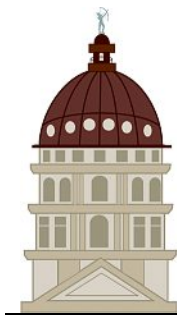




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## Evergy reports financial results

### Utility profited \$191 million last quarter

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Electric monopoly Evergy reported about \$191 million in profits last quarter, which comes as the company has asked Kansas utility regulators for rate increases.

Evergy announced its second quarter 2025 financial results on Aug. 7, with

\$191.1 million in adjusted earnings. Stockholders will be paid a dividend of \$0.6675 per share.

That was about \$16 million less than the second quarter of 2024, which was attributed to “milder weather,” “higher operations and maintenance expense” and “an increase in interest and depreciation.” Those negative financial impacts were partially offset by “increases in revenue from the recovery of regulat-

ed investments” and higher demand for electricity.

In a press release, Evergy CEO David Campbell called it a “solid” quarter and told investors the company remains “laser-focused on delivering against our financial targets while delivering affordable and reliable electric service to our 1.7 million customers.”

In the first half of the year, Evergy has recorded \$318.9 million in adjusted earnings, which is down from \$331.7

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**Evergy CEO David Campbell spoke with investors during an earnings conference call on Aug. 7.**

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**Capitol Federal Savings Bank at 700 S. Kansas Ave.** THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL FILE

## Bank shifts to commercial loans over mortgages

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Capitol Federal Savings Bank, the largest supplier of mortgages in Topeka, is investing more heavily in commercial loans due to a slumping housing market.

In an investor report released on July 23, Capitol Federal Financial Services,

the bank’s parent company, said the bank is shifting its focus from traditional mortgages, which it calls one-to-four family loans.

“As a result of continued high interest rates and a lack of housing inventory, which has reduced housing market transactions, our one-to-four-family origination and refinance activity has slowed which directly impacts the bank’s one-to-four family loan portfolio,” the report said.

Capitol Federal’s 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is at 6.625% for conventional loans in Topeka. Nationally, mortgage rates shot up after reaching all-time lows during the pandemic, when loan rates were under 3%.

In 2023, mortgage rates exceeded 7% for the first time since 2002,

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## Lawrence is nation’s cleanest city – again

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Lawrence, in northeast Kansas, was identified for the second straight year as being the nation’s least-polluted city in data accompanying a recently released list of this country’s dirtiest cities.

The list identified Topeka as being this nation’s 16th-least-polluted city.

Lawrence finished 257th overall and Topeka finished 148th overall among 303 cities in the list of “2025’s Dirtiest Cities in America” put out July 30 by Lawnstarter, an Austin, Texas-based online platform for mowing services.

LawnStarter based its rankings on 20 metrics in each of four categories, with those being pollution, inadequate living conditions, inadequate waste infrastructure and resident dissatisfaction.

It ranked Lawrence “303rd dirtiest” in the pollution category, meaning it was considered least-polluted.

### How did LawnStarter determine which cities were least-polluted?

Lawrence had also been identified as 303rd dirtiest in the pollution category in data accompanying LawnStarter’s 2024 “dirtiest cities” list.

Lawrence wasn’t among communities identified on the company’s 2023 “dirtiest cities” list, which identified the nation’s least-polluted city as being Honolulu, Hawaii.

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