

–SHS BAND TAKES TOP RATINGS AT KANSAS STATE FAIR–



THE STERLING HIGH SCHOOL BAND under the direction of Abby Giles (left) received three I+ ratings at the Kansas State Fair on September 16, adding up to an overall I+ rating for their arena performance. Giles shared that the band received a perfect score from one of the judges.

Sterling College Teachers of Promise recognized

Sterling College seniors Grace Battershell, of Wheatland, Wyo., and Aaron Elsasser, of Columbia, Mo., were honored as “Teachers of Promise” at the 2027 Dale Dennis Kansas Teacher of the Year Banquet. The banquet was held Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Wichita Marriott Hotel in Wichita.

Battershell is a senior elementary education

major, and Elsasser is a senior health and human performance major.

“These two students represent the very best of what we hope to cultivate in future educators. Their passion for teaching, commitment to excellence, and desire to positively impact the next generation make them truly deserving of this recognition. We are excited to see the differ-

ence they will make in the lives of their future students,” said Dr. William Anderson, assistant professor of education.

The Dale Dennis Kansas Teacher of the Year Banquet, sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education, recognizes outstanding educators from across the state. The 2027 banquet is part of the 2026-27 Kansas Teacher of the Year

program cycle.

Each semester, one or two Sterling College students in their senior year are selected according to criteria related to key elements of the Sterling Teacher Education Program. These criteria include educational dispositions and content, professional and cumulative GPAs.

Homecoming—

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munity that has been created over the years.

Below are several additional events the whole family can enjoy throughout the weekend.

•Sterling Walkabouts Photo exhibition by lo-

cal resident and SC Professor Larry Brownlee, SC Art Building, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Wednesday-Saturday)

•Homecoming Hangout, Gleason parking lot, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

•Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Wilkey Fieldhouse, Saturday,

10:30 a.m.

•Hall of Fame Recognition, Smisor Stadium, half time of football game

For a full list of details see the Sterling College website at: <https://www.sterling.edu/alumni/homecoming/schedule-of-events>

Stargazing event at KVEC Oct. 9

The wonders of the universe are coming to the wetlands. Join the Fort Hays State University Astronomy Club on Friday, Oct. 9, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. for an evening of stargazing at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore some of the most beautiful celestial objects visible in the autumn sky.

Club members will set up several telescopes and share their knowledge of astronomy with participants of all ages. Whether you are a seasoned skywatcher or looking through a telescope for the very first time, this event offers a chance to experience the night sky in a whole new way.

Throughout the evening, guests will have opportunities to view a variety of deep sky objects, including:

•Saturn – One of the most recognizable planets in our solar system, famous for its spectacular ring system.

•M31 (The Andromeda Galaxy) – The closest

major galaxy to our own Milky Way and visible as a faint smudge of light to the unaided eye under dark skies.

•M45 (The Pleiades) – Often called the Seven Sisters, this bright open star cluster is one of the most stunning sights through binoculars and telescopes.

•M24 (The Sagittarius Star Cloud) – A rich region of stars within our own galaxy that appears as a bright patch along the Milky Way.

•M6 (The Butterfly Cluster) – An open star cluster whose stars form a pattern resembling the wings of a butterfly.

•M7 (The Ptolemy Cluster) – One of the largest and brightest open clusters in the night sky.

In addition to telescopes, the Astronomy Club will bring an astro-camera, allowing visitors to see how astronomers capture detailed images of celestial objects. Participants will learn how modern astronomical cameras can reveal colors, structures, and details that are often difficult to see with the human eye alone.

The event is a unique opportunity to combine

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Sterling Bowl

A presence in Sterling since its opening in the spring of 1961 by Otto Nestler, still serves today as an opportunity for local and area residents to enjoy and participate in wholesome recreational activity. Something not happening at Sterling Bowl in 1961 was the serving of food. *Check out our offering including burgers and fries, pizza, and with temperatures dropping, chili and tasty potato soup. We open at 4:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, at 5:30 on Thursday and 6 pm on Saturday.* Bring or make some friends, challenge the pins, join a league, have fun locally.

Visit us on Facebook or give us a call 620-680-1812.

Please support local businesses and check out Sterling Bowl.

Enrollment—

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400 athletes on campus. SC Cross Country and women’s soccer are two teams who expanded numbers this past re-

cruiting season. The enrollment services team has a mission to continue to grow SC numbers in 2027 with a focus on transfers, online and by advancing the arts programs at the college.

–COUNTY ATTORNEY–

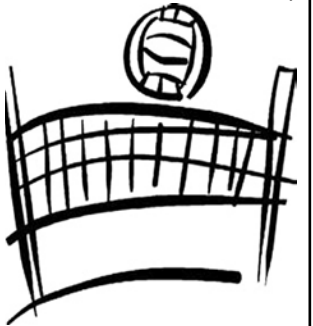


HUNTER JOHNSON, Deputy County Attorney for McPherson, was selected by a unanimous vote at the Rice County Republican Replacement convention Monday. He will be suggested to Governor Laura Kelly and Secretary of State Scott Schwab as the appointment for Rice County Attorney to replace Remington Dalke.

SRC Adult Co-ed Volleyball

(6 on 6 - 3 women on the court at all times)

\$60
per team
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deadline Oct. 9
Wed. night games
begins Oct. 14



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For more info EMAIL director@sterlingrec.org

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Rice County Public Notices

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED FOR AT THE GENERAL ELECTION, STATE OF KANSAS, RICE COUNTY, KANSAS, TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN: I, the undersigned County Election Officer of the above-named county, have received a certified listing of candidates nominated by each of the political parties of this state, and, in accordance with the provisions of law, I hereby publish so much thereof as is applicable to this county, and I have added thereto, the names and addresses (which were provided) of the candidates of nomination of the Republican and Democratic parties: United States Senate Adam Hamilton Democratic PO Box 6, Stilwell, 66085 Roger Marshall Republican David C Graham Libertarian 7220 W. 83rd St., Overland Park 66204 United States House of Representatives Lauren Reinhold Democratic 4000 W. 6th Street, Ste B #241, Lawrence 66049 Tracey Mann Republican PO Box 1084, Salina 67402 Steven Jacob Libertarian Governor / Lt. Governor Cindy Holscher / KC Ohaebosim	Democratic 66063 P.O. Box 2903, Olathe Ty Masterson / Jeffrey Klemp Republican 67002 P.O. Box 424, Andover 67002 Secretary of State Jennifer Day Democratic P.O. Box 104, Mission, 66202-9810 Secretary of State Republican Pat Proctor 624 Kickapoo St, Leavenworth 66048 Scott E Morgan United Kansas Attorney General Chris Mann Democratic Kris Kobach Republican P.O. Box 155, Lecompton 66050 State Treasurer Juan C. Luengo Democratic 14904 S. Summit St, Olathe 66062 Steven Johnson Republican 10197 S. Hopkins Road, Assaria 67416 State Treasurer Eric Lund Libertarian 3003 Lakeview Cir S, Paola 66071 Commissioner of Insurance Dinah Sykes Democratic Daniel Hawkins Republican 9406 W. Harvest Ln., Wichita 67212 Ric Koehn Libertarian 304 S 6th St, Cimarron, 67835 Kansas House of	Representatives 113 Jo Ann Roth Democratic 314 W. 3rd Street, Ellinwood 67526 Brett Fairchild Republican 150 NW 40th Street, St. John 67576 Member, State Board of Education Ann Zimmerman Democratic 3904 N. Ohio, Salina, 67401 Alana McWilliams Republican Abilene 67410 District Court Judge Republican Carey Hipp Ellsworth 67439 Rice County Clerk Raechel Manley Republican P.O. Box 4, Lyons 67554 Rice County Treasurer Kristi Smith Republican Great Bend 67530 Rice County Commissioner Dist. Republican Carla Gustafon Lyons, 67554 Atlanta Township Clerk Roger J. Edwards Republican Sterling 67579 Beil Township Clerk Republican John Royer 67573 Center Township Clerk Melvin Lauppe Republican Lyons 67554 East Washington	Township Clerk Tracy Speice Republican Inman, 67546 Eureka Township Clerk Steven Janssen Republican Geneseo 67444 Farmer Township Clerk Kent Kaiser Republican Harrison Township Clerk Sean Feldman Republican Lyons 67554 Lincoln Township Treasurer Jason Meyeres Republican Chase 67524 Odessa Township Clerk Mike Schafer Republican Rockville Township Clerk Brian Blades Republican Union Township Clerk Shane Cordell Republican Valley Township Clerk Drew Frederick Republican Victoria Township Clerk Brent Kratzer Republican West Washington Township Clerk Burk Johnson Republican Sterling 67579 Wilson Township Clerk Julie Engelland Republican Sterling 67579 City of Lyons Mayor Alicia M Hommon, Lyons 67554	Debra Pickerill Metzger Lyons 1st Ward City Council Jason McBee, Lyons 67554 Lyons 2nd Ward City Council Jason Beaver, Lyons 67554 Lyons 2nd Ward City Council Angela Evans, Lyons 67554 Lyons 4th Ward City Council Mary Kendrick Lyons 4th Ward City Council Donetta Birzer Sterling City Commission Richard (Dicko) Jones Jr. Debby Oller-Rodger Stephen Wilson Pursuant to the foregoing, I hereby give notice that a General Election will be held on the 3rd Day of November, 2026 at which time the candidates from the above list may be voted on at the polling place according to the following precincts: Celebration Center – Lyons Lyons 1st Ward, Lyons 2nd Ward, Lyons 3rd Ward, Lyons 4th Ward, Atlanta, Harrison, Mitchell, and Wilson Townships Sterling Methodist Church Fellowship Hall – Sterling Sterling East Ward, Sterling West Ward, Sterling, Valley, East Washington, and West Washington Townships Bushton Community Building	– Bushton Eureka and Farmer Townships Chase Senior Center – Chase Bell, Center, Lincoln, Pioneer, and Raymond Townships Geneseo 55+ Club – Geneseo Galt and Victoria Townships Dwight Lamson Post 258 The American Legion – Little River Odessa, Union, and Rockville Townships The polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2026. Advanced voting will begin Saturday, October 24th, 2026 at the Rice County Courthouse from 10AM to 2PM, Monday, October 26th – 30th, 2026, at the Rice County Clerk’s Office, 2nd Floor, 101 W. Commercial, Lyons, KS from 8AM to 5PM. And will end on November 2nd at 12:00 NOON. Done at my office in the City of Lyons, County of Rice, and State of Kansas on this 22nd day of September 2026. Raechel Manley Rice County Election Officer (Published in the Sterling Kansas Bulletin, Sterling, Rice County, Kansas, on September 24, 2026; October 1, 2026 and October 8, 2026). 27.75
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