

# Public Notices

## State bank to hear public comments

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**Western State Bank, 1500 E. Kansas Avenue, Garden City, Kansas,** Has filed an application with the State Bank Commissioner for permission to establish a branch to be known as Western State Bank, and to be located at 114 E. Washington, St. Francis, KS 67756.

The State Bank Commissioner considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments, in writing, with the State Bank Commissioner, at 700 SW Jackson Street, Suite 300, Topeka, Kansas 66603. The State

Bank Commissioner will consider your comments on the application if received on or before November 7, 2007.

Public comments may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act; K.S.A. 45-201 et seq.

The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within three business days following the request for such file. The file may be inspected in the Office of the State Bank Commissioner during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the State Bank Commissioner.

## Notice of annual meeting to be held

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF WHEELER COOPERATIVE MERC. EQUITY UNION**

To be held in the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with

meal following:  
THE AGENDA:  
Reading of the annual report.  
Election of one director.

All other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

To help us plan the amount of food needed for this year's annual meeting we need your help. Please call 785-332-2281 with the number of guests attending.

Rex Murray, Secretary, R.S.V.P. 785-332-2281

## Notice published for branch bank

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**NOTICE OF NEW BANK BRANCH**

Western State Bank, Garden City, Kansas, has made an application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Company to open a new branch at 114 E. Washington St., Saint Francis, Kansas. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal

Deposit Insurance Company, at its regional office at 2345 Grand Boulevard, Suite 1200, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108. Comments by interested parties must be received by the FDIC not later than November 9, 2007. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the FDIC regional office and they are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

## Petition is filed in court for estate

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS**

In The Matter of The Estate of Case No. 07-PR-12 Eugene S. Laumann, Deceased.

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 James D. Owens, personal representative, praying that: the foreign will of Eugene S. Laumann, deceased, dated December 4, 2001, 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, situated in Cheyenne

County, Kansas:

The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township One (1) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses therein on or before the 16th day of November, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the District Court, 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.

James D. Owens, Petitioner

JAMES M. MILLIKEN, CHAR-TERED  
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Attorneys for Petitioner

### Family celebration

The five daughters of Nelson and Jacque Ekberg, along with their families, began gathering in Wray last Thursday evening to celebrate their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Kathy and Mike Pollard, Anna and Ellie arrived from Spring Hill, Tenn.; Connie Ekberg came from Colorado Springs and Lisa Ekberg from Chicago to join Karen and John Willard, Jessica, Logan and Austin and Laurie and Kris Jones, Megan, Ben, Heather and Lindsey of Wray.

Friday the group gathered at the Beecher Island Sunday School for a time of viewing a DVD of family pictures made by Connie Ekberg, reminiscing and enjoying a delicious meal prepared by Dorothy Eastin and her helpers. Esther Hanson also joined them. Later in the day, Kenneth and Louise Lobdell of Carbon, Alberta, who were attendants at their wedding, came for the rest of the weekend.

Saturday the above group joined other descendants of John and Velma Ekberg for their annual fall get-together hosted by Rhoda and Alfred Renzelman in Haxtun. Others attending were Harry Ekberg, Carol and Glenn Chapman, and Betty

Greene of Wray, Marilyn Bruffet of Commerce City, Dennis and Jenean Hovel of Delta, Lynette and Ken Harms, Jessica and Brian Gales and baby daughter, Tessa of Haxtun.

Several of the group watched the Haxtun/Wray junior varsity game in the afternoon in which Ben Jones played. John and Austin Willard had to forgo the Haxtun activities for Austin to play in the junior high championship play-offs in Yuma.

Sunday the Ekberg family enjoyed a potluck meal with the Beecher Island Sunday School to honor Nelson and Jacque Ekberg's 50 years.

Saturday evening the "Ekberg girls" and their spouses went to Big Ed's in Bird City to celebrate Mike Pollard's birthday. He had wanted to check out a web-site recommendation for the "Best Steak House in the World."

There were 98 at Sunday school. Judy Shively gave the special number. Joseph Mitchell and Mike Pollard gave their birthday offerings.

The Beecher Island Association annual meeting and soup supper were Oct. 24 at Beecher.

Word was received Alberta Ek-

berg Schritter had died Friday morning. Graveside services were Friday at Armel.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and family were Thursday evening until Saturday noon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen. Joining them for supper Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Perry Allen and Jessica Mertens.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons met Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family for lunch. Madison and Spencer came home with the Simmons for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls attended the fun program at Idalia Thursday night and the ball games on Friday.

Judy Hart and Violet Brown made a business trip to St. Francis Thursday.

Marilyn Bruffett is spending a few days with Harry Ekberg and visiting Beulah at Cedardale.

Dick and Peggy Busby of Casper, Wyo., visited Rex and Gwen Shaver Saturday.

Lee and Diana Bowker were Saturday supper guests of Violet Brown.

Harry Ekberg, Marilyn Bruffett and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chapman

By  
**Bessie Dent**



made a fun trip to Wallace Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver met Mr. and Mrs. Ned Shaver of Hays in Idalia Sunday for lunch.

Laura Pearl Wall had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons and Quentin Simmons Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield last week. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent enjoyed the Rockies-Diamondback ball game Friday with Bills.

Kim Bowman and boys of Oklahoma, Major James and Keri Kennedy and family of Huntsville, Ala., came Sunday. Steve Lewis of Alaska came Saturday and Kelly Shively came Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shivelys to be here for the funeral of their grandmother, Doris Whomble.

Ashley Hurlburt went with the Schaffner girls to Greeley Saturday to play volleyball and stayed all night with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family went over to Peggy Allens to watch the Rockies-Diamondback ball game Sunday evening.

## Haigler News

By  
**Floy Ruggles**



(ESL) to the dairy workers at Bird City.

Early Sunday morning found Maurice and Janice Barnhart, Doug Brewer, Laurene Rohn, Dwight and Leah Brewer and Sherri Gregory at the Windmill Café having breakfast and spending an enjoyable hour of conversation, which led to an idea for a Crabtree family reunion next summer.

Later, Leah Brewer and Sherri Gregory drove to Haigler where

they and Sharna Richardson were Sunday guests at the Ray and Floy Ruggles home. They caught up on family news and spent some quality time together. More plans for a family reunion were discussed.

On her way home to Lincoln, Sherri stopped in Hastings for a brief visit with her cousin, Dennis Craft and his wife, Judy, before traveling on east to Lincoln.

**Monday**

Visitors in the Carol and Jay

### Haigler Post Office news

The Haigler Post Office will be participating in the fifth annual Central Plains District Good News Campaign with an open house on Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be handouts concerning scams on "Fake Checks" and an informational sheet about "Got Postage? Quick, Easy, Timesaving Options Available."

October of 1882 was when the first post office was opened in Haigler, Neb. Betty and Joan would like to have patrons join them for cake and Halloween treats on the 30th in honor of this event that took place 125 years ago.

### Saturday visits

MerryLu Simmons of Beecher Island, Laurie Perila and children, Laura, Madison and Spencer of Westminster were Saturday luncheon guests in the home of Laura Pearl Wall.

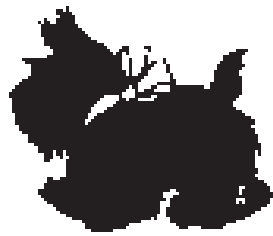
Late Saturday afternoon and evening, Mel Fisher spent some time with Ray and Floy Ruggles. From 6 to 7, they enjoyed sandwiches, juice and cookies while watching a special presentation via Hope Dish Satellite.

### Sunday visits

Sunday dinner guests in the Wall home included Bruce, Valerie, Brianna, Shelby and Seth Woods, Royal and Helen Woods. Wendy and Blaine Lee of Yuma came in the afternoon and were supper guests.

### Items by Sherri Gregory "the blog lady"

One day last week, Dwight and Leah (Gregory) Brewer stopped at the Post Office in St. Francis to pick up their mail. A familiar looking lady walked by Dwight and he suddenly remembered who she was and said to Leah, "Let me introduce you to your cousin!" It was Laurene (Crabtree) Rohn, who is the daughter of Kenneth C. Crabtree (KC Crabtree). Laurene, who graduated in 1962 from St. Francis High School, moved back to St. Francis last May and is teaching English as a Second Language



### Pitch games

Pitch is back beginning on Nov. 4 at the Homestead in Idalia starting at 6 p.m.

### Lions Club

The Idalia Lions will be hosting a school board candidate forum Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the new gym. Community members are encouraged to attend and hear candidate views on selected questions. Candidates will give statements in response to four questions and then respond to questions from the audience.

Due to the interest expressed by community members, the Idalia Sanitation District will have Director representatives available to answer questions after the forum. There are three ballot issues which the District has added to the November ballot for voter approval.

Ballot Issue 5A asks for approval of the voters for a 3 mill increase for a total of three mills to allow the district to collect \$1318.00 per year. This will be budgeted for the increase in expenses to the Idalia Sanitation District's budget which has occurred due to the reconstruction of the district sewer lagoon.

Ballot Issue 5B is an initiative to allow the Idalia Sanitation District to collect, retain, and spend all the revenue generated as needed, which is currently restricted by C.R.S. 29-1-301 (Tabor Amendment) of the Colorado State Statutes. The relative volume of the District's budget is small and is felt over-complicated by the costly additional accounting measures mandated by the State Statute restrictions.

Ballot issue 5-1 asks for approval of the voters to eliminate term limits for Directors of the Idalia Sanitation District. The number

## Idalia News

By  
**Angela DeLeon**



of people interested and available to fill these volunteer positions is very limited.

### Visions

Annual Visions Meeting will take place in the Idalia school cafeteria along with voting of new directors on Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. There will be a free spaghetti supper with meeting following at 7 p.m. EPYCS to serve.

### St. John United Church of Christ

Members of St. John United Church of Christ will get a jump on the commercial Christmas by celebrating, "Christmas In October," on Sunday, Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m. The worship service will include Christmas carols, the meditation, "What To Do With Santa Claus?" and ways to prepare for a spiritual celebration of the Christmas season. All are welcome to come.

Chancel choir begins practicing on Wednesday evenings unless told about other plans. Everyone is welcome to attend this important and exciting ministry of music and worship for the church.

The Sunday School auction will take place for the second year on Nov. 18 following worship service. Everyone is encouraged to make craft items and baked goods to contribute.

### Christmas Shoebox project

Here is an opportunity to make any troubled child smile! Many are having tough times from natural disasters, war, famine and other events. All you need is a simple box filled with 4 types of gifts - new toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other items such as hard candy, small flashlights, T-shirts, and knitted caps and gloves.

Decorated boxes will be avail-

able at St. John United Church of Christ near the middle of November or you can decorate your own. If you have a few items, bring them and members will combine them to create a full box. Watch the newspaper for exact dates when boxes are available and for deadline near the end of the month. For further information call Betty E. Moellenberg at 354-7343.

Church board's next meeting is Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. If anyone has any concerns they may attend.

### Blood pressure check

Come to the Prairie Vista Cafe Oct. 31 from 9 - 11 a.m. where Denice Baucke RN, and Marlene Miller, Senior Services Coordinator, will be on hand to answer questions about various programs available to people in the area. Denice can check your blood pressure if you like. This is a free service.

### Halloween Food Drive

Halloween trick or treat for can goods was to be Oct. 21 but was changed to Oct. 28 so look for someone to stop buy to collect for food baskets for the holiday's in Idalia. If you need more information you can call 354-7298 and someone can answer questions on the food collection.

Halloween is just around the corner. This correspondent hopes everyone has a safe and fun exciting night with trick or treating with a adult or older sibling and make sure motorist can see your party when out for a howling night.

Standard time is around the corner. Sunday, Nov. 4 set every clock back 1 hour.

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