



STERLING COLLEGE THEATRE students who assisted the 500+ high school students who attended the annual SC Theatre Workshop/Matinee last week. Each of the student assistants wore the new SC Theatre “Be Brilliant” T-shirt that day. A complimentary SC Theatre t-shirt was given to each high school student who attended the Workshops as well. The t-shirt project was funded through a grant from the Rice County Community Foundation and with support from the SC Enrollment Services Office.

## SC Theatre Workshop Day celebrates 40 years

Sterling College Theatre marked a milestone this year, celebrating the 40th anniversary of its Theatre Workshop and Matinee Day on Monday, March 10. This annual event, first established in 1985, continues to ignite a passion for theatre in high school students across Kansas by offering hands-on workshops and a professional-level stage production which this year was “Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

More than 500 students from 27 schools attended the landmark event, with participants traveling from as far east as Ottawa and Yates Center and as far west as Oakley and Ransom. Schools ranged in size from large 5A and 6A institutions to smaller 1A schools. Other participating high schools included Kingman, Abilene, Goddard, Salina South, Goddard-Eisenhower, Campus (Wichita), Emporia, Mulvane, Garden Plain, Hutchinson, Sterling, Clearwater, Hesston, Maize South, Lyons, McPherson, Circle, Hill City, Decatur Community, Canton-Galva, Chase, Central Christian and Prairie Hills Middle School.

Dennis Dutton, Sterling College’s Arts Director, along with Arts Admissions Counselor Piper Harding, organized the day.

“This is always our biggest arts event of the year,” Dutton said. “We have students from all backgrounds

who share a love of theatre. They participate in workshops in the morning and then enjoy the shared experience of seeing a show together in the afternoon. The high school matinee audience is always our best— they laugh and cheer louder and longer than anyone else.”

The morning was packed with engaging workshops designed to expose students to different elements of theatre production. Led by experienced faculty, alumni, and Sterling College theatre students, the workshops covered a range of disciplines, including: Musical Theatre: Singing & Dancing, led by SC Music Theatre Director Marisa Callan; Acting/Characterization, led by SC Theatre adjunct faculty Betsy Dutton; Makeup/Hair: Creating a Character, led by SC Theatre Artistic Director Lesa Brown; Stage Combat: Sabre, led by SC Technical Director Greg McGlynn; Creative Props, led by Guest Artist Erin Stansbury; Set Design, led by SC Theatre students Mari Inchaugria and Josh Allen; Lighting Design, led by SC Theatre student Noah Svaty; Improvisation, led by SC Theatre alum and Clearwater High School Director Lex Rhoadarmer; Costuming, led by SC Theatre student Aubrey Anderson and Theatre Games, led by SC Theatre students Kimberlie Skirvin and Kurt Keegan.

## SC to host ribbon cutting for C.S. Lewis Center

Sterling College has announced the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the C.S. Lewis Center, a new hub for literary exploration, spiritual engagement and scholarly study dedicated to the works and legacy of C.S. Lewis. The ceremony will take place on Monday at 10 a.m., inside Mabee Library on the Sterling College campus.

The C.S. Lewis Center is designed to encourage engagement with Lewis’s literary, theological and philosophical contributions. Through reading groups, academic research, public lectures and student-led discussions, the center will serve Sterling College students and faculty, the broader Sterling community and Lewis scholars regionally and beyond. The center will host monthly book discussions, readings, guest speakers and conferences, offering a dynamic space for learning and dialogue.

“We are so excited to be launching the Lewis Center here at Sterling College, and I hope to give you as warm a welcome to the center as the College and community have already given me to Sterling. We would be delighted if you could join us as we celebrate this author, his legacy and the worlds and words he left behind for us to continue to explore,” said Dr. Sarah Waters, director of the C.S. Lewis Center.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will feature remarks from Sterling College President Scott Rich, Dr. Sarah Waters and faculty and student representatives.

The Sterling Chamber of Commerce will participate in the official ribbon cutting, and guests will have the opportunity to explore the center, view a special book exhibit featuring the complete works of C.S. Lewis, and enjoy refreshments provided by Clive’s Staples Coffee-

house.

This event will serve as a local launch for the center, primarily focused on introducing it to the Sterling College and South-Central Kansas communities. A larger grand opening and dedication ceremony is planned for September 2025, which will invite distinguished C.S. Lewis scholars and a broader audience for a more in-depth celebration of Lewis’s legacy.

The C.S. Lewis Center at Sterling College will continue expanding its offerings, including plans for a C.S. Lewis Conference next spring and a collaborative summer reading program with Clive’s Staples Coffeehouse.

The event is open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

## FYI

### Aging Projects Inc. Friendship Meals

Phone 620-680-1068  
Thursday, March 20 – beef stroganoff, carrots, banana, dinner roll and butter, chocolate cake, milk or grape juice.

Friday, March 21 – vegetable soup, ham and cheese sub sandwich with lettuce, tomato, mayo, Ambrosia fruit salad, milk or grape juice.

Monday, March 24 – pork and noodle casserole, green beans, pears, wheat bread/butter, milk or grape juice.

Tuesday, March 25 –

taco salad-lettuce, tomato, cheese, chips, refried beans, peach crisp, milk or grape juice.

Wednesday, March 26 – chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, orange, milk or grape juice.

Thursday, March 27 – cranberry meatballs, rice, broccoli cauliflower salad, mixed fruit, dinner roll/butter, milk or grape juice.

### Food Bank

The Sterling Food Bank is open the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 8:30

to 10:30 a.m. and the first and third Thursdays of every month from 5 to 7 p.m.

For information contact, manager, Brigette Bennett, 620-200-3437 or treasurer, Fran Wolcott, 316-435-2473.

### Wellness Center

The Wellness Center is open Monday through Thursday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to noon. The SRC board will meet Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the high school conference room.

## Silver Threads Senior Center

by Loida Leone, Interim Director

### Silver Threads Senior Center

Loida Leone, Director  
220 N 3rd, Sterling  
620-680-1068  
This month Silver Threads Senior Center celebrates Mardi Gras, St. Patrick’s Day, Alfred Hitchcock Day and Tolkien Readings among other things. All individuals 55+ years of age are welcome to participate. We would love for you to come see. Call Loida at 620-680-1068 for questions or to volunteer.

Monday through Friday except federal holidays at 10 a.m. coffee and fellowship is served. At noon Friendship Meals serves on site Congregate Meals and delivers

Meals on Wheels. If interested in eating with us we request that you make a reservation 24 hours ahead of time at 620-680-1068.

Mondays from 9:45 a.m. to noon, retired nurse Deb Scott offers a foot clinic for anyone in the community. Appointments need to be made with her at 620-509-7153.

On Tuesdays after lunch we play bingo and dominoes on alternate weeks. On Wednesdays we play board games.

Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., the Silver Threads van offers rides going to businesses in Sterling. For Mondays call Les at 620-727-4274 and for Thursdays call

Seneca at 620-204-1746. Reservations need to be made a day ahead for these Sterling Stops.

Wednesdays from 10:30–11ish a.m. we have chair exercises, led by Verlinda Poor.

Throughout the month we do crafts, celebrate birthdays, fun holidays, go on trips and to special events. We’d love for you to join us.

### Other highlights:

March 21 – Alfred Hitchcock Day celebration

March 25 – Tolkien Readings

March 26 – 10:15 a.m. Blood pressure and blood sugar clinic

March 27 – Minute to Win it game after coffee.

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Hoosier Schoolmaster,” a three-act comedy written by Pauline Phelps. The play will be presented April 14 under the direction of Miss Marjorie Curry. Those in the cast are Frances Calderwood, Lloyd Haney, Marilyn Heter, Robert McFarland, David Kilbourn, Jerry Partington; Bill Calderwood, Ben Wegner, Donna Goodwin, Floyd Dill, and Sue Henry.

Larry Eugene Marker entertained a group of his friends with a party Saturday celebrating his 10th birthday.

### Weather

	Moisture YTD:	2.01
	2024 Total:	29.47
	Prec. Lo Hi	
Wednesday..	0 35	75
Thursday.....	0 38	78
Friday.....	0 39	68
Saturday.....	0 25	57
Sunday.....	0 27	66
Monday.....	0 40	79
Tuesday.....	0 34	80

### Sterling Markets

	Wednesday Market Session
Wheat, per bu .....	\$5.37
Milo, per bu .....	\$3.68
Corn, per bu .....	\$4.13
Soybeans, per bu .....	\$9.10

## Guardrail work to begin on U.S. 56

A guardrail replacement project in Rice County on U.S. 56 will start around March 31, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Installation work will take place at two bridge locations about one-quarter mile apart on U.S. 56 – the first is between 10th Road and 11th Road and the second is just east of 11th Road.

The project is expect-

ed to last until around the end of May, weather permitting.

During the work, traffic will be guided with a temporary signal. Motorists should be prepared to slow down in the construction zone and traffic will be reduced to a single lane.

L & M Contractors Inc., of Great Bend, is the primary contractor for the \$568,000 project.

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## Public Notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
RICE COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

Amy E. Dillon  
Petitioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
PATRICIA M. LEBACK,  
Deceased.

Case No. 23 PR 46

NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON PETITION FOR FINAL  
SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL  
PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed on the 5th day of March, 2025, in this Court by Amy E. Dillon, Executrix of the estate of Patricia M. Lebsack, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate; approval of the acts and proceedings of the executrix; and allowance for attorney fees. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 7th day of April, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on such day, in such Court, in the City of Lyons, in Rice County, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
RICE COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
NEIL T. GROTH, deceased

Case No. 25 PR 11

NOTICE OF HEARING  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL  
PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Linda Groth, as the spouse of Neil T. Groth, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of all property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of his

death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of April, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Lyons, in Rice County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

LINDA GROTH  
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
RICE COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
KENNETH R. WIENS,  
Deceased

Case No. 25 PR 12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL  
PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of March, 2025, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary, appointing Deberah L. Wiens, Executrix, was filed in this Court by Deberah L. Wiens, spouse of Kenneth R. Wiens, deceased.

All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Deberah L. Wiens  
Petitioner

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