



ABOVE: Breelynn Farney prepares to speed down the ramp. BELOW: Children race through cones at the Sterling Evangelical Bible Church Vacation Bible School that was held on Wednesdays through the month of July.

Collegiate news

The names of graduates at the University of Kansas for summer and fall 2024 and spring 2025 have been announced by the University Registrar. Many graduates and candidates for degree celebrated by participating in KU Commencement, which took place May 17.

Graduates are Hannah E. Bennett, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Kaci Rae Wilson, Doctor of Medicine; Brett Taylor Ehrman, Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics.

SRC is offering

Youth Flag Football League

Boys and girls 1st-6th grade (Coed teams)

1st-2nd league • 3rd-4th league • 5th-6th league

\$ 20 per player

\$ 45 for 3;
\$ 65 for 4

Deadline Friday, August 20

(Make Checks payable to: Sterling Recreation Commission)

Sat., Sept. 13, 20, 27 & Oct. 11

at SHS practice football field & North Softball Field

(Sept. 27 @ Smisor) Game times TBD

Online registration available at: STERLINGREC.ORG

For more information or email for forms

director@sterlingrec.org (can email forms directly)

Forms will also be sent home during the first week of school

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new poles for an additional service as the Sterling Grade School has added air conditioning units.

50 years ago
August 7, 1975

The Sterling Area Jaycees received their official charter Saturday night at Great Bend. Cap Proffitt, President of the Sterling Area Jaycees also took his oath of office.

Fourteen Sterling area students are among approximately 700 enrolled in the 28th annual High Plains Band Camp this week at Fort Hays Kansas State College. Area Students attending the camp are: Greg Barker, Cindy Bray, Bob Brownlee, Sally Johnston, Sheri Knight, Keith Mace, Kathie Morton, Ann Schoenherr, Sheri Lynn Wade, Phil Waren, Curt Wiebe, Cindy Wilson, Charlie Wolfe, Samuel Padgett and Alan Wellman.

Completing the teaching staff in the Sterling-Alden school system is Ed Hopkins, who will be art instructor in classes from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

On duty last week for the first time as Sterling police officer was Bill Savage, former resident, who

assumes full-time patrol duty. He replaces Charles Twiet who took a similar position at LaCrosse.

75 years ago
August 3, 1950

A Kiddie parade with prizes for pets, vehicles and family entries will launch the annual Old Settlers Picnic program this morning at 10 o'clock. The three-day celebration continues through Saturday night and will be highlighted by three rodeo performances and three big dances. *See "Images of the Past," Page 2.*

Bill Wyatt, Norman Frederick and Wayne Anderson, local Army reservists, Saturday received a call to service, but Tuesday received a letter from Topeka, deferring the call.

Members of Rice county 4-H clubs attending the Rock Springs Ranch last week were Arlan Swanson, Kermit Engelland, Connie Griffin, Lyle Brothers, Lewis Bennett, Lois Smith, Carol Jean Blackhall, Beth McAllister, Shelly Markle, Lounie Knight, Mary Lou Wilson, Billy Don Maxwell, Delmar Conner, Janet Burge, Bob Burge, Adele Bernstorf, Bernice Bernstorf, Nancy Hahn, Norman Bolton; Shirley Knight, Sharon Dimond, Billy Shannon and Howard Zwick.

Kenneth Thompson, Sterling high school band instructor, will leave Saturday for Gunnison, Colo., where he will attend the summer music camp at Western State college. Students who will accompany Mr. Thompson are Janet Haney, Sue Henry, Marie Tilton and Margaret Haney. Ward Blackhall, college student, will also attend the camp.

Sterling Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 2587

AN ORDINANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION RIDER ADDER TO RATES FOR ELECTRICITY OF THE CITY OF STERLING, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STERLING, KANSAS, to-wit:

SECTION 1. The City shall apply an Environmental Remediation Rider (ERR) for costs directly related to upgrades, repairs, filings, penalties and modifications incurred by the City because of State or Federal Regulatory Agencies imposing changes on power generation or delivery for environmental reasons. This will be

passed on to consumers on a per kWh basis to all customers and all kWh's consumed, including those netted by customer-owned generation.

SECTION 2. The ERR shall be calculated as follows and billed as a separate line item on customer bills:

ERR = Annual cost &/or prmt. for environmental remediation in most recent calendar year

Total kWh Sold in most recent calendar year

The ERR rate calculated above shall be applied to all sales in the following calendar year. The rate shall be rounded to the nearest \$0.001 (3 decimal places of ac-

curacy) and recalculated annually.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City of Sterling and signed by its Mayor on the 4th day of August, 2025.

Approved:

Brian Inwood

Mayor

Attest:

Jessi Dobson

City Clerk

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7.50

NOTICE OF HEARING						
TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING						
The Governing Body of Atlanta Township, Rice County will meet on AUGUST 21st, 2025 at 7:30 A.M. at Lyons Federal Bank for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax and the revenue neutral rate. Detailed budget information is available at the 1750 AVENUE Q, STERLING, KS 67579 and will be available at this hearing.						
BUDGET SUMMARY						
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget.						
Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.						
Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax
General	17,823	0.705	21,850	0.769	23,850	24,044
Debt Service						
Library						
Road	174,970	6.692	205,450	7.232	228,000	231,010
Special Machinery	31,220					
Totals	224,012	7.397	227,300	8.001	251,850	255,054
						10,629
						Revenue Neutral Rate**
						8.872
Less: Transfers	21,000		0		0	
Net Expenditure	203,012		227,300		251,850	
Total Tax Levied	189,874		216,925		x	
Assessed Valuation:						
Township	25,668,281		26,611,303		23,994,813	
Outstanding Indebtedness,						
Jan 1	2023		2024		2025	
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0	
Total	0		0		0	
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.						
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988						
SHANE W. EDWARDS					(Published in the Sterling Kansas Bulletin, Sterling, Rice County, Kansas, on August 7, 2025).	
TREASURER						

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Rice County Public Notices

NOTICE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 19-211 (a)(4), the Board of County Commissioners of Rice County, Kansas have determined that the following items of personal property are no longer required or necessary for use by Rice County, Kansas:

See Exhibit 'A' attached hereto

and the Board of County Commissioners have directed that they be sold on the online auction company "Purple-Wave" commencing no earlier than September 22, 2025, unless a petition is filed by not less than 2% of the qualified voters of the county within 45 days of the first publication hereof. Interested parties may obtain more information from www.purplewave.com or by contacting the Rice County Clerk's Office at 620-257-2232.

Board of Rice County Commissioners of Rice County, Kansas

Surplus Equipment/materials to sell

Unit 410, 2004 WA380 Komatsu loader 7700 hours; A52372

Unit 511, 2008 Bomag steel face roller 1,731 hours, haven't used in 2 years

Unit 709, 2011 Bomag recycler 853 hours, hasn't been used in 2 years

Unit 979, 1997 Bearcat crack sealer, true hours unknown

Unit 311, 1992 Chevy winch truck, 176,826 mi.

Unit 512, Ingram pneumatic roller,

2549 hours

Unit 715, 1988 Broce broom RF300, 3441 hours (not original hour meter)

Assorted used bridge lumber.

Noxious Weed

Weed Dept. 3-wheeler (salvage)

Courthouse

3-Floor buffer

2-Complete desks

2-Incomplete desks

1-Large table

2-Small tables

1-Legal file cabinet

2-Letter file cabinets

1-Large scanner (works)

Assorted scanner (works)

Assorted keyboards and mouse

Assorted office

organizational baskets

Office chair

Misc. Office property

EMS

1992 GMC Suburban

1GTFK16KXNJ718210

2004 Wells Cargo enclosed trailer

1WC200G2642050201

4-Server racks

Fire house trailer

Sheriff's Department

2019 Dodge Durango

1C4SDJFT8KC705716

Conveyor-type X-Ray Machine

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COUNTY CLERK'S STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES				
COUNTY OF RICE - STATE OF KANSAS				
2nd QUARTER 2025				
County Funds - Budgeted	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End. Balance
COUNTY GENERAL	\$3,097,000.10	\$2,073,399.30	-\$2,235,474.97	\$2,934,924.43
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	\$459,493.71	\$209,400.35	-\$260,007.35	\$408,886.71
911 FUND	\$78,007.86	\$19,970.08	-\$4,932.48	\$93,045.46
SPECIAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM	\$13,288.52	\$679.68	-\$1,500.00	\$12,468.20
SENIOR CITIZENS	\$149,450.04	\$102,816.75	-\$190,832.69	\$61,434.10
COUNTY HEALTH	\$217,548.46	\$79,657.42	-\$79,377.25	\$217,828.63
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$78,187.66	\$53,599.77	-\$92,807.42	\$38,980.01
PARKS & RECREATION	\$32,528.93	\$679.68	\$0.00	\$33,208.61
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$820,409.74	\$437,893.60	-\$411,944.42	\$846,358.92
BRIDGE BOND PRINCIPAL/INT	\$175,871.99	\$84,077.85	-\$3,668.51	\$256,281.33
NOXIOUS WEED	\$106,349.76	\$2,470.28	-\$19,904.96	\$88,915.08
RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE	-\$22,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$22,700.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,580,374.07	\$429,837.28	-\$664,283.27	\$1,345,928.08
RICE COUNTY RURAL FIRE-GE	\$430,486.12	\$109,643.23	-\$54,954.52	\$485,174.83
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	\$11,599.90	\$14,258.76	-\$7,366.72	\$18,491.94
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING FD	-\$13,465.83	\$5,997.00	-\$6,685.64	-\$14,154.47
COUNTY FUNDS-NON BUDGETED	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End Balance
STERLING-ALDEN ECOMMUNITIES	\$9,601.18	\$1,314.43	-\$983.26	\$9,932.35
REVOLVING LOAN FUND	\$196,171.31	\$13,687.84	-\$25,012.00	\$184,847.15
EMS SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	\$408.83	\$14,768.53	-\$6,907.99	\$8,269.37
RICE COUNTY E COMMUNITIES	\$2,670.22	\$314.54	-\$314.21	\$2,670.55
ROAD MACH-BRIDGE-BLDGS &	\$74,403.32	\$16,417.89	-\$18,650.00	\$72,171.21
ROAD CROSSING FEES TRUST	-\$7,975.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$7,475.00
NOXIOUS WEED CAP OUTLAY	\$70,731.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70,731.29
EMPLOYEE FSA TRUST	-\$513.52	\$7,252.25	-\$7,516.55	-\$777.82
FIRE DIST SPEC MACH & EQU	\$124,617.99	\$8,437.53	\$0.00	\$133,055.52
TREASURER'S MOTOR VEH FD	-\$1,558.17	\$29,799.25	-\$41,054.55	-\$12,813.47
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITAL PROG	-\$689.88	\$344,925.23	-\$344,925.23	-\$689.88
NRP ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	\$164,517.79	\$17,446.22	\$0.00	\$181,964.01
SPECIAL PROSECUTORS TRUST	\$4,853.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,853.34
PROSECUTOR TRAINING ASSIS	\$13,557.34	\$338.33	-\$186.59	\$13,709.08
EMS MEMORIAL FUND	\$2,152.71	\$3,705.47	-\$1,503.00	\$4,355.18
WILDLIFE & PARKS	\$1,621.50	\$1,345.00	-\$1,309.75	\$1,656.75
RISK MANAGEMENT RESERVE I	\$346,906.42	\$5,561.21	-\$10,946.43	\$341,521.20
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$1,503.00	\$2,246.00	-\$1,503.00	\$2,246.00
CLERK TECH FUND	\$29,954.10	\$1,250.83	-\$105.00	\$31,099.93
TREASURER TECH FUND	\$22,036.69	\$1,139.90	-\$442.06	\$22,734.53
DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$99,426.11	\$4,568.02	-\$474.00	\$103,520.13
RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE	-\$18,938.51	\$22,050.00	-\$18,151.40	-\$15,039.91
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$363,997.76	\$0.00	-\$8,710.10	\$355,287.66
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$100,743.28	\$0.00	-\$1,160.00	\$99,583.28
INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS	-\$5,285.66	\$4,032.00	-\$4,032.00	-\$5,285.66
ROAD & BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$44,191.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,191.91
CITY FUNDS	\$0.00	\$758,982.64	-\$758,982.64	\$0.00
OFFENDER REGISTRATION	\$2,130.49	\$1,489.00	-\$2,706.00	\$913.49
CONCEALED & CARRY	\$9,522.00	\$32.50	\$0.00	\$9,554.50
TOWNSHIP FUNDS	-\$1,795.08	\$562,631.71	-\$560,836.63	\$0.00
SCHOOL FUNDS	-\$111,149.94	\$3,170,835.86	-\$3,058,170.42	\$1,515.50
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$1,650.41	\$3,564.60	-\$3,306.19	\$1,908.82
HOSPITAL FUNDS	\$0.00	\$618,374.29	-\$618,374.29	\$0.00
SPRING CREEK DRAIN GENERA	\$0.00	\$597.33	-\$597.33	\$0.00
BBGM DIST #5 SPECIAL	\$0.00	\$17,987.64	-\$17,987.64	\$0.00
WATERSHED #95 - GENERAL	\$3,824.49	\$23,438.05	-\$9,191.39	\$18,071.15
SO CENTRAL KS LIBRARY	\$0.00	\$44,635.56	-\$44,635.56	\$0.00
KFAA - Opioid Settlement	\$36,437.94	\$2,108.78	\$0.00	\$38,546.72
STATE FUNDS (01)	\$0.00	\$82,813.00	-\$82,813.00	\$0.00
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