



GREG MCGLYNN, Sterling High School Theatre teacher leads the Sabre for Stage session for the annual Theatre Workshop Day at Sterling College. McGlynn, who is a SC Theatre alum as well has led his Sabre session at the annual day for 34 years.

Sterling College hosts 17 high schools at 42nd Annual Theatre Workshop Day

More than 300 students from across Kansas gathered at Sterling College Monday for the 42nd Annual Theatre Workshop Day.

The annual event brought together students from 17 high schools, one middle school and one grade-school class, along with several home-schooled students accompanied by their parents. Participating schools included Buhler, Life Prep Academy, Maize South, Goddard, Eisenhower, Flint Hills, McPherson, Lyons, Campus, Mulvane, Garden Plain, Little River, Sterling, Canton-Galva, El-linwood, Inman and Andale. Prairie Hills Middle School and the Windom sixth-grade class also participated.

The students spent the morning participating in hands-on theatre workshops in Sabre, Singing for the Stage, Musical Theatre Dance, Acting/Characterization, Improvisation, Costuming, Scenic Design and Play-writing.

Workshops were led by Sterling College alumni, faculty and students, giving visiting students the opportunity to learn new skills while working alongside other young people who share an interest in theatre.

“It was exciting to see so many students come together around theatre,” said Dennis Dutton, Sterling College arts director. “They learned new skills, met other students and experi-

enced the larger theatre community.”

The morning workshops were followed by a special matinee performance of Sterling College Theatre’s production of “Fiddler on the Roof” in Culbertson Auditorium.

Directed by Lesa Brown, the production marked the fourth time the musical had been presented at Sterling College, following previous productions in 1971, 1987 and 2008.

“Fiddler is a wonderful story for students to experience together,” Brown said. “It explores family, tradition and change in ways that still speak to us today.”

The Workshop Day gave visiting students the opportunity not only to develop their theatre skills but also to experience a college campus and see Sterling College students performing in a full-scale theatrical production.

“Theatre teaches students to work together, communicate and take creative risks,” Dutton said. “Those lessons go far beyond the stage.”

For more than four decades, Sterling College Theatre Workshop Day has connected young people from across Kansas with the arts, with one another and with Sterling College. The annual event reflects the college’s commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for students to discover and develop their gifts.

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Low-to-Moderate Income survey by the city pushed the ability to complete that application to next Spring.

One of the requirements for CDBG money is a 20 percent match which the library has continued to work on, including a recent \$10,000 anonymous donation

and a \$10,000 grant from the Moxley Foundation. The library has also recently applied for grant money through the Rice County Community Foundation.

•City manager Ian Hutcheson as he informed commissioners that initial interviews are expected to be completed this week for the open city clerk position. Hutcheson also stat-

ed that a final walk-through was completed this past Monday on the water main project along North Broadway. A few details, which could not be completed last week due to the substantial rain, expect to be finished up soon.

Finally, Hutcheson confirmed a planning commission meeting is expected to be scheduled for Oct. 15.

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safe. People elected me to watch what we spend,” Thomas said, noting he wants to see how the budget works out before making any decision.

David’s motion died for lack of a second;

•Heard an update from Julie Yarmer with Freedom Claims on insurance renewal. She did not have official numbers from Blue Cross, but expects a 15-18% increase, which will be approximately \$244,000.

While the county has absorbed increases in the past through spending down reserves, McCloud said some of the increase will likely have to be passed on to employees this year;

•Met with Hunter Johnson who was selected at the Rice County Republican

Replacement convention to replace Remington Dalke as County Attorney. His recommendation is awaiting approval by Governor Laura Kelly and Secretary of State

Scott Schwab.

Salary was discussed and Johnson, who lives in Hesston, said he had a job offer in Sedgwick County for \$90,000, but indicated if Rice County could match that, he would be interested. Dalke had been paid \$75,000 to work four days per week, Johnson said he would work five days per week.

No action was taken as Johnson has not been formally approved at the state level; and,

•Proclaimed Oct. 4-11 as national 4-H week.

Marshall—

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AI, so he is still trying to get to find the truth in matters of AI. He stated there is a military component to it and it could be a national threat noting that we do not want Russia and China to get ahead in this area. However, he believes there are three areas that need to be focused on including: protecting children, transparency and oversight of those developing AI and privacy.

Data centers were another concern Marshall addressed. While he said data centers need to be responsible for providing their own energy, he does not be-

lieve Washington D.C. needs to micromanage this area.

“I trust the American people to make those decisions,” Marshall said.

Addressing concerns over passing the farm bill Marshall said he believes it will pass after the election, but said democrats cannot give republicans a win right before the election. When asked if separating the farm and food portions would help he said a farm bill would never pass without the food stamp portion.

When asked Marshall said he was opposed to the federalization of elections, which is clearly spelled out as a state responsibility in the con-

stitution, but noted that no one wants cheating on an election.

Partisanship was also brought up at the meeting, and Marshall said that he does have positive professional relationships on both sides of the aisle and he would like to get back to bi-partisan politics in order to benefit the American people, but he noted national media and social media want no part of that and will never cover when political parties are working together in a positive way.

The Sterling Constitutionalists have also extended invitations to speak in Sterling to Rep. Tracy Mann and Rev. Adam Hamilton.

–STERLING COLLEGE HOMECOMING HANGOUT–



PUBLIC TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

The public test on the ICX voting machine will take place on

Friday, October 23, 2026

in the County Clerk’s Office, second floor, Rice County Courthouse at **3 p.m.**

All interested persons are invited to attend the testing.

Raechel, County Election Officer
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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 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	P.O. Box 2903, Olathe Democratic 66063 Ty Masterson / Jeffrey Klemp Republican P.O. Box 424, Andover 67002 Secretary of State Jennifer Day Democratic P.O. Box 104, Mission, 66202-9810 Secretary of State Pat Proctor Republican 624 Kickapoo St, Leavenworth 66048 Scott E Morgan United Kansas Attorney General Chris Mann Democratic Kris Kobach Republican P.O. Box 155, Leocompton 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 67401 3904 N. Ohio, Salina, Republican Alana McWilliams 67410 Abilene District Court Judge Carey Hipp Republican 1282 Highway 14 Ellsworth 67439 Rice County Clerk Raechel Manley Republican P.O. Box 4, Lyons 67554 Rice County Treasurer Kristi Smith Republican 67530 Great Bend Republican Rice County Commissioner Dist. Carla Gustafon Republican Lyons, 67554 Atlanta Township Clerk Roger J. Edwards Republican 67579 Sterling Republican Bell Township Clerk John Royer Republican 67573 Raymond Republican Center Township Clerk Melvin Lauppe Republican 67554 Lyons Republican East Washington	Township Clerk Tracy Speice Republican 67546 Inman, Republican Eureka Township Clerk Steven Janssen Republican 67444 Geneseo Republican Farmer Township Clerk Kent Kaiser Republican Harrison Township Clerk Sean Feldman Republican 67554 Lyons Republican Lincoln Township Treasurer Jason Meyeres Republican 67524 Chase Republican 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 67579 Sterling Republican Wilson Township Clerk Julie Engelland Republican 67579 Sterling Republican 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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