

—COFFEE CONNECTIONS—



TERRY PITTS shares information about Teardrop Farm Daylily Patch with community members at last Thursday's Coffee Connections. Coffee Connections is held the first Thursday of every month at the Sterling Free Public Library.

Grade school book fair opens Monday

Sterling Grade School will host an in-person Scholastic Book Fair April 14-16, and a virtual book fair April 14-27.

The in-person fair will take place Monday and Tuesday from 3:20 to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday 3:20 to 5:30 p.m.

The in-person book fair will be held after school to co-inside with the spring parent/teacher conferences. The online fair will be available for parents, extended family and community members.

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

The Online Book Fair can be found at: www.scholastic.com/bf/sterling-gradeschool. It includes an expanded selection of books for all ages – from preschoolers to adults.

The online fair can be accessed all hours and allows for shopping by reading level, grade and price.

All orders will ship directly to your home (with free shipping on book orders of \$25 or more).

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When asked about compensation, Manley said that she knew she was walking into a mess that would require lots of clean up, hiring, on-boarding and staff managing.

She was coming in planning to request \$62,500, but said she would feel comfortable in the \$57,500 range to start.

Questions were raised as to what the process is if they cannot come to an agreement on salary.

Counselor Scott Bush said the process would start over with the Republican Central Committee seeking nominations again.

Manley encouraged commissioners to consider her offer saying, “I’m good at this. I’m good at coming in and righting ships and bringing things back to order as long as we have good communication and clear expectations.”

Commissioner Terry David moved to offer Manley a contract for \$57,500 to include the clerk, election and township audit duties, noting that, as a member of the Republican Central Committee, he did not want to have to go through the process again, and he was not sure that anyone would apply.

The motion passed 2-1 with David and Chairman Clay Thomas in favor and McCloud opposed.

“There are a whole

bunch of things that you have to fix right off the bat,” Thomas said. “You have made a presentation that makes me think communication will not be an issue with you. I’m putting a little faith out here that you can do what you say you can do.”

Several education opportunities were shared including an abstract class in Hays, a class by the Secretary of State on elections and a Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association meeting at the end of the month.

Commissioners also suggested she continue asking questions and learn from former clerks in the area.

It was noted that the county commissioners are not her boss, she is an elected official, so she is the employee of the taxpayers.

Manley is set to begin her new position next Monday.

In other business commissioners:

- Following an executive session, Commissioner Derek McCloud made a motion that the county try to recover the \$11,395 the auditor has uncovered in payroll overpayments from 11 county employees from August 2024 to February 2025. He noted these are the amounts known at this time and their may be more to come.
- Chairman Clay Thomas was conflicted over the motion, noting that this is a significant amount of taxpayer dollars due to the snowball effect of

past errors.

- “I want to be a good steward to our taxpayers, but I want to be a good employer as well,” Thomas said, noting that some would struggle to pay the county back.
- Terry David noted that trying to recoup the funds could cause employees to leave as well.
- The motion died for lack of a second;
- Authorized Chairman Thomas to sign a letter of support for an in kind match of work hours for a funding grant for SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District) as requested by Economic Development Director Taryn Daniels;
- Approved the purchase of a replacement laptop computer for one that stopped working for the economic development director not to exceed \$1,500 from Reach Solutions to be paid for out of equipment reserve;
- Approved entering into a contract with Midwest Energy not to exceed \$7,747 for electric work at the airport to be submitted to FAA to be reimbursed 90/10 by a grant;
- Approved an employment status form for a seasonal mower at the Public Works department as requested;
- Approved the purchase of a Raven Control system for the Weed Department from Fairbank Equipment not to exceed \$5,600; and,
- Approved a tax abatement for \$110.

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homes with at least three bedrooms, and ten must be elderly or disabled households. Applications will be accepted through June 15.

- Reviewed a presentation from Inwood about the proposed water, sewer and electric rate increases. Inwood clarified how the percentage of increase applied to the respective rates and not the bill in its entirety. For example, a 27 percent increase to the water rate would increase the rate of \$1.70 to \$2.16 per gallon. It would not increase the customer’s

entire bill by 27 percent.

According to Inwood’s calculations, the average customer can expect a total increase of about \$17 per month.

Todd Rowland wondered about removing the \$3.75 charge for service fee to help offset the projected increase.

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ographer and dance instructor even as a high schooler—her first time choreographing for us was Cinderella in the fall of 2018. At Sterling, she developed her own style under Travis, and now, professionally in New York, she brings new moves and teaching techniques that truly inspire.”

Callan’s collaborative vision shines through the production:

“My vision for the style and mood of the show was shared early on with our entire creative team—from set design and costumes to choreography. This cohesive collaboration, including contributions from our dance captain Mary Little, helps bring

this quirky, heartfelt story to life,” Callan said.

Thomson tackled unique challenges during rehearsals.

“The most difficult number is ‘Snuff That Girl’—the footwork is quick and has to be very precise to look clean. The students held their own, and I’m confident it will be a showstopper,” she said.

In contrast, “Run, Freedom, Run” proved to be her most rewarding sequence: “This song was my No. 4 most listened to track of 2024... before I knew I was choreographing the show! Getting such a fun, upbeat number onstage was something truly special.”

Callan is particularly proud of her team’s dedication.

“I’m incredibly proud

of my students who put in so much work—even though most aren’t trained dancers. Their extra 7 a.m. rehearsals, led by our dance captain, show a real commitment to excellence,” she said. Their determination underscores the production’s success, proving that even a title as off-putting as Urinetown can become a celebration of bold creativity and transformative storytelling.

Advance reserved seat tickets are available online at www.sterling.edu/arts for \$15 for adults and \$5 for students, with tickets also available at the door before each performance. The show does carry a PG13 rating and may not be appropriate for children 12 and under.

Revival—

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and sides following the service.

The Jayme Monteria Ministries website states, “Jayme Monteria has been releasing the good news of the gospel for the past two decades. As an international speaker, he has seen thousands of lives radically transformed by the power of God. The one constant message that Jayme brings to the church is to live a life of holiness unto God.”

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Girls Grades 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Coach pitch - played on Mondays

Boys & Girls Grades 4th, 5th & 6th
Pitching - played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Cost is: \$20 per child (\$55 for 3, \$65 for 4)
***ALL GROUPS PLAY IN STERLING**

Students should have come home with a registration form from school or SIGN UP ONLINE at sterlingrec.org. Extra registration forms available in the Sterling Grade School Office or email director@sterlingrec.org.

Registration due by **Thursday, April 17 to the school office.**
Make check payable to SRC.

There will be a one-week grace period after the draft if you miss the deadline. During the grace period the fee for signing up is \$30 per child. There will be no signing up after the grace period.

Public Notices

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, ad-

ministrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown 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 Peti-

tion 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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RICE COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Collection Day

Saturday, April 19
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rice County E-Waste Building
1380 US Highway 56, Lyons, Kansas

Identifiable **HOUSEHOLD** hazardous products in original containers with labels

Examples:
oil and latex paints and finishes, household cleaners, adhesives, alkaline batteries, pesticides, gardening products

RECYCLING IS EVERYBODY'S JOB FOR A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

DO NOT BRING:
unknown or unlabeled products, recyclables, asbestos, non-alkaline or lead acid batteries, medicines, waste oil, compressed gas cylinders, explosives or ammunition.