

# I-R Legal Notices

## Beat the heat

Red Cross issues advice to stay safe during extreme heat

SPECIAL TO THE I-R

Experts are warning that dangerously high temperatures are headed to Kansas. The American Red Cross of Greater Kansas urges everyone to take three critical actions to stay safe:

- 1. Stay hydrated by drinking a cup of water every hour, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.
- 2. Stay cool by spending time in air-conditioned places. If your home is too hot, go to a mall, library or cooling center.
- 3. Stay connected by checking on others and asking for help if you need it. Make sure pets have access to fresh water and shade.

"Knowing what to do to protect yourself and loved ones from extreme heat can save lives," said Jane Blocher, Executive Director of the Red Cross of Greater Kansas. "We're asking everyone to check on friends and neighbors, especially older adults, people with chronic conditions, outdoor workers and athletes. You could make all the difference by sending a text, making a call or knocking on their door."

**What you should do**  
Remind everyone to drink water, even if they don't feel thirsty. Aim for a cup of water

every hour and encourage people to avoid sugary, caffeinated or alcoholic drinks. Babies should be breast-fed or bottle-fed often. Fewer wet diapers or darker urine can be signs of dehydration.

Encourage athletes and outdoor workers to take breaks in the shade. They should drink a cup of water every 20 minutes and take frequent water breaks.

Help those without air conditioning find a safe place to go like a mall, library or cooling center. They can also take cool showers or baths to help cool off. Remind people to wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothes in light colors.

Never leave a child or pet alone inside a parked car, and make sure pets have access to fresh water and shade.

**Heat illness signs**  
Anyone can become ill during extreme heat if their body can't cool down properly. It's critical to act fast, as some types of heat illness can be deadly.

Heat cramps are signaled by heavy sweating and muscle pain. Take action by stopping what you're doing, resting in a cool place and slowly sipping water. Don't drink if you feel sick, and get medical help if cramps last over an hour or you have heart problems.

Heat exhaustion is signaled by heavy sweating, weakness, cool and clammy skin, muscle cramps, dizziness, fainting, nausea

or vomiting. Take action by stopping what you're doing, resting in a cool place and slowly sipping water. Don't drink if you feel sick. Loosen your clothes and place a cool wet cloth on your body. Get medical help if you don't feel better, vomit or have heart problems.

Heat stroke is a deadly condition signaled by high body temperature, rapid heartbeat, confusion, headache, dizziness, fainting, nausea or vomiting. Call 911. Move to a cooler place, remove extra clothing and use a wet cloth or a cool bath to cool down. Don't drink anything.

**If the power goes out**  
When a heat wave and a power outage happen at the same time, it can be even more dangerous. Stay in air conditioning either at home or at a mall, library or cooling center. Keep an ice-filled cooler stocked with food, water and medicine so they don't spoil.

Download the free Red Cross First Aid app so you'll know what to do if emergency help is delayed and the free Emergency app for real-time weather alerts and heat safety information. Content is available in English and Spanish with an easy-to-find language selector. Find both apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps).

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Jason said although he "played Army" when he was a small boy, the larger picture of serving something much bigger and more important than himself didn't quite sink in.

"None of the older guys really talked about all that kind of stuff," he said. "Dad still gets a little wigged out when he talks about it."

That realization finally came to Jason after he saw his uncle, Gale Hunter, former mayor of Black Wolf, pull a shingle nail out of his hand one day while shingling a roof.

"He just pulled it out and kept going," Jason said.

When Jason asked Gale, who served in the Marines in 1972, if it hurt when he pulled the nail out of his hand, Gale simply replied, "I'm a Marine."

"Everyone was always fascinated with Gale," Jason said. "He's a good recruiter."

Jason said when he joined the Marines, his attitude changed and he got "squared away."

"I was a hellion as a kid — anybody will tell you," he said. "But when I went in, they knocked that out of me real quick."

Jason said it means a lot to him that generations of his family have served in the military.

"I'm privileged and honored," Jason said. "My dad had an uncle who was in the Bataan Death March. He never talked about nothing. You just can't make that stuff up. It's so humbling. You go and do stuff. Well, those guys did stuff."

Jason said his service in the Marines made him appreciate a lot of things.

"I was just a Kansas kid and I was in Japan for two years hobnobbing with people from all over the world," he said. "I learned so much stuff from so many people. I was just a small-town kid and I saw the world. It taught me discipline, that's for sure. It's a brotherhood."

As commander of the Ellsworth American Legion Post 174, Jason said he has a close working relationship with local military recruiters representing all branches of the armed forces.

Typically each year, two or three local high school graduates join the military.

"It's like that in a lot of places," Jason said. "I had a recruiter tell me once that kids weren't joining up like they used to because of my generation."

When Jason asked him to explain,

the recruiter said while at one time recruits were given a really hard time in boot camp, it's not like that anymore.

The recruiter told Jason it was his generation that told their kids it's too soft for them to join the military.

Jason replied to the recruiter, "That's not the point of it ... you never 'got it' then."

"Once you get it, you'll understand everything," he added. "But not everyone gets it. And people who talk like that never got it."

Joining the military means serving something much bigger than oneself — the defense of this great nation — which is a huge, but vital, responsibility to bear.

"I was in for four years and it was about two and-a-half (years) when it hit me like a ton of bricks," he said. "I got it now."

Jason said the recruiters are working hard and doing really well. He noted it seems like more of the local kids have been joining recently than in the past.

"We try to support them as much as we can," he said.

Jason attributes the surge in new recruits to now having a president, a secretary of defense — a former Army infantry major — who has their back and a vice president — a former Marine corporal — who all have their backs.

"It's good to go," he said. "You know, as a parent, you're scared of what is going to happen in the future with all the stuff that is going on in the world. You never want to get that phone call, but it's what it is, you know. They want to do it. They want to serve. They understand. My boys grew up understanding. I taught them a lot of stuff before they went and we watched "Band of Brothers" like 20 times and "The Pacific," so they knew what the camaraderie was."

Jason said he's hopeful this generation of Americans, as well as future generations, will continue to answer the nations' call to serve.

"The future is going to be big, and we need people that will fight for the future," he said. "This is the new generation. I think the ones that go in now understand. I think we're still in good hands."

Jason said he will never forget that many of America's sons and daughters through the ages — the best the country has to offer — have fought and died for our freedom.

"I'm glad these new kids are coming up (and serving), because we can't forget," he said.

Submission deadline  
for legal:  
Noon on Fridays

G. Scott & Wilson KS

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Notice Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Tillman Infrastructure proposes to construct a 345' (355' w/ appurtenances) guyed telecommunications tower and associated compound at Avenue C, Wilson, Ellsworth County, KS 67490 (lat/long N 38 50 26.8, W 98 28 25.8). At least a 30' buffer beyond the proposed 75' x 75' lease area, along with a 30' wide access/utility/fiber easement, and three (3) 20' wide guy wire easements, was reviewed. Tillman Infrastructure seeks **comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.** Send all questions, comments and correspondence within 30 days to: Environmentex Inc., 6060 N Central Expwy, Ste 500, Dallas, TX 75206, or 214.793.7317, or tcnsinfo@gmail.com

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City of Ellsworth Charter Ordinance 28

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**CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 28**  
**A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-201, OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED, RELATING TO ELECTIONS, AND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-204, OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS, AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 22 AND CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 27. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS:**  
**Section 1.** Ellsworth City Code the City of Ellsworth, Kansas (the "City") under the authority of Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself from and make inapplicable to it K.S.A. 15-201 relating to election of officers; terms; and vacancies; and KSA 15-204 relating to the appointment of officers of the City. Such referenced statutory provisions apply to the City but are part of an enactment which does not uniformly apply to all cities.  
**Section 2.** Ellsworth City Code 2.08. – Elections are hereby amended as follows:  
The Governing Body shall consist of a Mayor and five Council Members to be elected to terms set forth herein. The Mayor

Marsha F. Paull Estate

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

In the Matter of the Estate

of Case No. EW-2025-PR-000012

Marsha F. Paull, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Samuel Wayne Paull, son of Marsha F. Paull, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Ellsworth County, Kansas:

An undivided one half interest in and to the following:

The West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W/2 SW/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Seventeen (17) South, Range Eight (8) West; less a fraction described as Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 8 West, thence North along the West line of said section a distance of Six Hundred Thirty Feet (630.00') to a point on the West line of said section, thence East parallel to the South line of said section a distance of Two Hundred Forty-six feet

(246.00') to a point; thence South parallel to the West line of said section a distance of Six Hundred Thirty feet (630.00') to a point on the South line of said section; thence West along the South line of said section a distance of Two Hundred Forty-six feet (246.00') to the point of beginning.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court of Ellsworth County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Samuel Wayne Paull  
Petitioner

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and Council Members shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Ellsworth, Kansas.

General elections shall be held every two years on the first Tuesday succeeding the first Monday. A Mayor and two Council Members shall be elected in one election and the remaining three Council Members shall be elected at the succeeding election.

In case of a vacancy in the Council occurring by reasons of resignation, death, or removal from office or city, the Council shall appoint an elector to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. This must be done within 45 days. In the case any person elected as a Council Member neglects or refuses to qualify within 30 days after election, the Council Member shall be deemed to have refused to accept the office and a vacancy shall exist.

In case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the President of the Council shall become the Mayor for the remainder of the term and a vacancy shall occur in the office of the Council Member becoming Mayor.

**Section 3.** Ellsworth City Code 2.12.010 Officers – Appointment and removal, is hereby amended as follows:  
The Governing Body may hire and employ a City Administrator, Police Chief, and City Clerk and enter into an agreement for the services of a City Attorney when a vacancy exists. A vote of a majority of all the members of the council may remove these officers. The mayor shall not have the power to suspend any officer. All other employees will be hired and

removed by the City Administrator.

**Section 3.** Charter Ordinance No. 22 and Charter Ordinance No. 27 are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** The City may enact by ordinary Ordinance substitute and additional provisions related to the subject herein.

**Section 5.** This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

**Section 6.** This Charter Ordinance takes effect sixty-one (61) days after its final publication unless a sufficient petition for referendum is filed, as provided in Article 12, Section 5, subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon a majority of electors voting at an election held thereon.

**Section 7.** Upon its effective date, this Charter Ordinance shall be recorded by the City Clerk in the record of Charter Ordinances of the City and a copy shall be filed with the Kansas Secretary of State.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members voting in favor thereof, the 23rd day of June 2025.

Council President Jessica L. Kootz

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Interim City Clerk Angela S. Mueller

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