

—READY TO CHEER ON THE HOME TEAM—



Photo by Christy Stout

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL CHEER SQUAD salutes the flag during the National Anthem prior to Friday night's first home football game.

Obituary



Christine Ann Smith
Christine Ann Smith, 71, of Sterling, passed away Aug. 9, 2026 in Hutchinson. She was born on March 26, 1955 in Sterling, the daughter of Dwayne and Virginia (Drake) Miller. She had lived with her children in Sterling since 2022, after residing in Russell since 1977.
Christine graduated from Sterling High School with the class of 1973. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Fort Hays State University. She worked as a nurse for 43 years, much of which as

a hospice nurse for Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice in Russell and Great Bend. She retired in 2020.
On August 14, 1976, Christine was united in marriage with Dallas Smith in Sterling. He preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 2023. She is also preceded in death by her parents.
Christine is survived by her three children and one granddaughter, Tyler Logan Smith of Kingman, Austin Dwayne Smith of Sterling and Shelby Ann Smith and her daughter Emily Vera Raine Smith of Sterling; brother, Terry Miller and wife Deborah of Hutchinson.
Christine was a believer in Jesus Christ, God's only son, who came from Heaven to sacrifice Himself as payment for our sins, and that all who trust in Him will receive forgiveness and eternal life. She was

a member of the United Methodist Church in Bunker Hill, Bible Baptist Church in Russell, and Calvary Baptist Church in Sterling.
Christine enjoyed quilting, gardening, and most of all spending time with her family. She was loved by many who were fortunate to know her in this life.
Funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, at Birzer Funeral Home, Sterling, with Pastor Dale Jordan officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson. Visitation will be from 2 until 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at Birzer Funeral Home, Sterling, with family present from 5 until 7 p.m.
Memorials may be given to Calvary Baptist Church, Sterling, or Bible Baptist Church, Russell in care of Birzer Funeral Home, Sterling.
The Sterling Bulletin, Sept. 10, 2026

Red Cross blood donation opportunity at Sterling High School Sept. 17

The American Red Cross urges people not to wait to make a lifesaving impact this fall by scheduling a blood donation appointment in September and Sterling High School is hosting a blood drive Thursday, Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The blood supply remains vulnerable after recovering from critically low levels during a summer blood shortage, and now is the time for donors of all blood types to help patients

who count on blood products for care. Reserve a spot to give now. Visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App to schedule a blood or platelet donation appointment. Those who come to give Sept. 1-20, 2026, will receive an exclusive Red Cross x Hello Kitty plush mascot clip and surprise sticker pack, while supplies last. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/HelloKitty for details.

Insurance review encouraged by commissioner

School is back in session, but is your insurance ready for the new year? As students head back to the classroom across Kansas, Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt encourages students and parents to assess, ask and adjust their insurance coverage for the year ahead.
Assess: Review your current policies for any gaps in coverage. Do you know what your current policies cover? Has anything changed since you last purchased or renewed your policy? Do you have a new driver, a new vehicle, or new valuables not currently covered? Do you have a college student that will be moving to a new dorm or apartment?

Ask: Contact your insurance company or agent to make sure your information is current and ask what coverage options and discounts may be available. Students may be eligible for a good student discount resulting in potential savings on your premiums. Remember to inform your auto insurance agent every semester when good grades are achieved.
Adjust: Make changes to your coverage if your circumstances have changed. Consumers may qualify for discounts based on factors such as driving history, student status, safety features, bundling, or other factors. Discounts vary by insurer, so be sure to ask your agent

and shop around before adjusting, renewing or buying a new policy.
“Back-to-school savings aren’t just for school supplies,” said Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “Review your policies, check with your insurance agent to make sure your coverage is sufficient, and that you are taking advantage of any eligible discounts.”
Taking these steps is a simple way to help you start the school year with one less thing to worry about. To learn more, please visit the KDOI website at insurance.kansas.gov or contact our office at 785-296-3071.

Answer below • Puzzle on page 6

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8	7	2	3	4	5	9	6	1
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3	2	7	9	6	1	5	4	8
9	8	5	2	3	4	7	1	6

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FYI

Phone 620-680-1068

SCKAAA - Friendship Meals/Meals on Wheel

Monday, Sept. 14 – cheeseburger on a bun, homemade potato salad, seven layer salad, watermelon, milk.
Tuesday, Sept. 15 – honey glazed pork loin, herb stuffing, steamed carrots, roll, Mandarin oranges, milk.
Wednesday, Sept. 16 – panko mustard chicken, Harvard beets, scalloped potatoes, roll, peach par-fait, milk.
Thursday, Sept. 17 – beef stroganoff/noodle, garlic green beans, roll, angel food cake with strawberries, milk.
Friday, Sept. 18 – country fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, toll, sherbet cup, milk.

Call Loida for more information at 620-204-8435.

Food Bank
The Sterling Food Bank is open the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and the first and third Thursdays of every month from 5 to 7 p.m.
For information contact, manager, Brigette Bennett, 620-200-3437 or treasurer, Fran Wolcott, 316-435-2473.

Wellness Center
The Wellness Center is open Monday through Thursday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to noon. The SRC board will meet Monday, Sept.

14, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the high school conference room.

Commodities
The Sterling/Alden Commodities Distribution is held at the Encounter Church located at 407 North 6th Street in Sterling. Sterling does not have a distribution date as of press time. Check The Bulletin for updates on next distribution date.
Individuals must be signed up with Seneca Bates to receive food at the Sterling location. Those who are not will have to go to Lyons for distribution.
To sign up or for more information call Seneca 620-204-1746.

Silver Threads Senior Center

220 N 3rd, Sterling • 620-680-1068

by Loida Leone, Director

Something is always going on at the Center, whether coffee and conversation, music, speakers, puzzles or games. We are open 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All individuals 55+ years of age are welcome to participate.

Feel free to call Loida at 620-680-1068 for information, and find us on Facebook. Our photographer is frequently posting something, and the calendar of activities and the daily menu are posted at the beginning of each month.

Throughout the month we do crafts, celebrate birthdays, just for fun holidays (like no rhyme or reason day, milkshake day, punctuation day) and go on trips and to special events.

September Highlights:
Sept. 14 – Come see collections displayed by participants in our ST community

Sept. 15 – Monthly birthday celebration at noon

3:30 movie (fantasy)
Sept. 16 – 9:30 a.m. monthly breakfast potluck

Noon – Daniel Bates will give a talk about CYIA

Sept. 17 – 3 p.m. Silver Threads Board Meeting at Jefferson Plaza

Sept. 23 – noon Verlin-da Poor presentation on Functional Aging

Sept. 24 – 6 p.m. Trip to Kanopolis Drive In to re-live our youth and watch The Neverending Story
Keep your eyes peeled for information on a Silver Threads Open House coming up later this month.

If you are interested in participating or volun-

teering, please call Loida at 620-680-1068 and leave a message if there is no answer. You will be called back the same day or within 24 hours. We are in need of substitute drivers for Meals on Wheels and volunteers for the kitchen. Please contact Loida if interested.

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YOUR TEAM



Sterling Public Notices

SUMMARY NOTICE OF BOND SALE

\$2,960,000*
CITY OF STERLING, KANSAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2026

DETAILS OF THE SALE: Subject to the terms and requirements of the Official Notice of Bond Sale, dated August 17, 2026, of the City of Sterling, Kansas (the “City”), bids to purchase the City’s General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, (the “Bonds”) will be received at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 114 N Broadway, Sterling, Kansas, 67579 or by telefacsimile at (620) 278-2866 or electronically as described in the Official Notice of Bond Sale until 10:00 A.M., Central Time, on Monday, October 5, 2026 (the “Sale Date”). The bids will be considered by the governing body at its meeting at 6:00 P.M., Central Time on the Sale Date.
No oral or auction bids for the Bonds shall be considered, and no bids for less than 100 percent of the total principal amount of the Bonds and accrued interest to the date of delivery shall be considered.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT: Bidders must submit a good faith deposit in the form of a wire transfer or certified or cashier’s check made payable to the order of the City, or a financial surety bond (if then available), in an amount equal to 2% of the principal amount of the Bonds.

DETAILS OF THE BONDS: The Bonds will be dated October 29, 2026 and will be issued as registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000, or any integral multiple thereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, beginning October 1, 2027. Principal of the Bonds becomes due on October 1 in the years and amounts as shown below:

Maturity Schedule			
Principal Amount *	Maturity Date	Principal Amount *	Maturity Date
\$145,000.00	2027	\$205,000.00	2035
145,000.00	2028	210,000.00	2036
150,000.00	2029	225,000.00	2037
160,000.00	2030	235,000.00	2038
165,000.00	2031	245,000.00	2039
175,000.00	2032	255,000.00	2040
185,000.00	2033	265,000.00	2041
195,000.00	2034		

PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST: The Treasurer of the State of Kansas will serve as the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds.

BOOK-ENTRY BONDS: The Bonds will be issued and registered under a book-entry-only system administered by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”).

DELIVERY OF THE BONDS: The City will prepare the Bonds at its expense and will deliver the registered Bonds to DTC on or about October 29, 2026. Any bond printing costs will be paid by the City from the proceeds of the Bonds or other City funds.

LEGAL OPINION: The Bonds will be sold subject to the legal opinion of Spencer Fane LLP, Wichita, Kansas, Bond Counsel, whose fees will be paid by the City.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: The City’s current assessed valuation for purposes of calculating statutory debt limitations is \$20,758,679. As of October 29, 2026, the City’s total outstanding general obligation debt (including the Bonds), is \$9,180,000. The City’s total indebtedness which is subject to debt limitation, as of October 29, 2026, is estimated to be \$1,072,689.65, which is 5.17% of the assessed valuation of the City.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For additional information contact the City Clerk at the address and telephone number shown below, or the Financial Advisor, Mr. Clayton Kelley, Piper Sandler & Co., 11635 Rosewood Street, Leawood, Kansas 66211, telephone (913) 3453377.

CITY OF STERLING, KANSAS
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* Amounts subject to change.
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