

Temporarily school made its home in town

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Aministry working with troubled girls that started in temporary quarters in Goodland at the beginning of the year now has a permanent home on a farmstead eight miles northeast of Brewster in Thomas County.
Vicky and Charles Taff of Victory House Christian Academy are ordained ministers of the Assembly of God Ministries with more than 30 years' experience. The couple says they are following their hearts to help juvenile girls overcome some

of life's controlling issues.
Vickie said they have been full-time pastors since 1981, and even before that, they worked with teens.
"I've always had a heart for teenage girls as they struggle" Vicky said, "and have a love to pour into them the things they need for a good life, so that they feel they don't have to follow the crowd, and to let them know they can get their life in order if they want to.
She said she and her husband have been with the Teen Challenge program for three years. When

they were looking for a location and were ready to step out on their own, she said, a look at the map showed there was no Teen Challenge program or facility for girls between Salt Lake City and Kansas City.
"We knew where we should be," said Vicky, "a place that was removed from the city life, where values were good."
She said the program is based in faith, offering spiritual guidance, accredited alternative education for high school graduation, and is structured and loving, with positive

re-enforcement.
Victory House serves nutritious meals and snacks and the girls get training in social skills and healthy social outlets. The days include prayer, counseling and restorative ministries for both the girls and their family, Taff said.
"Many times it is the parents who call us," she said, "looking for a network of faith partners to their daughters when they are in a rebellious stage, on drugs, have emotional issues, and are making poor choices in friendships, or are even suicidal.

"These things just creep into young peoples lives, and we are there to help them become emotionally balanced and socially adjusted and spiritually alive."
She said they believe that being able to help someone's daughter is too priceless a ministry to place it out of financial reach. They are willing to adjust charges, regardless of financial status, to get a girl the help she needs.

She said the only question is, "Can you afford not to call for help?"
For a free consultation and prayer, call the the Taffs at (785) 694-2921, e-mail victory.house@live.com, or look on the web at www.victory-house.ws.
The house is five miles north and two miles east of Brewster. The address is 2505 County Road 2, Brewster, Kan. 67732.

matters of record

District Traffic
The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.
June 17: Hai Chen, unlawful parking, \$165.
Keith R. Campbell, speeding, \$153.50; unlawful registration, \$60.
June 18: Courtney C. Aguilar, speeding, \$159.50.
Kevin L. Miracle, speeding, \$198.50.
Gary L. Harris, speeding, \$153.50.
June 19: Richard A. Cronenberg, driving with suspended license, \$393.50.
Nicholas Sanchez, speeding, \$183.50.
Trenard V. Smith, over weight limits on wheels and axles, \$223.50.
Samantha R. Sanchez-Isaacs, unlawful registration, \$153.50.
Antoinette Goodin, speeding, \$165.00.
Pamela G. Fleming, speeding, \$159.50.
June 20: Paul J. Barbour, unlawful parking, \$171.50.

Brandon L. Davis, speeding, \$147.50.
Mohamed S. Kahttab, speeding, \$168.50.
Mary E. Kelly, speeding, \$210.50.
Joshua E. Habgaard, fail to yield at sign, \$153.50.
Larry Brown, speeding, \$219.50.
June 21: Michael Adkins, speeding, \$147.50.
Kimberley A. Channel, speeding, \$165.50.
Laura Jean Pittman, fail to yield to emergency vehicle, \$273.50.
June 22: Steven M. Banas, speeding, \$171.50.
Peter Szczawinski, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$208.50.
Barbara N. Wood, speeding, \$165.50.
Michael Beeson, over weight limits on wheels and axles, \$144.50.

Christopher M. Cook, speeding, \$180.50.
June 23: John M. Fontaine, speeding, \$207.50.
Newt W. Gibson, over weight limits on wheels and axles, \$141.50.
June 24: Colin R. Bornmann, speeding, \$162.50.
Pamela J. Galindo, no child seat belt, \$153.50.
Garrett A. Nelson, speeding, \$186.50.
Kendall A. Medley, speeding, \$162.50.
Jan O. Labort, speeding, \$225.50.
June 25: Ethan D. Jordan, speeding, \$168.50.
Thomas A. Rome, speeding, \$147.50.
Edwin E. Ventura, speeding, \$174.50.
Luke C. Simpson, speeding, \$159.50.

June 26: Robert W. Ahland, speeding, \$192.50.
Ubaldo L. Lazo, speeding, \$165.50.
Donald R. Scheirer, speeding, \$147.50.
Michael D. Lyons, unlawful parking, \$177.50.
Robert L. Kramer, Jr., speeding, \$159.56.
Joseph W. Bobo III, speeding, \$198.50.
Junwel Hsu, speeding, \$186.50.
Kelly K. Goetz, speeding, \$153.50.
Paula B. Curtiss, fail to yield to emergency vehicle, \$273.50.
June 27: Erica L. Austin, speeding, \$201.50.
Jennifer L. Cline, speeding, \$168.50.
Jesse L. Schuchman, speeding, \$168.50.

public notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

In the Matter of the Estate of: Roy G Cochrane, Deceased

Case No. 2010 PR 20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OK KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of August, 2010, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Marjorie L. Cochrane, an heir, devisee and legatee and Executrix named in the Last

Will and Testament of Roy G. Cochrane, deceased.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Marjorie L. Cochrane, Petitioner

Allan L. Hurlburt, S.C. No. 09249
P.O. Box 505
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Attorney for Petitioner

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Special Notice
Attention animal workers - Do you work with swine, turkeys, geese, or ducks? Are you age 18 or over? If so, you may be eligible to enroll in the University of Florida's Prospective Study of US Animal Agricultural Workers for Emerging Influenza Virus Infections. The purpose of the research study is to follow ag workers and their household members for influenza (flu) infections from both animal and humans. Compensation available. For more information, view our study website at <http://gpl.phttp.ufl.edu/AgWorker> or contact Whitney Baker at 352-273-9569 email: wsbaker@phttp.ufl.edu

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Notice of certification of class action against defendant OXY, U.S.A., Inc.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

David and Donna Schell, Howard Pickens,)
And Ron Oliver, Individually, and as)
Representative Parties on Behalf of a)
Class of Surface Owners,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) Case Number 07-1258-JTM-KMH
OXY USA Inc.,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF CLASS ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT OXY USA INC.

TO: THE MEMBERS OF THE CERTIFIED CLASS

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED OR HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE FREE GAS FOR HOUSE USE FROM OXY USA, INC. ON AN OXY-OPERATED KANSAS WELL, THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS.

A CLASS ACTION HAS BEEN CERTIFIED IN A PENDING LAWSUIT AGAINST DEFENDANT OXY. THE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT (THE "LAWSUIT") SEEKS A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT TO ESTABLISH THAT OXY OWES THE DUTY TO MAKE THE GAS USEABLE FOR HOUSE GAS USE. THE LAWSUIT IS PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF KANSAS IN WICHITA, KANSAS. THE LAWSUIT HAS BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST OXY BY FOUR HOUSE GAS USERS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND OTHER SIMILARLY SITUATED OWNERS OF THE RIGHT TO USE HOUSE GAS.

THE COURT HAS NOT RULED ON THE MERITS OF THE CLAIMS ASSERTED BY THE PLAINTIFFS, OR THE DEFENSES ASSERTED BY DEFENDANT OXY.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

- Why Is This Notice Being Sent To You?**

You are being sent this Notice because you may be a member of the Class in the Lawsuit described below. OXY's records reflect that you may be a surface owner on an oil and gas lease that contains a right to use house gas. This Notice is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, an expression of any opinion with respect to the merits of the allegations in the Complaint filed in this action. This Notice explains the claims being asserted in the Lawsuit, and also explains your right to remain a member of the Class (as explained in Section 7 of this Notice), and your right to opt out of the certified Class (as explained in Section 8 of this Notice).
- The Lawsuit**

The Lawsuit is pending in the United States District Court of Kansas and is captioned as set forth above. The Honorable Judge J. Thomas Marten is presiding over the Lawsuit. On July 29, 2009, Judge Marten entered an Order certifying the Lawsuit as a class action. On August 11, 2010, Judge Marten entered an order allowing notice to the class to proceed.
- The Class.** The Order certifying the Lawsuit as a class action defined the Class as follows:

All surface owners of Kansas land burdened by oil and gas leases held or operated by OXY USA Inc. which contain a free gas clause.

Judge Marten's Order certifying the Class appointed the attorneys for the Plaintiffs to act as the attorneys for the Class ("Class Counsel"). The names and addresses of the Class Counsel are listed in Section 9 of this Notice.
- What Is A Class Action?**

A class action is a type of lawsuit in which the named plaintiffs bring a suit on behalf of other similarly situated persons seeking to recover relief on behalf of other persons they represent, without the necessity of each person incurring the expense of filing a separate lawsuit, or joining in the lawsuit. Class actions are brought when issues of fact or law are common, making it fair to bind all Class members to the orders and judgments in the case, without the necessity of litigating multiple lawsuits involving similar claims.
- What Is The Lawsuit Against OXY About?**

House gas use is threatened by low pressure and/or high concentrations of hydrogen sulfide which may require compression and/or treatment to make the house gas useable. The Lawsuit against OXY seeks to establish that OXY owes the duty to make house gas useable at its expense. OXY denies that it owes that duty, denies that an implied duty exists in all leases, and contends its obligations are governed by the terms of the oil and gas leases.

A more complete description of the Lawsuit, its status, and the rulings made in the Lawsuit are

available in the pleadings and other papers maintained by the United States District Court Clerk for the District of Kansas located at 401 N. Market, 204 U.S. Courthouse, Wichita, KS 67202, in the file for Case No. 07-1258-JTM-KMH. Should you have questions regarding the status, rulings or issues in the Lawsuit, such questions can be submitted in writing to Class Counsel at the addresses provided in Section 9 of this Notice.

- Who is Included?**

If you are surface owner on land in which minerals are leased to OXY under an oil and gas lease containing a house gas clause, you may be a Class Member, even if you are not currently living in or renting a house to others on the land and even if you are also a royalty owner on the same land.
- Remaining A Member Of The Class.**

If you choose to remain a Class member, **YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHATSOEVER**. Class Counsel will represent your interests as a member of the Class. You will not be charged for their services or costs, other than as may be deducted from any settlement amount or judgment, as approved by the Court. You also have the option of entering your appearance in the Lawsuit through your own counsel, at your sole cost, if you so desire. However, you will be bound by the result of the Lawsuit, regardless of the outcome, even if no recovery is had. Class members will be barred from bringing any separate legal action against OXY for the claims described in this Notice. If you remain a member of the Class, you will receive notices of, and may participate in, any relief obtained on behalf of the Class. For this reason, you should notify Class Counsel (in writing at the addresses provided in Section 9 of this Notice) of any corrections to, or changes in, your name or address.
- Requesting To Be Excluded From The Class.**

If you are a member of the Class, you may elect to be excluded from the Class ("Opt Out"). If you elect to be excluded from the Class, you will not be bound by the judgment and final disposition of the Lawsuit. You will retain, and will be free to pursue, any claims, you may have on your own behalf against OXY. OXY may assert any defenses or counterclaims it may have against you. You may consult with your own attorney, at your sole cost, regarding your rights as well as any defenses and counterclaims available to OXY as to your claims. To be excluded from the Class, you must provide a written Opt Out election to be excluded from the Class to Rex A. Sharp, P.O. Box 8553, Prairie Village, KS 66208. The Opt Out election must contain your full name, current address, telephone number, and the property description of the Section (or portion thereof), Township, Range, and County in Kansas where you own the surface rights to land leased by OXY, and either your signature or the signature of a person authorized on your behalf to request exclusion from the Class. Your Opt Out must be postmarked no later than midnight on the 18th day of October, 2010.
- Class Counsel**

If you do not exclude yourself as described in paragraph 8 above, your interest will be represented by the Class Representatives and their counsel, as counsel for the Class ("Class Counsel"), which are:

Rex A. Sharp Gunderson, Sharp & Walke, LLP 5301 W. 75 th Street Prairie Village, KS 66208 (913) 901-0500 (913) 901-0419 fax rsharp@midwest-law.com	Lee Thompson Thompson Law Firm 300 N. Main, Ste. 106 Wichita, KS 67202 (316) 267-3933 (316) 267-3901 fax lthompson@tslawfirm.com	M. Moran Tomson 111 North Main PO Box 310 Johnson, KS 67855 (620) 492-6800 (620) 492-6801 fax law@pld.com
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In any written correspondence with the Class Counsel, it is important that the envelope and any documents inside contain the following case name and identifying numbers for the Lawsuit: *David Schell, et al. v. OXY USA Inc.*, Case No. 07-1258-JTM-KMH. In addition, you should include your full name, address, email address, and telephone number.

DO NOT WRITE OR TELEPHONE THE CLERK'S OFFICE if you have any questions about this Notice. ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS NOTICE OR THE LAWSUIT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO CLASS COUNSEL.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL OXY, THE COURT OR THE COURT CLERK

ORDERED: August 13th, 2010.

S/ Karen M. Humphreys

KAREN M. HUMPHREYS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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