Sterling College celebrates banner year in the arts

STERLING — From show-stopping performances to award-winning media and galleryworthy art, the arts at Sterling College thrived this academic year and the curtain closed in style. Capping off a season filled with creativity and achievement, the College honored 20 standout students during its annual year-end arts awards, recognizing excellence in music, theatre, forensics, communications, and visual arts.

With nearly a quarter of the student body involved in the arts, the College has seen an explosion of talent across campus stages, studios, and rehearsal rooms.

"This was a strong year in the arts for us," said Dennis Dutton, Arts Director at Sterling College. "I'm pleased to report that the arts are thriving at Sterling College."

The final day of exams ended not in silence, but with cheers, formalwear, and a feast — Sterling College's version of the Tony Awards, affectionately dubbed "The Gordons." Named



Twenty Sterling College Theatre students decked out in their finest to celebrate the theatre season with their annual awards program known as "The Gordons," named after long-serving theatre faculty and director Gordon Kling.

in honor of longtime theatre professor Gordon Kling, the student- and director-voted awards ceremony has become a beloved tradition. Before the trophies were handed out, attendees dined on homemade jambalaya prepared by "SC Theatre Mom" Laura Keegan, who has faithfully fed cast and crew members for the past three years.

Her son, junior Kurt Keegan, is a regular on the Sterling stage.

The year's artistic achievements were wideranging and vibrant. Theatre productions included the sharp, contemporary A Doll's House Part Two and the irreverent musical satire Urinetown. The choir explored musical traditions from folk to gospel, while the band

performed selections inspired by literary classics and rock-and-roll legends. Four art exhibits featured student and visiting work, the forensics and debate team continued their award-winning legacy, and communication students excelled at the Kansas Collegiate Media Awards.

The annual Arts Awards recognized excellence across all these areas. In the visual arts, Ryan Mitchell of Sterling received the Art Leadership Award, presented by art faculty Sean Engler and Katie Petersen.

Music honors were presented by Band Director Larry Brownlee, who awarded the Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Ferguson Memorial Band Award to Lily Stansbury of Lyons and

the Frank William Montgomery Band Award to Macy Brownlee of Sterling. The Louie Armstrong Jazz Band Award went to Sienna Cauley of Great Bend and the Symphonic Band Servant Leadership Award was given to Taggart Reiss of Hutchinson.

Choir and music faculty Marisa Callan and Sean Foster presented the Leon Akin Choir Award to Noah Svaty of Sterling. They also awarded the Barbara Thompson Endowed Music Scholarship to Brooklyn Richardson of Stafford; Copper Collins of Pretty Prairie (who also received the Bob and Margaret Calderwood Endowed Scholarship); Hannah Ellis of Cunningham; Lily Stansbury of Lyons; Mary Little of Hutchinson; Philip Starnes of Wellington; and Taggart Reiss of Hutchinson. Lily Condray of Clay Center was honored with the Carol McCullough Brown Endowed Vocal Music Scholarship, while Mary Little also received the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL CHRISTIANS, a/k/a MICHAEL DUANE CHRISTIANS, a/k/a MICHAEL D. CHRISTIANS, a/k/a MIKE

CHRISTIANS, DECEASED.

CASE NO. BT-2025-PR-000039

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Patti Madden, as an interest-ed party of Michael Christians, a/k/a Michael Duane Christians. a/k/a Michael D. Christians, a/k/a Mike Christians, deceased. praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

(a) Undivided 1/6 remainder nterest in and to the East Half f the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) of Section Four (4). Township Seventeen (17) South, Range Fourteen (14) West, and 1 acre on the North side of the half section line running east and west between the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) and the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Four (4), Township Seventeer (17) South, Range Fourteen (14) West, said strip being 1 rod wide running along the North side of said half section line being used

for road purposes.
(b) Undivided 1/3 remainder interest in t he West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W/2 SW/4) of Section Four (4), Township Seventeen (17) South, Range Fourteen (14) West, Barton County, Kansas

(c) Undivided 1/3 remainder interest in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Four (4), Township Seventeen (7) South, Range Fourteen (14) West, Barton County, Kansas (d) Undivided 1/3 remainder in

terest Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Seventeen (17) South, Range Fourteen (14) West

and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 9, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. of said date, in said Court, in the City of Great Bend, in Barton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

PATTI MADDEN

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS Case No. BT-2025-PR-000038 In the Matter of the Estate Of ROSE MARIE FRIEB, De

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 Daniel L. Frieb and Timothy J. rieb, heirs at law of Rose Marie Frieb, deceased, praying: Tha descent be determined of the fol lowing described property: The oil, gas and other hydrocal bons in and under that may be

produced from the Northwest

Quarter (NW/4) of Section Four (4), Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Fourteen (14) West, Barton County, Kansas ("Riedel-F-V-A" lease – operated by Mai Oil Operations, Inc.) A tract located within the South east Quarter (SE/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Fifteen (15) West, Barton County, Kansas as described as follows: commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (NE/c of SE/4) of said Section 15, thence South along the East line of said Section a distance of 710 feet to a point, thence West along the center of the driveway a distance of 530 feet, thence North a distance of approximately 15 feet to the North line of said driveway, which is the place of beginning of the homestead tract: Thence North 120 feet to a point, thence East a distance of 165 feet, thence South a distance of 120 feet, thence West along the North side of said driveway a distance of 165 feet to the point of beginning; and reserving a per-petual easement along the existing driveway being 530 feet in length and approximately 30 feet in width, as described above, for ingress and egress to and from the said homestead tract

and all personal property and other real estate owned by decedent at the time of her death. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 2 nd day of June, 2025, at 1:30 o'clock p . m., of said day, in said Court, in the City of Great Bend, in Barton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course

upon the Petition. DANIEL L. FRIEB TIMOTHY J. FRIEB PETITIONERS KEENAN LAW FIRM, P.A 2200 Lakin; P. O. Drawer 459 Great Bend, Kansas 67530 Telephone: (620) 793-7811

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STAFFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE OF JAMES R. RAYBERN Case No: SE-2025-PR-000016

NOTICE OF HEARING

tition has been filed in this Court by Carla J. Raybern as heir of James R. Raybern, deceased,

property owned by the deceased located in Stafford County, Kan-

A tract of real estate in the South Half (S/2) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Fourteen (14) Wets of the 6 th P.M., Stafford County, Kansas, commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quar ter (SWc SE/4) of said section; thence North 125 feet between the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) and the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) to the point of beginning; thence West 2638.66 feet; thence North 573.82 feet: thence East 2639.68 feet: thence South 531.1 feet to point of beginning, Stafford County, Kansas.

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and other Kansas real estate or personal property owned by the decedent at the time of his death and be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or be-fore the 12th day of June, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of St. John in Stafford County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause

will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition. Carla J Raybern

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BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of

MYRNA BRANSTETTER, De

Case No. BT-2023-PR-300015 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 Jana Thimesch, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Myrna Branstetter, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be deter mined; the Will and Valid Settle ment Agreement be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the court find the allowances re quested for attorneys fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed: upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Myrna Branstetter, deceased, and the Petitioner be

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before June 2, 2025, at 1:30 o.m., in the District Court, Great Bend, Barton 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.

released from further liability.

Jana Thimesch, Executor

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of John E. Laudick a/k/a John E. Laudick, Jr., Deceased. Case No. BT-2025-PR-000036

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

Randall P. Laudick, one of the heirs of John E. Laudick, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Barton County, Kan-

under the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) and Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Sixteen (16), Range Eleven (11), Barton County, State of Kansas.

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 June 2, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court in Great Bend, Barton 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. Randall P. Laudick, Petitioner

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Notice to Creditors Under K.S.A. 58a-818 To all persons concerned:

You are notified that Bernetta A

Oberle died on January 7, 2025. The decedent was the grantor of the Bernetta Oberle Trust, dated August 19, 2015, as restated on December 28, 2020, and any amendments thereto. Cheryl Oberle-Ginther serves as Trustee. The Trustee has the pow to pay the decedent's outstanding debts from the trust property debts. Under K.S.A. 58a-818, the decedent's creditors must present the Trustee with written claims for such debts within the later of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of notice, or thirty (30) days after receipt of actual notice if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable by

the Trustee. If a creditor fails to

present such claims to the Trust-

ee within such prescribed time,

then the creditor will be forever

barred as against the Trustee and the trust property.

Cheryl Oberle-Ginther Trustee of the Bernetta Oberle Trust, dated August 19, 2015, as restated on December 28, 2020, and any amendments thereto.

Adam C Dees Clinkscales Elder Law Practice,

Attorney for Cheryl Oberle-Ginther, Trustee of the Bernetta Oberle Trust, dated August 19, 2015, as restated on December 28, 2020, and any amendments

c/o Clinkscales Elder Law Prac-

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE OF JEFFREY D. MUNZ RT-2023-PR-000056

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED;

You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of May, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Michael Munz duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the estate Jeffrey D. Munz deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed: the heirs be determined; the Estate be assigned the Court find the allowances requested for attorney's fee and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Jeffrey D. Munz deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or be-fore the 16th day of June, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. in the District Court Great Bend, Barton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Michael Munz

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

BARTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KETA BETH CHRISTIANS, DECEASED.

Case No. BT-2025-PR-000029

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO

ALL PERSONS CONCERNED You are hereby notified that

on May 7, 2025, a Petition for Probate of Will and Appointing Executor under Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Patti Madden, an heir and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Keta Beth Christians, deceased, praying that the Will dated October 2, 2008, be admitted to probate and for the appointment of Patt Madden as Executor of the Will to serve without bond. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the

date of first publication of this

notice, as provided by law, and

if their demands are not thus

exhibited, they shall be forever

PATTI MADDEN, Petitioner

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machine, King size sheets, Free 56" projection screen TV.

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