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IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARLIN P. HEGER, Deceased

Case No. SV-2025-PR-000015

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

signed to the persons entitled thereto; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts, the Petitioner be finally discharged as Executor of the Estate of Marlin P. Heger, deceased; and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before October 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the District Court, in Hugoton, Stevens 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.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Matthew Esarey, Shannon Esarey, Jane Doe, John Doe, and Jacqueline Lawrence Moss aka Jackie M. Moss fka Jacqueline M. Moss (Deceased), et al.,

Defendants

Case No. SV-2025-CV-000011

Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved

Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Stevens County, Kansas by Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

THE NORTH SEVENTY-SEVEN FEET (N77') OF THE SOUTH ONE HUNDRED FEET (S100') OF LOT ONE (1), BLOCK NINETY-NINE (99) IN THE CITY OF HUGOTON, KANSAS. Parcel ID No. 095-135-16-0-40-25-006.00-0-00. Commonly known as 1003 S Adams St., Hugoton, KS 67951 ("the Property") MS 228661

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before October 29, 2025 in the District Court of Stevens County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

By Judy Parsons

If you own or show horses, you may know that the Kansas Department of Agriculture updated their regulations related to Coggins test requirements for the State of Kansas. Horses that crossed state lines into Kansas were required to show a negative Coggins test result in order to change ownership, show, participate in judging contests or other public events. Now all horses whether in-state or out-of-state must show proof of a negative Coggins test. So, what is the Coggins test used for?

The Coggins test is a blood test that tells if the horse is infected with Equine Infectious Anemia or EIA. EIA is an incurable, infectious disease that can affect

all equine species. It is a virus that destroys red blood cells and is spread through blood-to-blood transmission, not through close proximity or casual contact. This virus can be transmitted from an infected equine to another equine by biting flies, the use of unsterilized or contaminated medical instruments, or through a blood transfusion. The transmission area for biting flies is usually within a half mile of the infected horse. Incidents are higher in wet, warm regions where the biting insects are more prevalent.

Some clinical signs of a horse with EIA include fever, anemia, depression and edema. Some become gravely ill and die. Some horses may not show any

sign of symptoms and are still a carrier of the disease. The incubation period for this disease ranges from one week to 45 days. Horses known to be infected are euthanized. All exposed horses are placed under quarantine and tested. They are retested after 60 days.

There are typically only a small number of EIA cases in the United States each year. It is controlled in the U.S. by regular testing before crossing state lines and/or exhibitions. The test for EIA is the Coggins test and a certificate with negative results needs to be done every 6 months to one year depending on the state you are in or going to.

There is no vaccine for EIA so horse owners need to prevent infection by follow-

ing these guidelines:

- Fly control
- Use sterile needles and syringes for all injections and use of multi-dose bottles
- Disinfect all medical equipment used between horses
- Require proof of a recent negative Coggins test for new horses entering your premises
- Participate in events that require negative Coggins test
- Separate horses that appear sick

Information Resources: Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Center for Food Security and Public Health.

Fast facts about 4-H

Various organizations encourage children to become learners and leaders, including the youth development program 4-H.

Is 4-H just for farming communities?

While 4-H was originally conceived to introduce youth to agricultural work, it is not exclusively an agricultural organization. 4-H continues to offer animal and plant science projects, but also has expanded to offer a wide range of programs in areas like arts and crafts, civic engagement, STEM, and healthy living. 4-H now reaches youth in urban, suburban and rural communities across the country. Through the website www.4-h.org, interested parties can find their own local 4-H offices to get started. The program is delivered by Cooperative Extension, which is a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation.

What is 4-H?

This is America's largest youth development organization with a focus on essential life skills and leadership abilities. The four "Hs" in the program's name refer to missions involving head, heart, hands, and health.

Who started 4-H?

The organization began in Iowa, where it was founded by school superintendent Oscar Benson. Benson was a leader in teaching demonstrations, and wanted to share this method of learning with young people as much as possible. In 1909, he was using a three-leaf clover pin to represent head, heart and hands as an achievement award for farm boys and girls. Benson later

Who is eligible for 4-H?

The program is geared to youth from kindergarten to one year out of high school (K-13). Members enroll in projects that match their ages and interests. Adult mentors provide guidance and support to youth along the way.

What benefits come from 4-H participation?

The organization says their life-changing programs help kids and teens learn skills and abilities to be resilient, adaptable and ready

for work and life. According to the program, 4-Hers are more likely to feel competent, make healthy choices, contribute positively to their communities, and feel positive about their well-being.

In addition to participation in youth sports, scouting and other organizations, children and teens can get involved with 4-H to learn handy skills that can benefit them throughout their lives.

Submitted by Metro Editorial Service.

Apple picking pointers

Prior to an apple picking adventure, people can do a little preparation to ensure the afternoon is fun and fruitful.

According to the Economic Research Service, Washington state is the leading apple producer in the United States. It is followed very distantly by New York and Michigan. Apples were first cultivated in Canada by early French settlers, with the first trees planted in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley around 1633. Today, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia have become strong players in the apple business. While other areas may not be apple meccas, those looking to pick their own have plenty of options across North American to enjoy this pastime.

Prior to an apple picking adventure, people can do a little preparation to ensure the afternoon is fun and fruitful.

- Do some research. Before individuals head out, they should do research into the available orchards and which apple varieties they specialize in. Ripening seasons vary, so certain varieties may not be available at all times. Call ahead to learn which apples are ripe and when.
- Visit early. The best apples are often available early in the season before the trees have been heavily picked

over. It's also a good idea to visit the orchard early in the day, which means cooler temperatures and smaller crowds.

- Dress appropriately. Orchards can be dusty, muddy and buggy. The ground also may be uneven. Individuals can wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes that can get dirty. Also, they should dress in layers, as it can be chilly early in the day and then warmer later on.
- Pick correctly. Instead of yanking on the apples, which can damage the tree and apples, people should gently roll or twist the apple upwards from the branch. If the apple is ripe it will detach

easily with stem intact.

- Avoid bruising. It's wise to inspect the apples to make sure they are firm and brightly colored. Those with bruising or insect damage should be left behind.
- Don't overload. Only pick what you need. Apples are delicate, and overloading the apples into bags can crush or bruise the ones on the bottom. Plus, over-picking means that the apples may spoil before they can be eaten.

After a day at the orchard, apples can be stored unwashed in a cool, dark place, which will help them stay fresher, longer.

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