Elwood residents to return home Sunday (KAIR)--The residents of Elwood are set to return home.

The good news was delivered by Elwood City Attorney Joel Euler Saturday evening during a community meeting held in Wathena. "The City had a meeting and what we'll do is open the city [Sunday morning] at 9:00. So, we'll have you all home at 9:00...the utilities will be in place," Euler told those in attendance.

It was announced during the meeting that the Missouri River level at Elwood is falling, and is expected to reach the 29 foot range either Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon.

The mandatory evacuation of the Doniphan County community came Thursday evening when the river climbed to 30 feet.

It was also announced during the meeting that animals sheltered at the Doniphan County Fairground, in Troy, need to be picked up by noon Sunday.

A total of 68 dogs and 39 cats were sheltered due to the evacuation.

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