

—SCHOOL BEGINS—



FIRST-GRADER Renly Buhler stops to get his picture taken with Principal Jamie Burtner on the first day of school.

County—

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instruct them on what steps should be followed in these situations. Commissioner Derek McCloud said if the department head terminates an employee who files a claim that the county contests, they know their presence will be needed at the hearing. He stated the training is not needed.

She also asked commissioners if payables can be completed weekly. McCloud said since payables are now approved electronically, Rice County Counselor

Scott Bush has advised they should be done once a week. However, he said further clarity from Bush is needed.

Manley noted that re-arrangement of the Clerk’s office to streamline the orientation for new employees has been completed. She has developed a power point that highlights the important parts of the handbook and will email a digital version of the handbook to each new employee. They will also be completing their defensive driving course during orientation;

•Approved payment not to exceed \$5,600 to

Computer Information Concepts for 32 hours of on-site training;

•Approved an employee status form for emergency medical services for a full-time advanced emergency medical technician;

•Approved an employee status form for a new hire in the treasury department;

•Approved abated taxes in the amount of \$155.34 resulting in a \$27.36 refund; and,

•Approved Resolution No. 2025-9 to cancel checks in the amount of \$1,498.70 with the funds returned to the general fund.

Silver Threads Senior Center

by Loida Leone, Interim Director

220 N 3rd, Sterling 620-680-1068

Check out all the happenings at our Senior Center this month. All individuals 55+ years of age are welcome to participate. We’d love to see you. Call Loida at 620-680-1068 for questions about any of the activities.

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.-noon, retired nurse Deb Scott offers a foot clinic for anyone in the community. After she clips and cleans and massages our feet feel great. Appointments need to be made with her at 620-509-7153.

On Tuesdays after lunch we play bingo and dominoes on alternate weeks. At 6 p.m. we play outdoor games on the circle behind Jefferson Plaza at 220 N 3rd St. Join us for bocce, ladder ball, corn hole, and other games.

Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., Silver Threads 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.

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.

Highlights for July:

Aug. 15 - Like the Wind Day

Aug. 20 - Pot Luck Breakfast 9:30 a.m.


Aug. 21 - Virtual Reality activity during coffee time

Aug. 22 - Be an Angel Day

Aug. 28 - Dinner and Watch Lassie Come Home at the Fox Theatre

Aug. 29 - Eat Outside Day.

Weather



Moisture YTD:
24.34

2024 Total:
29.47

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Wednesday... 0 68 90

Thursday..... 0 69 92

Friday..... 0 72 96

Saturday..... 0 72 95

Sunday..... 0 74 94

Monday..... 0 71 96

Tuesday..... 49 64 96

Sterling Markets



Wednesday Market Session

Wheat, per bu \$4.35

Milo, per bu \$2.90

Corn, per bu \$3.40

Soybeans, per bu \$9.48

Puzzle on page 9 • Answer below

9	1	8	4	6	8	2	5	7
8	2	5	7	8	1	4	9	6
4	6	7	5	2	9	1	8	3
1	8	2	9	8	6	7	4	5
6	5	8	2	4	7	9	8	1
7	9	4	8	1	5	6	2	8
8	8	9	6	7	4	5	1	2
2	4	6	1	5	8	8	7	9
5	7	1	8	9	2	8	6	4

The Bulletin

107 N. Broadway, Sterling, KS

Office Hours:
Monday & Tuesday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday
8 a.m. - 12 noon

Closed Thursday & Friday

620-278-2114

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Friendship Meals/ Meals on Wheels

Phone 620-680-1068

Thursday, Aug. 21 – roast turkey w/gravy, roasted potatoes, wax beans, cornbread, apples, milk.

Friday, Aug. 21 – BBQ pulled pork w/bun, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, crispy rice dessert bar, milk.

Monday, Aug. 25 – fish sandwich, cucumber and tomato salad, wedge fries, chocolate covered cherry brownie, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 26 – BBQ pulled pork on a bun, classic macaroni salad, baked beans, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 27 – Mississippi pork roast, pork gravy, buttered carrots, seasoned diced potatoes, dinner roll, pears, milk.

Thursday, Aug. 28 – chicken soft tacos, shredded cheese, refried beans, Mandarin oranges, milk.

Call Loida for more information at 620-204-8435.

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, Brigitte 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, Sept. 8, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the high school conference room.

Commodities

The Sterling/Alden Commodities Distribution will be held at the Encounter Church located at 407 North 6th

Street in Sterling.

Sterling’s next distribution will be Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1-3 p.m.

Individuals must be signed up with Seneca Bates to receive food at the Sterling location. Those who are not will have to go to Lyons for distribution.

To sign up or for more information call Seneca 620-204-1746.

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YOUR TEAM



ESTATE SALE — Tom and Shirley Frederick, 206 Fourth Street, Alden. Thurs./Fri., Aug. 28/29, Noon-6; Sat., Aug. 30, 9-Noon. This is an Amazing Sale with Antiques, Collectibles, Furniture, Few Outdoor items, Memorabilia and more. Most furniture is Century or Ethan Alan: Estey Spinet Piano, 2 sofas, Love Seat, 4 wing back chairs, end tables, lamps Nice Dining table with 8 chairs/2 leaves, matching hutch/buffet, large rug, Lennox Kingsley china set, Crystal, Silver items, quilts, Ice Cream table and chairs, trundle bed, full size bed with wooden headboard, 2 dressers, Walnut Century side table, coffee table, stools, Patio items, yard décor, totes, 4 Mantle clocks, Kitchen items, Baking items, Small Appliances, Sets of dishes: Milk glass, 1930s China, Rosenthal Continental Quince complete set China, Antique dresser with mirror, Vintage clothing, book cases, Dolls, Trunks, shelving, Jewelry, Antique wash stand, Dept. 56 Christmas Villages, Collection of miniature cars, bells, music boxes, Gone with the Wind memorabilia, Snowman items, Wide asst. books, KSU items, License plates, Curio cabinet, Eden Pure Air, Electrolux sweeper, Umbrella stands, Pottery, Local art work: T Marion Heter, Carolyn Loutzenhizer, and others. Longaberger baskets, Jardinières, Singer 7011 Sewing machine, fabric, table cloths, White Pfaltsgraff dishes, Siro plastic dishes – peach, Steins, Colored glassware, cedar trunk, 2 recliners – one lift, Alden State Bank memorabilia, Harvest décor, 2 Samsung TVs, Kerosene Lanterns and lamps, Settee benches, Mikassa Cages Belle Terra dishes, Corning ware, Roaster, Corel, Wash tub, Kids’ work bench, Match Box cars and track, Pier One Lilly Dishes, Canisters, Round marble wrought iron table, Chiminea, lots of gardening items and pots, Hand tools, Collections of Vintage Lanterns, scales, and hand tools, Records, wooden phone, Old bottles, Military items, pitcher pump, copper boilers, Tonka Trucks, glider rocker, desks, Coca Cola barrels, Holiday décor, school desks, milk bottles, Glider rockers Coffee Grinder, Remington Pole saw, and so much more to uncover. There will be a second sale in Sept. in Lyons with overflow from family. Date to be announced at sale. Do Not Miss This one for great deals and a trip to Alden!

The Estate Sale Shoppe, Cynthia Morton, 620-278-6309.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Governing Body of Farmer Township, Rice County will meet on September 6, 2025, at 8:00 AM at the Farmer Township Office, 500 S. Main St., Room 110, Bushton 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. Detailed budget information is available at The Rice County Clerks Office 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	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	12,930	1.411	13,750	1.199	12,010	9,457	1.326
Debt Service							
Library	18,200	2.098	18,200	2.143	18,200	16,653	2.334
Road	106,510	15.017	120,900	16.684	136,900	109,969	18.926
Special Machinery	24,946						
Totals	162,586	18.526	152,850	20.026	167,110	136,079	22.586
Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	30,000		0		0		
Net Expenditure	132,586		152,850		167,110		
Total Tax Levied	140,923		136,350		XXXXXXXXXX		
Total Assessed Valuation	8,554,127		7,814,025		7,153,642		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					5,810,413		

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 KS4 79-2988

Meredith Behnke
Treasurer

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Sept. 6

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Sept. 8

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Sept. 10

Sept. 11

Sept. 12

Sept. 13

Sept. 14

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Josh Turner with Jason Scott & The High Heat

Demolition Derby

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