

Red Cross offers tips for a safe July 4 holiday

The Fourth of July offers time to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities. Whether you're celebrating the holiday by the pool or lake, in the backyard, or on the road, it's important to keep safety in mind.

"The American Red Cross has tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe during the upcoming Independence Day holiday, no matter what your plans include," said Jane Blocher, executive director of the Red Cross of Greater Kansas. "You can prevent injuries or illnesses and still have fun just by following a few simple tips."

Fireworks

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public fireworks show put on by professionals, at least 500 feet away from the show.

If you are setting fireworks off at home, follow these safety steps to keep your community safe:

- Choose a location away from buildings and trees.
- Never give fireworks to small children, and never throw or point fireworks toward people, animals, vehicles, struc-

tures or flammable materials. Always follow the instructions on the packaging.

- Be sure your spectators, including children and pets, stay well back.
- Keep a supply of water or a fire extinguisher at hand. If you live in an area that's experiencing a drought, consider canceling the show this year, as a stray spark that lands on dry grass or leaves can lead to a wildfire.
- Make sure the person lighting fireworks wears eye protection.
- Light only one firework at a time, and never attempt to relight "a dud."
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.

Cookouts

Whether you're grilling in your backyard or picnicking in nature, follow these steps to prevent illness and keep everyone safe:

- Wash your hands, utensils and workstation before preparing the food.
- Separate uncooked meats, poultry and seafood from ready-to-eat foods like salads, fruits, vegetables, cheeses and

desserts. Use separate plates and utensils to prevent cross-contamination.

- Don't leave perishable food out in the sun.
- Bring hand sanitizer if you won't have access to hand-washing facilities.
- If you're going to cook on the grill, bring a food thermometer to be sure grilled foods are cooked enough.

More than 75% of U.S. adults have used a grill, yet grilling sparks more than 10,000 home fires on average each year.

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use. Don't add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
- Never grill indoors — not in the house, camper, tent or any enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone, including pets, stays away from the grill.
- Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, deck, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.
- Use long-handled tools specifically made for cooking on the grill to help keep the chef safe.

Water

Every day, an average of 11 people die in the U.S. from unintentional drowning, and one in five of those are children 14 or younger, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Red Cross encourages families to build confidence in the water by learning to be safe, making good choices, learning to swim, and learning how to handle emergencies.

- Preventing unsupervised access to water, providing constant adult supervision, and knowing how to swim are critical layers of protection to help prevent drowning.
- Swim lesson classes are available for both children and adults. Everyone should also learn first aid and CPR, so they know what to do in an emergency.
- It's best to swim in a lifeguarded area. Whether you're at a pool or the lake, always designate a "water watcher," whose sole responsibility is to keep a close eye and constant attention on everyone in and around the water.
- Drowning behavior is

typically fast and silent. Unless rescued, a drowning person will last only 20 to 60 seconds before submerging. Reach or throw, don't go! In the event of an emergency, reach or throw an object to the person in trouble. Don't go in after them, or you could become a victim yourself.

- Watch the weather, and get out of the water at the first sign of thunder or lightning. Stay indoors and away from water for 30 minutes after the last lightning flashes or thunder roars.
- Children, inexperienced swimmers, and all boaters should wear properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- Protect your neck – don't dive into lakes headfirst. Walk carefully into open waters. Watch out for and avoid aquatic life.

Travel

A record number of Americans may travel this Fourth of July. AAA estimates 72.2 million travelers will go on a domestic trip, with 61.6 million going by car. With many parties traveling 50 miles or more,

one way, the Red Cross recommends carrying an emergency kit in the car. The kit should include high-protein snacks, water, first-aid supplies, a flashlight and extra batteries, a small battery-operated radio, a blanket, jumper cables, a map, a cell phone charger, and an emergency contact card with names and phone numbers.

Before you hit the road, let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route. Find out what disasters may occur in the place where you are traveling, especially if they're disasters you've never experienced before. Find out how you would get information in the event of a disaster, such as local radio systems and emergency alert systems. Pay attention to the weather forecast for your destination. Travel and weather websites can help you avoid storms and other regional challenges that could impact your safety.

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Public Notices

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Federal Home Loan Mortgage
Corporation, as Trustee for
Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans
Structured Transaction Trust,
Series 2021-1
Plaintiff,

vs.

John M Ryan, Tammy N Ryan,
Jane Doe, and John Doe, et al.,
Defendants

Case No. OS-2025-CV-000032

Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved

Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the
above named Defendants
and The Unknown Heirs,
executors, devisees, trust-
ees, creditors, and assigns
of any deceased defendants;
the unknown spouses of any
defendants; the unknown
officers, successors, trustees,
creditors and assigns of any
defendants that are existing,
dissolved or dormant corpora-
tions; the unknown executors,
administrators, devisees,
trustees, creditors, successors
and assigns of any defendants
that are or were partners or in
partnership; and the unknown
guardians, conservators and
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 Osage
County, Kansas by Federal
Home Loan Mortgage Corpora-
tion, as Trustee for Freddie
Mac Seasoned Loans Struc-
tured Transaction Trust, Series
2021-1, praying to foreclose
a mortgage on the following
described real estate:

LOTS 32, 34, AND 36, IN
BLOCK 11, IN THE ORIGINAL
TOWN OF CARBONDALE, AC-
CORDING TO THE RECORDED
PLAT THEREOF, IN OSAGE
COUNTY, KANSAS. Parcel ID
No. 070-036-24-0-40-12-
005.00-0. Commonly known
as 404 Center, Carbondale,
KS 66414 ("the Property") MS
116129

and all those defendants
who have not otherwise been
served are required to plead to
the Petition on or before July
30, 2025 in the District Court
of Osage 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.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS
Probate Division

IN THE MATTER OF the Estate
of
Linda Jean Woods, Deceased,

Case No. OS-2025-PR-000019

NOTICE OF HEARING AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL
PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on June
11, 2025, a Petition was filed
in this Court by Adam A. Neal,
requesting Letters of Adminis-
tration under the Kansas Sim-
plified Estates Act be issued.

You are further advised under
the provisions of the Kansas
Simplified Estates Act the
Court need not supervise
administration of the Estate,
and no notice of any action
of the Administrator or other
proceedings in the administra-
tion will be given, except for
notice of final settlement of
decedent's estate.

You are further advised if
written objections to simpli-
fied administration are filed
with the Court, the Court may
order that supervised adminis-
tration ensue.

You are required to file
your written defenses to the
Petition on or before July 14,
2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the
District Court, 717 Topeka
Avenue in the city of Lyndon
in Osage County, Kansas,
at which time and place the
cause will be heard. Should
you fail to file your written de-
fenses, judgment and decree
will be entered in due course
upon the Petition.

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 ex-
hibited, they shall be forever
barred.

Adam A. Neal
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Marriage
of

LEIA LORREE NEU,
and
JOHN CALVIN NEU,

Case No. OS-2025-DM-72

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
JOHN CALVIN NEU, AND ALL
OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR
MAY BE CONCERNED.

You are hereby notified that a
Petition has been filed in the
Osage County Court by Leia
Neu; you are hereby required
to answer the petition on or
before August 7, 2025, in
the Court at Lyndon, Kansas.
A hearing on the matter is
scheduled for August 12,
2025. If you fail to answer,
judgment and decree will be
entered in due course upon
the petition.

Leia Neu, PETITIONER

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF
BRUCE A. SMITH, Deceased

Case No. OS-2025-PR- 22

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 Dorelda L. Prothe,
an heir of Bruce A. Smith,
deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the
following described real prop-
erty situated in Osage County,
Kansas:

The South ½ of the Northeast
¼ of Section 33, Township
15 South, Range 17 East of
the 6th P.M., less the Right of
Way of the Kansas, Nebraska
and Dakota Railway, Osage
County, Kansas;

and all personal property
and other Kansas real estate
owned by decedent at the time

of death, and that such real
property and personal prop-
erty owned by the decedent at
the time of death be assigned
pursuant to the laws of in-
testate succession.

You are required to file
your written defenses to the
Petition on or before July 21,
2025, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in
the city of Lyndon, in Osage
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.

Dorelda L. Prothe, Petitioner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS
OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
AND TO ALL PERSONS INTER-
ESTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
on Tuesday, July 30, 2025,
the Osage County Planning
Commission will hold a public
hearing at the Osage County
Courthouse, Lyndon, Kansas
at 7:00 P.M. in the County
Commission Room to consider
the following application:

CASE NO: 25-Z-02 – Condi-
tional Use Permit – Joe Isch,
Kansas Trophy Outfitters /
Additional Lodge, 25418 S 75
HWY, Lyndon, KS 66541

Property Description - S30,
T17, R16E, ACRES 401.36, W2
OF FR SEC W2 NE4 N 40' OD
SE4 EX E 440' & W 880' OF S
1980' OF SE4 LESS ROW

As provided in the Osage
County Zoning Regulations
the above application will be
discussed and considered by
the Osage County Planning
Commission. All persons
interested in said matter will
be heard at this time concern-
ing their views and wishes;
and all matters concerning the
request and presented at the
hearing will be considered by
the Commission. The Planning
Commission may continue this
matter to a later date without
additional notice.

Certified June 23, 2025

Tricia Webb
Land Development Director,
Osage County, Kansas

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the following application:

CASE NO: 25-Z-03 – Condition-
al Use Permit – Rebecca Tan-
taros / Additional Residence,
2700 W 117th St, Carbondale,
Kansas 66414

Property Description - S04,
T14, R15E, ACRES 21.1, TR
BEG SE COR W1/2 SE 1/4, TH
W884.46' N1065.90' E874.53'
S1066.65' TO POB; LESS ROW

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE
OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
FOR ALL OF THE UNINCORPOR-
ATED PORTION OF OSAGE
COUNTY, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, the Osage County
Planning Commission has
prepared in book form an up-
dated Comprehensive Plan for
all of unincorporated Osage
County, Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, the Osage County
Planning Commission has
conducted public hearings
on said proposed updated
Comprehensive Plan for all of
unincorporated Osage County,
Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, said public hearings
were conducted pursuant
to K.S.A. 12-741 et seq, as
amended, following published
notification; and,

WHEREAS, good and proper
written notification to all cities
and townships within Osage
County was given in accor-
dance with K.S.A. 12-743; and,

WHEREAS, the Osage County
Planning Commission has,
by a majority vote of all its
members, recommended
that the Governing Body of
Osage County, Kansas, adopt
said updated Comprehensive
Plan for all of unincorporated
Osage County, Kansas, as
proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS,
that:

1. The proposed updated
Comprehensive Plan for all of
the unincorporated portion of
Osage County, Kansas, is here-
by adopted pursuant to K.S.A.
12-741 et seq, as amended.

2. That said updated Compre-
hensive Plan for all of the un-
incorporated portion of Osage
County, Kansas, was prepared
in book form by the Osage
County Planning Commission
under the date of December,
2001, and the same is hereby
declared to be approved and
incorporated by reference
as fully as if set out herein
pursuant to K.S.A. 12-3301, as
amended, and K.S.A. 12-3303
through 12-3305.

3. That not less than three (3)
copies of the updated Com-
prehensive Plan shall be filed
with the County Clerk marked
"Official Copy as Incorporated
by Resolution Number 2025-
15" and to which there shall
be attached a published copy
of this Resolution, said copies
to be open for inspection and
available to the public at all
reasonable hours.

4. That any provision of this
Resolution which shall be de-
clared invalid shall not affect
the validity and authority of
any other sections.

5. That previous resolutions
and any parts of resolutions
in conflict with this Resolution
are hereby repealed.

6. That this Resolution shall
be in full force and effect from
and after its publication once
in the official county newspa-
per.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
Osage County, Kansas, this
24th day of June, 2025.

Leslie Holman, Chairman

Heather Kuder, Commissioner

Brandon Smith, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Michelle Morris, County Clerk

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NOTICE

A work session for the Osage
City Council, City Manager
Evaluation sub-committee,
will be held in the Osage City
Council Chambers at 6:30
p.m. on July 8th, 2025.