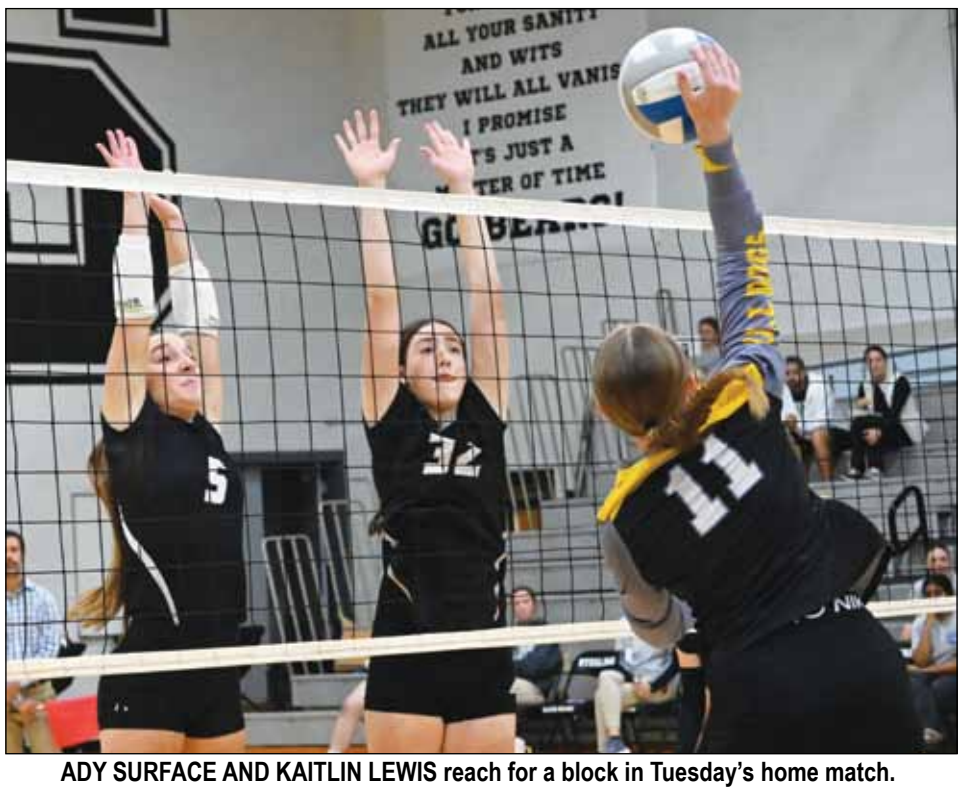


ADY SURFACE AND KAITLIN LEWIS reach for a block in Tuesday's home match.

SHS volleyball ends busy week 3-6

The Sterling High School volleyball team had a busy week with nine matches over three days.

The Lady Bears ended the week 3-6 with an overall record of 10-17. Sterling will travel to Burrton for a tournament on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. and will travel to Marion on Tuesday for a modified quadrangular with Berean Academy and Moundridge beginning at 4 p.m.

v. Bennington.

Hosting the Bennington Bulldogs Tuesday Sterling put up a fight, but ended the night losing 2-0, 2-1 in the double header.

In the opening set Sterling forced extra points, but came up short losing 27-25 and then falling 25-14 for the 2-set loss.

In the nightcap, the Lady Bears looked to have some momentum winning the first set 25-23, but Bennington rallied winning the second two 25-15, 25-14.

at Lyons.

Playing at Lyons on Saturday, Sterling earned two wins, but had three losses on the day.

The Lady Bears opened with a loss to Chaparral 25-13, 25-22; but earned a three set win over South Central (Coldwater). Against the Timberwolves, Sterling opened with a 25-20 win, but fell 25-18 in the second set before rallying for a 25-17 victory.

Sterling lost to Little River 25-8, 25-18 and then defeated Lyons 25-16, 25-19.

In the final match of the day the Lady Bears fell 25-19, 25-7 to Southeast of Saline.

Thursday.

Last Thursday the Lady Bears hosted Sedgwick and Central Christian Academy – Wichita in a mod quad and split losing to the Cardinals 2-0, but defeating the Lions 2-1.

In the opener Sedgwick won in straight sets 25-20, 25-20.

Sterling then took the court against Central Christian Academy. While CCA won the opening set 25-19, the Lady Bears rallied for a 25-15, 25-13 win.



ALLIE GRAY delivers a kill Tuesday night against Bennington.

Lady Bear tennis wins at Great Bend, Chaparral

The Sterling High School tennis team had a successful week, placing first as a team at both Chaparral on Saturday and Great Bend on Monday.

The Lady Bears will compete in the combined HOA/CPL League Meet Monday in Wichita beginning at 8 a.m.

at Great Bend.

The Central Plains meet, hosted in Great Bend was moved to Monday from its original date of Thursday, Oct. 1 due to rain predictions.

Sterling took top honors as a team scoring 32 followed by Central Plains, 29; Ellinwood, 12 and Victoria 11.

Danika Zimmerman and Emma Lewis placed first in No. 1 doubles defeating Wasson/Schreiber, Central Plains, 8-0; Klepper/Frayre, Ellinwood, 8-0 and Robl/Siemsen, Central Plains, 8-1.

Emma Kelso and Kate McGlynn were second in No. 2 doubles. The pair defeated McAlister/McAlister, St. John, 8-0; Ringwald/Joiner, Ellinwood, 8-6; and Rozean/Holmes, Victoria, 8-1; but lost to Siemsen/Zink, Central Plains, 8-3.

Lauren Rowland placed second in No. 1 singles. She defeated Whitney Armstrong, Central Plains, 8-0; Lauren Ringwald, Ellinwood, 8-4 and Charlee Schlessiger, Central Plains, 8-6; but lost to Anna-Marie Marsell, Victoria, 8-4.

Natalie Williams placed first in No. 2 singles defeating Zoey Carter, St. John, 8-1; Lauren Rugan, Ellinwood, 8-6; Piper Nowlin, Victoria, 8-4 and Eliza Jeffrey, Central Plains, 8-4.

at Chaparral.

The Lady Bears scored 42, winning gold in every event at the Chaparral meet Saturday, finishing ahead of Chaparral, 19; Meade, 15; Lyons, 11; South Central, 10 and Kingman, 7.

In No. 1 singles, Lauren Rowland earned top honors defeating Courtney Schoenhofer, Kingman, 8-2; Kylee Cooperrider, Chaparral, 8-1; Macy Reed, Chaparral, 8-0 and Payton Nachtigal, Lyons, 8-3.

Natalie Williams took first in No. 2 singles. She defeated Rayna Reyes, Lyons, 8-1; Morgan Valentine, Kingman, 8-0 and Catherine Welch, Chaparral, 8-6.

The team of Danika Zimmerman and Emma Lewis won gold without dropping a single game in No. 1 doubles defeating Lynn/Stapleton, Meade, 8-0; Rozi/Ricker, Chaparral, 8-0; Kelso/McGlynn, Sterling, 8-0 and Wheat/Wilson, Kingman 8-0.

Liz Buchberger and Macie Gillespie teamed up to win No. 2 doubles. The pair defeated Tacha/Zeibart, Meade, (8-6); Diaz/Hunter, Chaparral, 8-1; Miller/Pankrat, South Central, 8-2 and Yauk/Schelm, Kingman, 8-0.

Sterling's Emma Kelso and Kate McGlynn filled in for a missing South Central No. 1 doubles team and placed third. They defeated Wheat/Wilson, Kingman 8-0 and Rozi/Ricker, Chaparral, 8-0; but narrowly lost to Lynn/Stapleton, Meade, 8-7(6).

Black Bear football blanks Sedgwick

The Black Bear football team stomped the Sedgwick Cardinals taking a 91-0 road victory.

"Our kids executed very well and I was happy with how we came out and played Black Bear football from the beginning to the end. We were able to get some rotators valuable varsity experience that will help out later in the season," coach Brent Schneider said.

Sterling (4-0) will travel to Halstead (2-2) to take on the Dragons Friday at 7 p.m.

Friday night Sedgwick started the game with possession; however, on the third play from scrimmage a Davis Thompson interception began the Black Bear dominance.

A quick pitch from Zac Wohler to Nolan Wellman quickly resulted in a 27-yard run touchdown. Lane Weigel's successful point after attempt made it 7-0, Sterling.

After a short possession by Sedgwick, Sterling drove 49 yards topped by a Jace Darnauer 15-yard TD run making it 14-0.

Sedgwick turned the ball over on downs setting up a 29-yard run by Maxwell, breaking tackles to the end zone making it 21-0, six plays into the game.

Sterling's next possession consisted of two pass plays including a 28-yard completion to Tucker Haas followed by an 11-yard TD pass to Lewis making it 28-0.

A fumble recovered Caleb Newberry led to a 40-yard touchdown by Maxwell making it 35-0 to end the first quarter.

The Black Bears opened the second quarter with another touchdown run by Darnauer to make it 42-0.

Additional scoring for the half included a pass to Lewis, a pick six by Caleb Newberry and a 35-yard TD run by Maxwell. Typically running clocks do not begin until the second half, but with both coaches agreeing, a running clock began in the second quarter when Sterling went up 49-0.

The final play of the half was a high snap went the head of the Sedgwick quarterback and out the end zone for a safety making it 65-0, Sterling.

The junior varsity took the field in the second half with a running clock.

David Myers scored on a 44-yard TD run. Carter found the end zone on a 31-yard sweep. Meyer Anderson had a 26-yard scoring run and a forced fumble by Hayden Dobson resulted in a scoop and score by Quinten Kilgore making the final score 91-0.

"Our leadership on the field with our upperclassmen is so fun to watch. It's just a great group of kids and I thank the Lord for being part of it," Schneider said. He also gave a "shoutout" to his assistant coaches for all the hard work they put in during the week and the roles they fill during the games.

Offensively, quarterback Wohler had four completions on five attempts for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

Lewis had three receptions for 69 yards and two TDs.

Maxwell led the Bears on the ground with 127 yards on four carries and three touchdowns.

Wellman had 64 yards on two carries with a touchdown.

Defensively Lewis led the Bears with 10 tackles, six solo and four assist, including five tackles for loss and two sacks.

Maddox Link had six tackles (4-2) with four tackles for loss. Zach Edwards also had six tackles (5-1) with one tackle for loss.

Weigel finished 11-for-11 on PATs.

SHS cross country medals 2 at Lyons

With rain looming in the forecast, the Lyons Cross Country Classic was moved to a morning meet Tuesday where Rhys Stinemetz and William Wilson were able to secure medals.

Sterling's next meet will be at home on Thursday, Oct. 8 with races beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Stinemetz had a personal best at 24:17.56 to place 14th to lead the girls.

"We are going to work on a faster start for (Rhys). She is a strong competitor and excels in chasing down opponents but she was somewhat locked in too far back in the pack for the first half mile," coach Pamela Simpson said.

Jaelynn Saiz, running a season best 24:37.56 for 16th. Maklyn Larsen also had a season best at 25:18.52 finishing 18th. Also competing were Katie Inwood, 20th, 25:40.02 and Annabelle deWit, 23rd, 27:02.83.

"It was good to have all five girls posting solid times," Simpson said.

Wilson had a season best of 19:01.71 and medaled 9th for the boys.

"Will continues his streak of earning a medal at every race this season. He gets a little stronger at every meet and will be ready for post season in three weeks," Simpson said.

Ian Dillard ran a personal best 20:32.21 for 16th and Ben Bierstedt was right behind at 20:34.88 for 17th.

Also competing for the varsity were DJ Morgan, 21:27, 25th; Daniel Bates, 21:51.56, 28th; Isaac Welty, 21:54.6, 29th and Clark Weber, 22:07.64, 31st.

Noah Gray finished 12th in the junior varsity race at 26:14.81.

SJH XC at Lyons.

7th-grade boys (2 mile)

Judah Prichard, 2nd, 13:22.45

Boston Wilkie, 3rd, 13:47.35

Cameron Vagts, 4th, 13:49.46

Arian Lyne, 18th, 16:19.32

Gabriel Watson, 20th, 17:45.37

7th-grade girls (2 mile)

Jessica Burgess, 7th, 16:13.50

Paisley Stelling, 8th, 16:55.26

8th-grade boys (2 miles)

Michael Guiterrez, 10th, 14:41.77

Jaxon Gray, 13th, 16:36.1

8th-grade girls (2 miles)

Paige Inwood, 4th, 14:41.07

Tierney Lutters, 8th, 17:21.64

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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Rice COUNTY

EXTENSION COUNCIL

To the Voters of RICE County, State of Kansas, Election at Large

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with K.S.A. 2-611, as amended, State of Kansas, that on the date at the time and place mentioned below, the citizens of voting age of RICE County shall meet for the purpose of electing twelve members, three members for Agricultural and Natural Resources, three members for Family and Consumer Sciences, three members for 4-H and Youth Development, and three members for Community Vitality initiatives, as Representatives to the RICE County Extension Council.

RICE County
Oct 13-16, 2026 8:00 am-5:00 pm
(Date) (Time)

RICE COUNTY EXTENSION BUILDING
(Place)

Consideration shall be given to the Extension Program for RICE County.

Garrett Ludwig, Chair
Executive Board

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: RJ VISION OPERATING, Application for an additional exception ofthree years to the currently expiring 3yr. extension of the 10 year time limitation under K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Mary Ida (**Doll**) #1 (**2**) well-bore, located in Barton County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, and all persons whoever concerned.

You and each of you are hereby notified that RJ VISION OPERATING, has made application for an additional exception of three years to the currently expiring 3yr. extension of the 10 year time limitation on temporary abandonment status under K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Mary Ida (**Doll**) #1 (**2**) well-bore, located in the SE/4 of Sec. 36-18S-11W, Barton County, Kansas.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections with the Kansas Corporation Commission of the State of KS within 15 days from the date ofthis publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of KS.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and govern themselves accordingly.

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