



35 MEMBEBERS of Sterling High School's Future Business Leaders of America competed at the FBLA State Leadership Conference with 10 qualifying for nationals in five categories.

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Project, Katie Inwood and Lydia Webb, 2nd; Computer Game & Simulation Programming, Leland Britton and Jacobus de Wit, 2nd; Social Media Strategies, Inwood and Webb, 3rd; Intro to Social Media Strategies, Sophie Forman, Madlie Rayl and Mily Rincon, 3rd. Other Top 10 finishers included: Intro to Business Presentation, Meyer Anderson, Macie Gillespie and Kadi Schechter, 5th; Job Interview, Inwood, 8th; Business Communication, Alexis Sant, 9th and Health Care Administration, Webb, 10th.

Theatre—  
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show opens with a warm yet cheeky welcome from Officer Lockstock and the spirited Little Sally. Their banter about the show's title being bad enough to kill the show sets the tone for a performance that is as audacious as it is hilarious. "This is a popular show with people who know musical theatre," Callan explains. "This music doesn't keep to one style — it's got a traditional musical ballad, 'Follow Your Heart,' in one act and the bounce-in-your seat gospel tune 'Run Freedom Run' in the second. It's terrifically entertaining."

By challenging traditional boundaries and expectations, Urinetown offers a fresh take on the classic musical. It combines biting satire with toe-tapping tunes and clever parody of beloved Broadway styles. The show's audacity in its title mirrors its fearless approach to storytelling, ensuring that every moment is as surprising as it is entertaining. Often the songs parody musical theater in general and other shows in particular. Hero Bobby Strong leads the ragtag poor in a flag-waving revolt in a song much like think Les Misérables "One More Day." The menacing gang of the poor in the show assault

Bobby's love Hope with a finger-snapping dance reminiscent of "Cool" from West Side Story. The show will be presented by Sterling College Musical Theatre on Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12 at 7:30 pm and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 13. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Advance reserved seats are available at [www.sterling.edu/arts](http://www.sterling.edu/arts). Tickets will also be available at the door before each performance. Filled with puns, wordplay, jokes, and, yes, "bathroom" humor, the show carries a PG rating and would generally be considered appropriate for children 10 and above.

Sterling College to host screening of Loud Enough as Criminal Justice keynote event

The Sterling College Criminal Justice Program will host a special keynote event on Tuesday, April 22, featuring a screening of the powerful documentary Loud Enough – Surviving Justice, followed by a question-and-answer discussion. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in Culbertson Auditorium in Spencer Hall, and is free and open to the public. "This event provides a powerful and unique learning opportunity for our students and the broader community to engage with real-world issues at the intersection of criminal justice, advocacy, and faith. Hearing directly from Madison Smith Thayer and her family brings a personal and deeply human perspective to the systemic challenges survivors face, and encourages meaningful dialogue about justice, accountability, and change," said Dr. Donna Devlin, assistant professor of American history and government. Loud Enough – Surviving Justice is a 61-minute documentary that follows Kansas college student Madison Smith and her family as they seek justice following a violent sexual assault and a failed prosecution. Despite strong physical evidence and a compelling case, the local prosecutor declined to press charges. The film details the Smith family's unwavering

pursuit of legal accountability and systemic change—spotlighting their transformation into activists and advocates for reform. The post-screening question-and-answer session will feature Madison Smith Thayer, and her parents, providing attendees a unique opportunity to hear directly from the family whose story is at the heart of the film. The Criminal Justice Program at Sterling College regularly hosts keynote events that bring leading voices and compelling issues to campus. Previous speakers have included Derek Schmidt, former Kansas Attorney General; Stephen McAllister, former U.S. District Attorney for Kansas; and Caleb Stegall, Kansas Supreme Court Justice. Also present at the event will be representatives from BrightHouse, a local organization serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Rice County. BrightHouse "provides confidential, non-judgmental support to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, their families and friends." For more information, visit: [www.brighthouseks.org](http://www.brighthouseks.org) For more information on the film, visit [www.wmm.com/catalog/film/loud-enough](http://www.wmm.com/catalog/film/loud-enough).

Crack repair resumes on U.S. 56 in Rice County

Work will resume soon on an asphalt crack repair project in Rice county that was paused last season due to weather concerns. The Kansas Department of Transportation project is on U.S. 56 in Rice County, from the

Lyons east city limits to the Rice/McPherson county line. The length is 13 miles. The work is expected to begin around April 3 and is to be completed around April 11. During the work, traffic will be guided by a pi-

lot car and flaggers, and motorists should be prepared to slow down and stop and expect up to a 15-minute delay. KDOT urges motorists to stay alert and follow posted signs in all work zones.

SC shines at Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament

Sterling College's Forensics and Debate team made a significant impact at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament held at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, competing against 51 schools in individual events and 46 schools in debate. With a storied history—being one of only five programs to have competed at Pi Kappa Delta, the country's oldest collegiate honor society for debaters and speakers. Among the standout performers was Davi Brooks (Sterling), who earned the title of 6th Speaker in the Novice International Public Debate Association (IPDA) Debate category. Aubrie Powell (Colorado Spring) delivered impressive results, securing 5th place in Novice IPDA Debate, earning a spot as the 7th

Speaker, and receiving an Excellence Award in Interviewing. Miquala Purscell (Hoisington) distinguished herself in the Varsity IPDA Debate, finishing in 3rd place and also receiving an Award of Excellence in Interviewing. Brennan Blake (Cambridge, Minn.) showcased his talents in prose, finishing 7th. In addition to these individual achievements, team members Bailey Brewer (Hutchinson), Natalynn Gulick (Eureka) and Chandler Reiman (Kinsley) also competed and added points to the team scores. Sterling College's Forensics team not only excelled individually but also proved their collective strength, finishing 8th in both Debate Team Sweeps and Individual Events (IE) Team Sweeps. This per-

formance reinforces the program's longstanding reputation and their consistent ranking among the nation's elite. It's a proud reminder that, for more than a century, Sterling College has been at the forefront of competitive forensics—a tradition that began at the inaugural Pi Kappa Delta tournament in 1914. "It's always great to see the result of hard work. The upper classmen (Aubrie and Chandler) really stepped up in debate and the freshmen (Davi and Brennan) took advantage of their opportunities and brought home some hardware as well," said Sterling Coach Ken Troyer. This spirit of excellence, dedication and teamwork is what has propelled Sterling College to be recognized as one of the

nation's top forensics programs. Consistently ranked in the top 25 programs nationwide, the team's performance this year is a testament to their unwavering commitment and skill.

Spring

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Public Notices

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.

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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.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
James Anderson; Libby Anderson; United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; State of Kansas, Department of Revenue; John Doe (Tenant/ Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/ Occupant), )  
Defendants. )

Case No. RC-2025-CV-000008  
Court Number:  
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Suit

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the un-

known guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Rice County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

**The South Thirty-two (32) feet of Lot Two (2) and the North Eighteen (18) feet of Lot Three (3) in Block 'L' Lyon's Second Addition to the City of Lyons, Rice County, Kansas, EXCEPT the West Ten (10) feet thereof, commonly known as 507 S Douglas Ave, Lyons, KS 67554 (the "Property")**

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 7th day of May, 2025, in the District Court of Rice County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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