

More to the Irish than St. Patrick's Day

According to Encyclopedia Britannica the average of age American consumes approximately 21.6 gallons of beer per year. This averages out to slightly less than one cup of beer per person per day.

The average Irishman, on the other hand, consumes approximately 37.3 gallons of beer per year which averages out to slightly more than 1.5 cups of beer per person per day.

Globally, this rates Ireland as the second most beer-thirsty country in the world just behind the Czech Republic, but well ahead of Germany.

Although the thirsty Irish are widely known for their drinking habits - they have spawned one of our most unique holidays in St. Patrick's Day, one of the cleverest creatures in the leprechaun and some of the most celebrated people in history — literary and otherwise.

Ernest Shackleton was born Feb. 15, 1874, in Kilkea, Ireland. He was a member of the National Antarctic Discover Expedition in 1902 with Robert F. Scott but was far more famous for the Endurance Expedition that began in 1914.



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The purpose of the Endurance Expedition was to cross Antarctica from the Weddell Sea south of the Atlantic to the Ross Sea south of the Pacific Ocean. This expedition ended in failure however when ice closed around the Endurance Ship part way through and stranded the crew.

One of the greatest survivor stories ever told was Shackleton's rescue effort that successfully brought all 28 sailors — minus the Endurance Ship — back to Britain. Ironically, many of this Irishman's later day health problems were not connected to his adventures but rather his alcohol addiction. Shackleton's story can be found in John McCain's book "Character is Destiny and Ice Story: Shackleton's

Lost Expedition" by Elizabeth Kimmel.

James Joyce is another famous Irishman. A literary giant, Joyce is probably most noted for his landmark novel Ulysses which is quite simply about the day in the life of two Dubliners - Stephen Dedalus and Leopold Bloom.

As simple as the plot is, this novel is considered by many to be one of the most influential novels of the 20th century. Interestingly though - until Dec. 6, 1933, Ulysses was banned in the United States for the reason of obscenity.

On Dec. 6, 1933, however, Judge John M. Woolsey overturned this ban writing, "I am quite aware that owing to some of its scenes 'Ulysses' is a rather strong draught to ask some sensitive, though nor-

mal, persons to take. But my considered opinion, after long reflection, is that whilst in many places the effect of 'Ulysses' on the reader undoubtedly is somewhat emetic, nowhere does it tend to be an aphrodisiac. 'Ulysses' may, therefore, be admitted into the United States."

James Joyce was a great author in elite company with few other Irish countrymen. But a number of his counterparts including Clive Staples Lewis, Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw and William Butler Yeats can also be counted among the world's literary greats.

However, while the literary giants are small in number in Ireland, the number of teetotalers might be fewer. Celebrate the Irish tomorrow by wearing a wee bit of green and remember that they can write as well as they drink - but don't forget to keep your beer intake to the American Average — one cup!

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

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Bestsellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult (Atria)
2. "Whitethorn Woods" by Maeve Binchy (Knopf)
3. "Shopaholic and Baby" by Sophie Kinsella (Dial Press)
4. "Step on a Crack" by James Patterson, Michael Ledwidge (Little, Brown)
5. "Sisters" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
6. "Innocent in Death" by Nora Roberts, writing as J.D. Robb (Putnam)
7. "The Watchman" by Robert Crais (Simon & Schuster)
8. "The Double Bind: A Novel" by Chris Bohjalian (Shaye Areheart Books)
9. "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
10. "Plum Lovin'" by Janet Evanovich (St. Martin's)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne (Beyond Words)
2. "In an Instant: A Family's

Journey of Love and Healing" by Lee Woodruff, Bob Woodruff (Random House)

3. "Women & Money: Owning the Power to Control Your Destiny" by Suze Orman (Spiegel & Grau)
4. "You: On A Diet: The Owner's Manual for Waist Management" by Michael F. Roizen, Mehmet C. Oz (Free Press)
5. "I Feel Bad About My Neck: And Other Thoughts on Being a Woman" by Nora Ephron (Knopf)
6. "The Audacity of Hope" by Barack Obama (Crown)
7. "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier" by Ishmael Beah (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
8. "Somebody's Gotta Say It" by Neal Boortz (HC)
9. "The Best Life Diet" by Bob Greene (Simon & Schuster)
10. "The Hardcore Diaries" by Mick Foley (World Wrestling Entertainment)

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IN THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

Overland Pass Pipeline Company LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

John D. Urban; Agnes F. Urban; and United States of America, acting through the Farm Service Agency f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture,

Defendants.

Case No. 07 CV 6

Pursuant to Chapter 26
Kansas Statutes Annotated

NOTICE OF SUIT

Plaintiff Overland Pass Pipeline Company LLC ("Overland Pass"), by and through the power of eminent domain granted to it under Kansas law (K.S.A. 17-618 and K.S.A. 26-501 – 26-516), to the owners and those in possession, Defendants John D. Urban; Agnes F. Urban; and United States of America, acting through the Farm Service Agency f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, 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 Thomas County, Kansas by Overland Pass initiating an action to exercise Overland Pass's power of eminent domain as to certain portions of the following-described real property, all as more specifically set forth in the Petition (which Petition can be viewed during regular business hours at the offices of the Court Clerk).

Overland Pass is authorized pursuant to K.S.A. 17-618 (1995) to exercise the power of eminent domain. Overland Pass is a pipeline company which plans to build an interstate natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline (the "Pipeline") to transport NGL from Opal, Wyoming to Bushton, Kansas. NGLs include ethane, propane, butane, and natural gasoline. Overland Pass seeks to exercise its power of eminent domain to obtain temporary construction and permanent easements and rights-of-way. Overland Pass seeks a permanent easement and right-of-way 50 feet in width, extending 25 feet to each side of the Pipeline centerline.

Tract I (Urban I)

Parent Tract: The East Half (E/2) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Six (6) South, Range Thirty-three (33) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Thomas County, Kansas.

Centerline: A survey centerline lying within a portion of the above-described Parent Tract, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the said Parent Tract, thence southerly along the West line of said Parent Tract an approximate distance of 1935 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 66 degrees, 14 minutes, 55 seconds East an approximate distance of 1957 feet; thence South 70 degrees, 16 minutes, 48 seconds East an approximate distance of 188 feet; thence South 62 degrees, 53 minutes, 37 seconds East an approximate distance of 372 feet; thence South 57 degrees, 44 minutes, 58 seconds East an approximate distance of 374 feet; thence South 57 degrees, 46 minutes, 40 seconds East an approximate distance of 119 feet to an ending point on the East line of said Parent Tract, said ending point being approximately 1932 feet northerly from the Southeast corner of said Parent Tract.

Tract II (Urban II)

Parent Tract: The West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W/2 SW/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Six (6) South, Range Thirty-three (33) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Thomas County, Kansas.

Centerline: A survey centerline lying within a portion of the above-described Parent Tract, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the approximate Southwest corner of said Parent Tract, thence Northerly along the West line of said Parent Tract an approximate distance of 1932 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 57 degrees, 46 minutes, 40 seconds East an approximate distance of 1008 feet; thence South 57 degrees, 47 minutes, 3 seconds East an approximate distance of 600 feet to an ending point on the East line of said Parent Tract, said ending point being approximately 1038 feet northerly from the Southeast corner of said Parent Tract.

Overland Pass seeks a temporary easement seventy-five (75) feet in width, encompassing the area

of the permanent easement and an additional twenty-five (25) feet to the South of the permanent

easement, to run through completion of the Pipeline construction/installation, property restoration, and/or

testing, whichever is latest. Additional temporary workspaces are required at locations as depicted in the

Pipeline Centerline Exhibits attached to the Petition. Overland Pass seeks an order granting it appropriate

easements, in accord with the following:

A permanent and perpetual right-of-way and easement to construct, entrench, maintain, protect, inspect and operate a pipeline with appurtenances, including but not limited to valves, metering equipment, electrical cable, cathodic equipment, (said pipeline, appurtenances, valves, metering equipment, cathodic equipment, being hereinafter sometimes collectively called the "facilities") over, under and through the hereinafter described land, approximately along the Pipeline Centerline designated by survey heretofore made by Overland Pass Pipeline Company LLC ("Overland Pass"), through and over the said land. The permanent right-of-way situated within the property at issue in this condemnation action shall be a total of Fifty (50) feet wide, Twenty-Five (25) feet in width (measured perpendicular to the pipe) to each side of the as-built centerline of the pipe. The temporary construction right-of-way shall be Seventy-Five (75) feet in width, encompassing the Fifty (50) foot permanent right-of-way plus an area an additional Twenty-Five (25) feet in width (measured perpendicular to the pipe) adjoining the South line of the permanent right-of-way. At the locations and dimensions shown on the Pipeline Centerline exhibit, the temporary construction right-of-way shall be expanded to include an additional workspace (labeled "ATWS") lying next to the temporary right-of-way.

Once initial construction is completed, this right-of-way and easement shall carry with it the right of ingress and egress to and from, and access on and along said right-of-way, with the right to use existing roads, for the purpose of constructing, inspecting, improving, repairing, protecting and maintaining the facilities and the removal or replacement of same at will, either in whole or in part, and the replacement of said Pipeline with either like or different size pipe. During temporary periods Overland Pass may use such portions of the property along and adjacent to said right-of-way as may be reasonably necessary in connection with construction maintenance, repair, removal or replacement of the facilities.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described rights and easements, together with all rights necessary to operate, protect and maintain the facilities over the right-of-way hereby granted unto Overland Pass, its successors and assigns, and Overland Pass may assign the rights and easements herein granted, either in whole or in part, subject to the terms of this grant, and such rights and easements shall be covenants running with the land and be binding upon the Property Owners, their heirs, legal representatives and successors in title.

Overland Pass shall have the right to cut and keep clear without payment of damages all trees, brush and other obstructions that may in Overland Pass's opinion

endanger, hinder or conflict with the construction, operation, inspection, protection, maintenance and use of said Pipeline and appurtenant facilities.

Overland Pass further agrees that within a reasonable time following the completion of construction, Overland Pass shall restore said right-of-way to a condition equal to or better than that which existed prior to construction to the extent practicable. Restoration shall include, where necessary, final grading, reseeding and installation of erosion control structures and repair and restoration of fences. Overland Pass will properly control noxious weeds on the entire length of the right-of-way.

The Property Owners reserve the right to use and enjoy said property except for the purposes herein granted, but such use shall not hinder, conflict or interfere with Overland Pass's surface or subsurface rights hereunder or disturb its facilities and no road, reservoir, excavation, change in surface grade, obstruction or structure shall be constructed, created or maintained on, over, along or within said right-of-way without Overland Pass's prior written consent. Overland Pass shall, during initial construction in cultivated lands, bury said Pipeline below ordinary cultivation depth.

On the 27th day of March, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., in the District Court of Thomas, Kansas, Thomas County Courthouse, 300 N. Court Street, Colby, Kansas 67702-0805, the Court will consider the Petition, appointment of appraisers, and other issues. The appraisers will later determine the amount of compensation for the easements. The Defendants listed above and other interested parties who have a legal right to participate may appear at said hearing and otherwise protect their rights as set forth in K.S.A. 26-501 through 26-517.

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