four (24) South, Range Thirteen (13) West, (160 acres) Stafford County, Kansas, proceeds assigned 8-1-60 to Natural Gas and Oil Company until 150% of the cost of McConnaughay #2 well is paid McConnaughay.

1/2 of 1313/64000 of the oil and gas leasehold title to the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2SE1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Twenty-three(23) South, Range Fourteen (14) West, Stafford County, Kansas, subject to 13/800 of 1/16 of 7/8 overriding royalty interest- Josephine T. Radke.

1/2 of 1/160 of 7/8 ORRI in Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Twenty-four (24) South, Range Thirteen (13) West, of Stafford County, Kansas.

E. Barber County, Kansas

1/2 of 39/1600 of O&G Leasehold Title to North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N1/2NE1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township Thirty-two (32) South, Range Twelve (12) West, Barber County, Kansas subject to proportionate part of 1/16 of 7/8 overriding royalty interest.

1/2 of 39/1600 of the oil and gas leasehold title to Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) Section Three (3), Township Thirty-two (32) South, Range Twelve (12) West, Barber County, Kansas subject to proportionate part of 1/16 or 7/8 ORRI,

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 1, 2011 at 10:00 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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Wind power energy discussed

By Karen Krien

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Chuck Kribs, one of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation directors, talked about wind-powered energy when the county commissioners met on Friday.

Mr. Kribs said he has been in contact with several companies which put in wind energy towers. Because of the wind speeds, Cheyenne County is one of the areas which has been determined as a good place to erect the towers. However, until recently, there was no way to transport the energy.

Mr. Kribs said that there are plans to put in transmission lines down the I-70 corridor as well as between Burlington and Wray in Colorado. The lines are to be finished by 2013 and 2014.

He said he had received a call from a company in Nebraska that might be interested in the county as a place to establish a wind farm. Another company, he said, had also contacted him.

One of the attractions of the county, he said, is the large farms owned by one person or corporation. They would not need to deal with numerous landowners.

We need to keep on top of wind energy, he told the commissioners. However, Mr. Kribs said he and his wife, Diane, are planning to retire as the directors at the end of the year.

He suggested that the commissioners appoint someone to keep in contact with wind energy companies. Even if the director position is filled immediately, there needs to be someone who will be a constant contact.

Having wind energy towers in the county could mean eight to 11 jobs in the county and more tax revenue coming in. No decision was made.

Sheriff's request

Sheriff Craig Van Allen said the 2005 pickup needed a new LED light bar. The present bar had been repaired several times and it has melted parts. It just needs to be replaced, he said.

A new light bar with a 5-year warranty will cost around \$1,500 which he has in his budget. By law, the pickup needs an operational light bar. The commissioners gave permission for him to purchase the light bar.

Emergency medical service
Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, requested that the commissioners send Dee Wilson to do continuing education to become an instructor/coordinator. The most of the education will be done through the internet on her own time but she will also have to make several trips to Great Bend. Expenses involved with the trips to Great Bend will need to be paid.

This is good for the county, Mrs. Bowers said. When she has finished her training, she will be able to teach emergency medical technicians. Wade Krien is able to teach re-certification classes.

Mrs. Bowers said she will write a grant to pay for the cost of Ms. Wilson's class. The commissioners will write a letter of recommendation.

She plans to have a first-responder class in the future. More technicians are needed, especially in Bird City. When the ambulance rolls, two people are needed. I'm concerned about response time, she said.

In other business

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had the commissioners permission to go ahead with random drug testing for all county employees. Anyone who gets a check can be subject to the testing.

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Notice of hearing in the Connett estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No. 11-PR-05

HAROLD L. CONNETT, a/k/a
LEE CONNETT, Deceased.

(Petition 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 Carol Connett, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Harold L. Connett a/k/a Lee Connett, 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 attorneys' 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 Harold L. Connett a/k/a Lee Connett, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 23, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in 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 in court for the Raile estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
BARBARA R. RAILE, Deceased.

Case No. 2011-PR-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on July 28, 2011, a Petition for Probate of Will and for Appointment of Personal Representative was filed in this Court by Myra G. Engelkes, an heir, devisee and legatee, and successor personal representative named in the Last Will and Testament of Barbara R. Raile, 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.

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Myra G. Engelkes, petitioner

James Foster, Kansas Department of Commerce, met with the commissioners concerning opting into the Rural Opportunity Zone. After discussion, it was decided that Cheyenne County would join, pledging the \$1,500 minimum reimbursement. A resolution will be created and signed at a future meeting.

Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, was given permission to attend training in Hutchinson Oct. 9-11. There is mandatory training for driver's license testing on Oct. 12.

The commissioners gave her permission to close the office that day so the training can be taken.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be on Monday when the ballots will be counted again. That evening, they will meet with the St. Francis City Council at 6:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Commissioners hear complaints

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners heard complaints about the Hummer which was recently acquired from the Army by the sheriff's department. After all the discussion, the commissioners agreed that they were OK with the acquisition.

Rodney Neitzel, St. Francis, started out by telling the commissioners how thankful he and his family were of the county's emergency system. However, he was concerned about the increases in his taxes, both on his personal property and his businesses.

He said he thought that the Hummer was something that the county government didn't need. It was pointed out that the Hummer had been something that the sheriffs, including Troy Gardner, had applied for. The vehicle is an Army surplus and only counties that qualify are eligible to get one. It was free with the exception of the cost for the government's paperwork which is 5 percent of the cost of the vehicle. In the county's case, it was \$1,700. The shipping cost \$1,000. The tag cost \$25. There was still a question on insurance but, since the Army still owns it, all the insurance necessary was liability.

Mr. Neitzel said there would still be the cost of lights, lettering and equipping the vehicle including typical maintenance.

The Hummer, the commissioners said, will be used by all county emergency departments. Mr. Neitzel said it was nice to be prepared but the county couldn't be prepared in all instances. For instance, it would be nice to have boats if the Republican River were to flood. If there is a blizzard, why can't private vehicles be used in rescuing people? And, why can't the state highway department be contacted?

The vehicle will go where other vehicles, even 4-wheel drive pickups have trouble going, the commissioners said. Recently, there was a wreck where the vehicle ended up in rough terrain. If the Hummer would have been available, it would have been quicker and less wear on the vehicle used to rescue the victims. There were several other instances named.

The money used for the Hummer expenses was already in the sheriff's budget. Mr. Neitzel said he didn't think the government should put money anyway. Since it is the taxpayer's money, they, the taxpayers, should be able to save it the way they want to.

It comes down to money and where it is best spent, Mr. Neitzel said. For instance, when the tornado siren went off recently, we, at the Hilltop Market, could not hear it. There are all sorts of ways things can be done for public safety.

It is hard to put a price on a person's life, said Dale Patton, commissioner. And if \$5,000 in a Hummer saves life, it is worth it.

In our county, our emergency system is maintained by volunteer EMTs, firemen, said Ryan Murray, emergency manager. We need to think about anything that will add safety to their jobs.

Mr. Neitzel said the Hummer was, in his opinion, falling into the column of "things that the county did not need."

The Hummer was cheaper than purchasing a new pickup or even an all-terrain vehicle, the commissioners agreed. I'll take the flack, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, but I think that the Hummer is a good deal.

Supporting Mr. Neitzel was Bill Fiedler, St. Francis. Supporting the commissioners were Ryan Murray, Jannelle Bowers and Craig Van Allen.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Once again, the Cheyenne County Relay for Life is over and basically only the paperwork remains. Even the numbers being down, due to harvest, hot weather, and whatever else occurs, the excitement was still contagious.

Cancer is such a mysterious and rampant disease and not nearly enough answers are being found. Research is expensive and is partially funded by events such as relay. Relay can only be successful by cooperation of communities and individuals.

It is easy to set back and say: "I don't have time," "There is nothing I can really do," "Someone else can do a better job," "This really doesn't affect me." These statements are all wrong.

We can all make time in our lives for what is important. There are always things that even the smallest and least talented can do. And unfortunately, cancer affects us all. Most of us live our daily lives being touched by individuals who have battled, who are battling, or who have lost their battle

to this dreaded disease.

We are truly blessed to live in such a loving and caring community. There are always people who are there for us when we need them.

The 2011 Relay for Life Committee once again worked together and had another successful relay. I am now going to challenge the community to help us begin working toward an even better 2012 relay.

It is not too early to put together teams for next year and begin fundraisers for your team. Don't wait for someone to ask you, step forward and ask what you can do. Don't set back and say, "They should have done this. Come forward and help us do it!"

Help us in this fight to help find a cure for this disease. We need to all work together.

Please contact me at (785) 332-5348 and let us help you get started.

Pat Rose, Chairman
2011 Cheyenne County
Relay for Life Committee

Deadlines !•! Deadlines

We know how all of us hate deadlines — But in order for us to do our best and try to keep you happy, please note below The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times deadlines.

Articles and Ad are due Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's paper

The Saint Francis Herald
Bird City Times

