

—WARRIORS WELCOME STUDENTS AT SGS—



STERLING COLLEGE football players played with students and sent them to class with high fives Wednesday morning.



Kansas State Fair to feature debate, forensics showcases hosted by Sterling College

Sterling College will once again bring the art of competitive speech and debate to the Kansas State Fair through two annual Kansas State Fair Showcases: Debate on Tuesday, Sept. 9 and the Forensics Showcase, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 11. Both events will be in the Encampment Building on the fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

The Debate Showcase will feature three teams debating themselves from both Affirmative and Negative sides. They will be debating this year’s national debate topic which deals with intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents and/or trademarks. This year’s three schools presenting the debates will be: Topeka High School, McPherson High School and Halstead High School. The three rounds of debate are slated for 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m.

The Forensics Showcase invites medalists from the 2025 Kansas State Forensics Championships to perform their award-winning pieces before a public audience. Performances will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., highlighting top high school talent from

across the state. Now in its tenth year, the event is hosted by the Sterling College Debate and Forensics team, under the leadership of Director of Forensics Ken Troyer, and supported by Sterling’s Enrollment Services and Arts departments.

“This is a truly unique opportunity to see the variety of quality performances from across Kansas,” explained Troyer. “Each year the Showcase has featured strong performances from both small 1A high schools like Wheatland and Riverside as well as large 5-6A schools like Salina South and Maize South.”

Performers may participate in one or both performance sessions and may present up to three pieces, provided they medaled in those events at the state championships. Students who medaled in improvised events are also encouraged to participate and may coordinate with the Sterling College Arts Director to structure their performance.

Registration for performers is free, and State Fair admission tickets will be provided at no cost to all registered

performers and their coaches. The registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 8, and students or coaches should contact arts@sterling.edu or call 620-204-0708 to sign up.

The event is also open to families, educators, and school groups who wish to attend and watch. Education Day discounted tickets are available through the Kansas State Fair website, with one complimentary adult ticket provided for every four student tickets. The registration deadline for group tickets is Friday, Sept. 5.

“Sterling College has a long tradition in excellence in forensics and debate with national champions going back to 1936 and consistently

being ranked nationally among the top teams in the country.” said Dennis Dutton, executive director for the arts. “I am also pleased to tell people that Sterling gives scholarships for debate and forensics that are equal to scholarships for football and basketball. We are proud of the students in these programs who represent us well.”

Each session will feature a unique lineup of performers, with a variety of events represented in each. Past audiences have included speech and debate teams, fine arts departments, families, and prospective students, offering a dynamic environment of encouragement and inspiration.

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chase agreement as presented by Jarrod Rowland with Bank of the Plains for the purchase of a 140 AWD Caterpillar grader for \$247,987.36;

- Approved a payment of \$16,319.79 to L and M Contracting for bridge replacement project to be reimbursed 90% from a KDOT bridge improvement grant;
- Approved a Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to approve a conditional use permit for Midwest En-

ergy;

- Approved a contract for nursing practitioner services at the health department which will be paid for by a grant;
- Approved a power of attorney request for Bever Dye needed for continued assistance with IRS issues; and,
- Entered into an agreement with Steamatic for carpet cleaning throughout the courthouse not to exceed \$1,835.71.

County commissioners will not meet next Monday due to the Labor Day holiday.

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Join us @ **STUDIO 96**

Art!  
Wine Tasting!  
Charcuterie!

121 South Broadway Avenue Sterling, KS  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Featuring Artwork by T. Marion Heter & Wine from Inland Ocean Vineyards

**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 Spinnet 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 memorialbila, 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.**

Sterling Public Notices

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING APPEALS HEARING**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on September 18, 2025, the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Sterling, Kansas will consider the following application at 5:15 pm in the Commission Room at City Hall at 114 N. Broadway in Sterling, Kansas:

**Case No. BZA-V-2025-001.** James Werbin, of 1125 E. Oakwood Court, Derby, KS 67037, pursuant to Section 10-107 of the City Zoning Regulations, requests a variance of Section 4-101(E) from the required bulk regulation limitation, for the purpose of constructing a single-family dwelling that has:

1. A four-foot side yard setback on the east property line which is less than the required minimum of seven feet,
2. A 22-foot rear yard setback which is less than the required minimum of 25 feet,

and

3. Lot coverage of 39% which is greater than the maximum of 35%

on property zoned as the R-1 Single-Family Residential District.

Legal description: Lot 1, Block B, Cottonwood Lake II

General location: 101 Country View Lane, Sterling KS 67579

You may appear at this time either in person, or by agent or attorney if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the case, the Board of Zoning Appeals may close the hearing and render a decision. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

DATED this 28th day of August 2025.

Brennan Stelling  
Secretary,  
Sterling Board of Zoning Appeals  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of **City of Nickerson, Kansas**

will meet on September 15, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at City Office for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Nickerson City 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 for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	552,839	56.122	697,557	56.180	1,244,240	299,499	56.180
Debt Service	130,965	11.408	128,915	11.409	371,640	60,822	11.409
Library	32,000	5.130	30,017	5.131	43,206	27,354	5.131
Recreation	4,000	0.999	6,000	0.949	8,929	5,059	0.949
Special Highway	8,237		23,000		132,991		
Sewer	183,994		199,503		250,750		
Solid Waste	70,687		69,000		125,388		
Equipment Reserve Fund	25,893		103,646		120,249		
Capital Improvement Fund			75,000		128,846		
Cemetery Endowment	591		5,837		37,601		
Sewer Replacement					13,815		
Water	210,144		261,730		367,941		
Capital Impr. 1% Sales Tax	3,073		64,369		423,804		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	40,160						
Totals	1,262,583	73.659	1,664,574	73.669	3,269,400	392,734	73.669
						Revenue Neutral Rate**	69.404
Less: Transfers	165,705		230,474		230,474		
Net Expenditure	1,096,878		1,434,100		3,038,926		
Total Tax Levied	351,832		370,008		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	4,776,326		5,022,472		5,331,065		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023		2024		2025		
G.O. Bonds	2,785,000		2,715,000		2,645,000		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	123,992		105,024		85,407		
Lease Purchase Principal	67,702		51,758		18,659		
Total	2,976,694		2,871,782		2,749,066		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

\*\* Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

April Beshears  
Official Title: City Clerk

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