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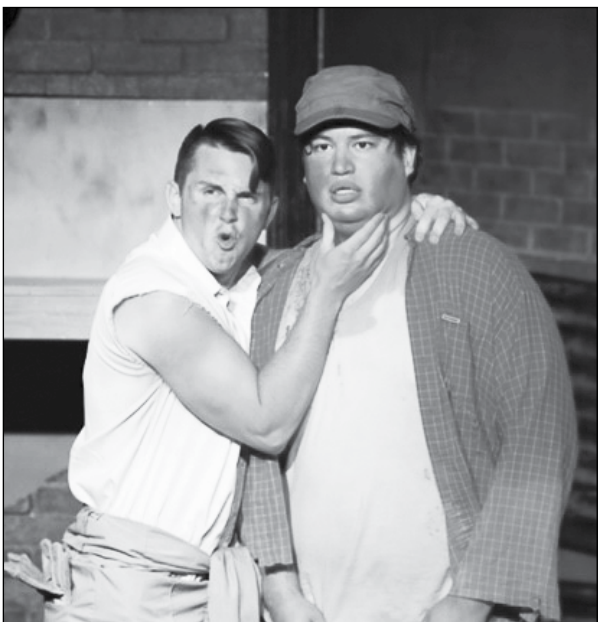


Photo by Christopher Clark

ROXY’S DOWNTOWN in Wichita has opened the musical “Urinetown” and it will run through June 21. Sterling native **Max Dutton** plays the leading role of **Bobby Strong**, the everyman protagonist who inspires an uprising in this dystopian society where citizens have to pay to use a bathroom. Sterling resident **Nilo Reynoso** (also pictured) plays **Tiny Tom**, one of the “poor” ensemble in the show. The off-putting title is part of the show’s intentional comic and somewhat irreverent nature.

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sharing costs between municipalities would ultimately save money for taxpayers.

While the proposal offers a promising long-term solution, many details have to be discussed before any concrete decisions are made. Lyons’ city council is also holding discussions on the proposal.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved the adoption of the 2024 Kansas Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Adopting an HMP makes Sterling eligible to apply for federal mitigation grant funds, generally available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for certain non-emergency disaster assistance projects. Upon submission of the approved resolution to KDEM and FEMA regional authorities, the HMP will be for-

mally adopted, and the city will become eligible to apply for any federal mitigation grant programs.

- Approved the resolution to implement a water leak billing adjustment program. The program gives a 50% rebate of a customer’s monthly consumption that exceeds their average consumption. Adjustments may be made to no more than two monthly city utility bills to allow the customer time to repair the leak. To receive an adjustment, the customer must be in good standing with the city on utility billing, i.e., current on all monthly bills, or enrolled in an approved payment plan with the city. The estimated impact of implementing the program is \$2,345 annually.

- Reappointed Sheryl Fulton and Luke Brake to board member positions on the library board.

Musical—

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merman.

Director of the production, Dennis Dutton, said, “With a soundscape built from accordion, guitar, violin, cello and keyboard, ‘The Spitfire Grill’ delivers a musical atmosphere steeped in bluegrass and Americana—a perfect match for a story rooted in small-town grit and grace. We hope Spitfire will be a stirring and refreshing alternative to the splashy musicals of summer’s past, offering audiences a theatre experience that’s as heartfelt as it is unforgettable.”

Join the Sterling Com-

munity Theatre Troupe for a moving celebration of music, community and second chances—part of a Sterling tradition 42 years strong.

Performances for the Sterling Community Theatre Troupe’s production of “The Spitfire Grill – The Musical” will be held on Thursday, July 3 and Saturday, July 5 at 7:30 p.m., with the final performance being a matinee on Sunday, July 6 at 2 p.m. The show will be in the Betsy Dutton Theatre at Sterling High School. Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and will be available at the door before each performance.

SCCF Competitive Grant Cycle now open for 2025

The 2025 South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) Competitive Grant Cycle is now open and accepting applications! SCCF is offering six different opportunities to their seven-county service area which includes Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice and Stafford Counties. These grants are open to nonprofits, cities, schools, and churches.

The list of opportunities is below, and a complete overview of each opportunity is available at scfks.org. The deadline for the following grant applications is Aug. 31.

- Community Grants – Available to all counties.
- \$5,000 Children’s Health Grant – Available to all counties for project/programs relating to children’s health. One recipient will be selected for each of the seven counties SCCF serves.
- Leadership Grant – Local leadership programs or projects in Barber, Comanche or Harper County.
- Pratt County Achievement Place – Youth Development Grant – For projects/programs that aim to help children/youth in Pratt County.

Greensburg Future Fund Grant – This opportunity is available to any nonprofit, school or church located in Greensburg, Kan.

Marjorie Gillig Grant – Projects/programs impacting the following areas: music and arts, primary education, senior activities, community organizations, church programs or mission trips in Pratt County or City of Kiowa, Kan.

In 2024, SCCF awarded over \$170,000 in its competitive grant cycle. For questions or help through the application process, contact the Foundation at 620-672-7929 or hannah@scfks.org.

Rice Community Health expands MMR vaccine access

In response to a confirmed case of measles in neighboring Reno County and an ongoing regional outbreak, Rice Community Health is working closely with the Rice County Health Department and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to expand access to the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine.

As of May 28, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has confirmed 58 measles cases statewide.

This includes 54 cases linked to an ongoing outbreak in southwest Kansas, as well as individual cases in Sedgwick and Reno counties.

In response to the outbreak, KDHE has expanded MMR vaccine eligibility:

- Infants aged 6–11 months are now eligible for an early, protective dose of the MMR vaccine. This dose does not replace the routine two-dose series at ages 12 months and 4–6 years but adds an extra layer of

protection during times of increased risk.

- Children aged 1–12 years who have previously received one dose may receive an early second dose of MMR, provided it is administered at least 28 days after the first. This is especially beneficial for those traveling over the summer to or bordering known outbreak areas.

“The recommendation to begin offering the MMR vaccine to infants as young as six months is based on updated guid-

ance from KDHE and the growing concern about measles exposure in our region,” said Dr. Stacy Dashiel, Chief Medical Officer and Family Medicine Physician at Sterling Family Care. “This early dose provides an extra layer of protection for our youngest and most vulnerable patients—especially important given how contagious measles is. Our goal is to stay ahead of potential outbreaks and help families feel confident that their children are protected.”

Hutchinson Municipal Band begins 150th season

The Hutchinson Municipal Band began its 2025 Summer Concert Series on Tuesday at 8 p.m. Regular Tuesday performances remaining are June 10, June 17, June 24 and July 1.

Salt City Jazz Band takes the stage July 8 and 15. All Tuesday performances will be held at the Recital Hall at Stringer Fine Arts Center on the campus of Hutchinson Community College at 8 p.m.

The Concert Band, under the direction of Abby Giles (Sterling Public Schools), Dan Brinkley (South Hutchinson/Nickerson Public Schools), Daryl Koestel (Hutchinson Public Schools), Charlene Reynolds (Central Christian School), and Jeff Pelischek (formerly of Hutchinson Community College) will play popular concert band literature, marches, show tunes, movie soundtracks and patriotic music during their concerts throughout the summer.

Through a partnership with HutchRec, the Concert and Salt City Jazz Bands will play additional performances on June 14, June 19, June 28, July 4 and July 25. Additional information regarding these concerts will be released in the coming weeks.

Now in its 150th year, the Hutchinson Municipal Band continues its longtime service to the Hutchinson and Reno County community by presenting its free annual Summer Concerts Series featuring the Salt City Jazz Band and the Hutchinson Municipal Band’s Concert Band.

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life-changing,” Lira said.

Lira will be heading to St. Mary’s University, an NCAA DII school located in San Antonio, Texas, as the next head coach of the Rattlers.

“Sterling College has been more than a workplace—it has been a

home. I will always cherish the relationships built, the lives impacted, and the mission we shared to glorify Christ through sport and education,” Lira said.

A nationwide search is already underway to identify the next Head Coach for the softball program here at Sterling College.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS

JEREMY SHOWALTER,)
Plaintiff)
AND)
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF)
REVENUE,)
MELODY CONNER,)
Defendants)

Pursuant to Chapter 60 of Kansas Statutes Annotated
Case No. RC-2025-CV-26

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MELODY CONNER, UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Quiet Title in a 1995 Nissan 300ZX automobile with VIN: JN1RZ24D9SX591285 has been filed in the District Court of Rice County, Kansas, praying that title to property stated in the Petition be awarded to the Plaintiff and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before June, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered

upon the Petition.
JEREMY SHOWALTER
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS

FIRST BANK,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)

Kansas Department of Revenue,)
Jody Loren Dietz, deceased,)
2002 Ford F150 pickup,)
VIN #1FTRF1729NB51489, and)
all other persons unknown,)
claiming any right, title, lien or)
interest in the personal property)
described in the complaint)
adverse to the Plaintiff's)
ownership or any cloud upon)
Plaintiff's title)

thereto, and the unknown heirs,)
executors, administrators,)
devises, trustees, creditors and)
assigns of such of the)
defendants as may be)
deceased; the unknown spouses)
of the defendants the unknown)
officers, successors,)
trustees, creditors and assigns)
of such defendants as are)
existing, dissolved or dormant)
corporations; the unknown)
executors, administrators,)
devises, trustees, creditors,)
successor and assigns of such)
defendants that are, or were)
partners or in partnership;)
and the unknown guardians,)
conservators and trustees of)
such of the defendants as are)
minors or are in anywise under)
legal disability; and the unknown)
heirs, executors, administrators,)
devises, trustees, creditors and)
assigns of any person alleged to)
be deceased, and made)
defendants as such;)
Defendants.)

Pursuant to Chapter 60 of Kansas Statutes Annotated

Case No. 2025 CV 12

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED AND DESIGNATED AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the Dis-

trict Court of Rice County, Kansas by First Bank, praying for judgment that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the following described vehicle, to-wit:

2002 Ford F150 pickup,
VIN #1FTRF1729NB51489

and that plaintiff's title thereto be quieted against you, and that you and all persons claiming by, through or under you be forever barred and excluded from any title, estate or interest in or lien upon said vehicle; and you are hereby required to plead to said Petition on or before the 6th day of August, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in said court at the Courthouse in the city of Lyons, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

FIRST BANK,
LYONS, KANSAS
By: Kimberly Owen,
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46th Annual

FREEDOM RUN

Friday, July 4

15K - 7 a.m.

5K - 7:30 a.m.

AWARDS: Awards will be given to the top 3 runners in each race. *must be present to receive award. Awards will NOT be mailed out.

REGISTRATION: \$30

COURSE: 15K begins at Lyons High School and 5K begins 2 miles north of Sterling at “Alden Road.” Both races end at the Sterling Lake entrance.

The course will be patrolled by local law enforcement.

Traffic will not be stopped along the highway.

For more information or to register, contact:
www.lyonsrec.org

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