

Sterling College football earns homecoming win over Bethel Threshers, 17-14

The Sterling College Warriors defeated Bethel College 17-14 on Saturday, shutting out the visitors in the second half to secure the victory. Sterling forced two turnovers, including an interception and a fumble recovery, while holding Bethel scoreless after halftime.

Sterling opened the game with a promising drive into Bethel territory, but the possession ended on downs at the Bethel 44-yard line. Bethel responded with a long drive that included two fourth-down conversions before Xavier Craven scored on a 4-yard touchdown run. Raymond Escobedo's extra point gave

Bethel a 7-0 lead.

The Warriors answered late in the first quarter after Sterling's defense stopped Bethel on consecutive short-yardage runs. Steven Werking capitalized on the opportunity with a 12-yard touchdown run, and Nicholas Trepton's extra point tied the game at 7-7.

Sterling took its first lead early in the second quarter after Brevyn Campbell recovered a fumble by Brady Norman. Werking finished the ensuing drive with a 7-yard touchdown run, and Emmanuel Roman's extra point put the Warriors ahead 14-7.

Bethel responded with a touchdown pass from Nor-

man to Jaxson Daniels, tying the game at 14-14 with 6:31 remaining in the first half. Both teams had additional scoring opportunities before the break, but neither could capitalize, sending the game into halftime tied.

Sterling's defense controlled the third quarter, forcing multiple punts and preventing Bethel from reaching the end zone. The Warriors continued to move the ball offensively but were unable to gain the lead during the scoreless quarter.

The decisive play came in the fourth quarter when Ryan Morgan intercepted Norman at the Bethel 16-yard line. Ster-

ling capitalized on the turnover as Roman connected on a 29-yard field goal with 3:49 remaining, giving the Warriors a 17-14 advantage.

Bethel threatened to tie the game on its next possession, advancing to the Sterling 19-yard line on a 42-yard completion from Norman to Josiah Buller. However, Sterling's defense held firm. Dutton Taylor recorded a key tackle for loss before Escobedo missed a 32-yard field goal attempt wide left.

Sterling regained possession with 1:37 remaining and converted a key third down to maintain control of the ball and secure the 17-14 victory.

Werking completed 13-of-22 passes for 141 yards and added two rushing touchdowns to lead the Warriors offensively. Kevin Jones led Sterling's receiving corps with four receptions for 89 yards.

Defensively, Kenny Dominguez recorded 13 tackles and forced a fumble, while Morgan finished with eight tackles and an interception. Campbell also contributed a fumble recovery, and Taylor made several key stops in the second half.

Sterling will travel to Winfield to face Southwestern College on Saturday, Oct. 17. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Lady Warrior volleyball downs Avila Eagles 3-1

The Lady Warriors of Sterling College defeated Avila University 3-1 on Friday with set scores of 25-22, 19-25, 25-16 and 25-13. Sterling answered a second-set loss by taking the final two sets, hitting .265 in the third and .387 in the fourth.

Avila built a 7-4 lead in the opening set behind early Sterling attack errors and kills from Bryleigh Martin and Molly Murphy. Sterling answered with nine straight points on Grace Battershell's serve, tying the set at 7-7 before blocks involving Kela Wilson Brown and Chloe Schmidt and kills by Schmidt and Wilson Brown helped push the lead to 13-7. The teams traded points through the middle of the set before Avila cut Sterling's 22-16 lead to 22-20 with a four-point stretch that included a Kendyll Garner service ace. Madison Ludeen stopped the run with a kill, Dru Lindsey added a service ace for set point, and after Avila scored twice, Aliya McClanahan finished the 25-22 set with a kill from Battershell.

Sterling opened the second set with McClanahan and Wilson Brown combining on a block, and after the teams traded points to 3-3, Avila scored five straight with Avry Dunn serving to move ahead 8-3. McClanahan's kill from Wilson Brown and a block by Karlie Ashley and Schmidt brought Sterling within three at 8-5, but Avila pushed

ahead 11-5 before Sterling took three straight points, including a Schmidt/Ashley block, to make it 11-8. The teams traded sideouts through 14-11 before Avila put together four straight points, with Martin recording back-to-back kills, to stretch the set to 18-11; Sterling later picked up kills from Kaira Rodriguez, McClanahan and Schmidt while getting to 19-14. Avila moved to 23-16, Sterling answered with three straight points on Wilson Brown's kill, a Schmidt/Wilson Brown block, and Ludeen's kill, but Avila closed the set 25-19.

Sterling trailed 7-6 in the third set before McClanahan's kill tied it, and Kaleigh Bell's service turn carried the run through a 13-7 lead with a block by Rodri-

guez and Schmidt, two Schmidt kills, a Bell ace, and Gracie Kirchhoff's kill. Avila ended that stretch and later cut the margin to 14-10, but Sterling answered with kills from Kirchhoff and Ludeen, then stretched the lead to 19-11 on a McClanahan kill and a block by McClanahan and Ludeen. After Avila narrowed the gap to 20-15, McClanahan put down consecutive kills, Schmidt's block brought up set point, and Kirchhoff finished the set at 25-16 with a kill from Wilson Brown.

After Avila moved in front 3-1, Ludeen's kill returned serve to Sterling, and the Lady Warriors scored five straight points on Lindsey's serve to move ahead 7-3. Avila got back within 7-5, but Sterling pushed the margin to 21-9, with

Brooklyn Kuster's serve producing points on a Ludeen kill and three Avila attack errors. Avila scored twice to make it 21-11, but Sterling closed with kills by Wilson Brown and McClanahan before two late Avila attack errors, the last blocked by Rodriguez and McClanahan, finished the set 25-13.

Ludeen finished with 13 kills and three block assists.

Battershell recorded 25 assists and added seven digs.

Lindsey collected 19 digs and served one ace.

Schmidt posted eight total blocks, including one solo block, and added seven kills.

The Lady Warriors finished with 46 kills, 75 digs and a .156 hitting percentage, while Avila hit .047 with 42 kills and 70 digs.

Upcoming Sports Calendar

Friday, Oct. 9	SHS football	7 p.m.	Ellinwood (Homecoming)
	SHS tennis	9 a.m.	at Lyons (Regionals)
Saturday, Oct. 10	SHS tennis	9 a.m.	at Lyons (Regionals)
	SC cross country	9:15 a.m.	at Hays
	SC swimming	12 noon	at St. Mary
	SC volleyball	1 p.m.	at Friends
	SC women's soccer	1 p.m.	Friends (H)
	SC men's soccer	3 p.m.	Friends (H)
Monday, Oct. 12	SJH volleyball	4 p.m.	St. John (H)
	SC golf	TBA	at Blanchard, Okla.
Tuesday, Oct. 13	SHS volleyball	4 p.m.	Inman (Senior Night)
	SC golf	TBA	at Blanchard, Okla.
Wed., Oct. 14	SC women's soccer	1 p.m.	Kansas Wesleyan (H)
	SC men's soccer	3 p.m.	Kansas Wesleyan (H)
	SC volleyball	7 p.m.	at Kansas Wesleyan
Thursday, Oct. 15	SHS cross country	4:30 p.m.	at Marion (League)
	SJH volleyball	4 p.m.	Reno Valley (H)
	SJH football	6 p.m.	Reno Valley (H)
Friday, Oct. 16	SHS tennis	9 a.m.	at Topeka (State)
	SHS football	6 p.m.	at Syracuse

Sterling Public Notices

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ORDINANCE NO. 2598

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STERLING, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,960,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS; AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Sterling, Kansas (the "City"), under the authority of (a) Article 12, § 5 of the Kansas Constitution (the "Home Rule Amendment") and (b) Charter Ordinance No. 17 ("Charter Ordinance"), all as amended and supplemented, has adopted Ordinance No. 2593 on July 6, 2026 and published July 9, 2026, which ordinance authorizes the construction and installation of a new electric generator (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by the Home Rule Amendment, the Charter Ordinance, and K.S.A. 10-101 to 10-125, inclusive, as supplemented and amended (the "Bond Act"), to issue, sell and deliver its general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing financing for the costs of the Project, and has elected to sell such general obligation bonds at public sale; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has, pursuant to the Bond Act and by Resolution No. 903, adopted August 24, 2026, authorized the public sale of general obligation

bonds of the City, and notice of the public sale was published, the public sale was held, and the general obligation bonds have been awarded to the best bidder; and

WHEREAS, the governing body determines it necessary and appropriate to authorize and provide for the issuance of such general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing the necessary funds for the purposes described; and to specify the terms, details, form and conditions of the general obligation bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STERLING, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Authorization of the Bonds. General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026 of the City of Sterling, Kansas (the "City") in the total principal amount of Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$2,960,000.00) (the "Bonds") are authorized to be issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay a portion of the costs of the Project as defined above.

SECTION 2. Security for the Bonds. The Bonds are general obligations of the City. The full faith, credit and resources of the City are pledged to secure the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds as the same severally become due and payable. The governing body of the City covenants that it shall annually make provision for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due and payable by levying and collecting the necessary ad valorem taxes upon all of the taxable tangible property located within the territorial limits of the City, in such amounts as are necessary to provide for such annual payment.

SECTION 3. Terms, Details and Conditions of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be dated and bear interest, shall mature and be pay-

able at such times, shall be in such forms, shall be subject to redemption and payment prior to maturity thereof, and shall be issued and delivered in the manner prescribed and subject to the provisions, covenants and agreements set forth in a resolution hereafter adopted by the governing body of the City (the "Resolution").

SECTION 4. Designation of Paying Agent and Bond Registrar; Issuer/Agent Agreement. Pursuant to K.S.A. 10-620 et seq., the governing body elects to have the provisions of the Kansas Bond Registration Law apply to the Bonds and designates and appoints the Treasurer of the State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, as the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds (the "Paying Agent"). The terms, conditions and provisions under which the Paying Agent will perform its duties are set forth in an Agreement between Issuer and Paying Agent dated as of October 29, 2026 (the "Issuer/Agent Agreement"). The form and text of the Issuer/Agent Agreement are approved and accepted by the governing body, and all of the covenants, duties and responsibilities therein to be performed by and on behalf of the City are hereby declared to be the covenants, duties and responsibilities of the City as though fully set forth at this place. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute and deliver the Issuer/Agent Agreement for and on behalf of the City. The Issuer/Agent Agreement is incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance as though fully set forth at this place; provided however, the inclusion of the Issuer/Agent Agreement in the publication of this Ordinance shall not be required.

SECTION 5. Levy and Collection of Annual Tax. The governing body of the City shall annually make provision for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same become due by levying and col-

lecting the necessary taxes upon taxable tangible property within the City in the manner provided by law.

The taxes above referred to shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each of the several years, respectively, and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as other general ad valorem taxes of the City are levied and collected, shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent. The proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Series 2026 Principal and Interest Account, as defined in the Resolution.

If at any time said taxes are not collected in time to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds when due, the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said principal or interest out of the general funds of the City and to reimburse said general funds for money so expended when said taxes are collected.

SECTION 6. Tax Covenants. The governing body of the City covenants that so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid, no use will be made of the proceeds thereof which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of issuance and delivery, would have caused the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 103(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that it will comply with all applicable requirements of Section 148 of the Code and the Rules and Regulations of the United States Treasury Department thereunder for so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid. The governing body further covenants to take all such action in its power as may be required from time to time in order to ensure the continued tax-exempt status of the interest

on the Bonds, and to comply with all provisions of the Code, as the same be amended, and any applicable Rules and Regulations of the United States Treasury Department thereunder.

SECTION 7. Authorization of Official Statement; Continuing Disclosure. The governing body of the City hereby ratifies and confirms its prior approval of the form and content of the "deemed final" Preliminary Official Statement dated September 25, 2026 and the use of the final Official Statement in the reoffering of the Bonds by Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as Original Purchaser is approved and authorized; and the Mayor is authorized to execute and the City Clerk to attest the Official Statement on behalf of the City. The City covenants and agrees to provide continuing disclosure as required by Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR part 240, §240. 15c2-12) and as set forth in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking submitted to the governing body with this Ordinance. The Mayor is authorized to execute and the City Clerk to attest the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking on behalf of the City.

SECTION 8. Designation as Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The governing body of the City designates the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 9. Further Authority. The City and its officers, agents and employees are authorized and directed to, take such actions, expend such moneys and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out and comply with this Ordinance and to give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby, including final certificates required to be included in the of-

ficial Transcript of Proceedings relating to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, all without further action by the governing body.

SECTION 10. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held or deemed to be invalid, inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions or in all jurisdictions, or in all cases because it conflicts with any other provision or provisions hereof or any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable in any other case or circumstance, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatsoever.

SECTION 11. Governing Law. This Ordinance and the Bonds shall be governed exclusively by and construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Kansas.

SECTION 12. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its adoption and approval and its publication one time in the City's official newspaper.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of Sterling, Kansas on the 5th day of October, 2026.

CITY OF STERLING, KANSAS

By /s/Brian Inwood
Brian Inwood, Mayor

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ATTEST:

By /s/Candice Daley-Groth
Candice Daley-Groth,
Interim City Clerk

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