

—ZOO TIME FUN—



SILVER THREADS traveled to Salina for a visit at the Rolling Hills Zoo. Joining the adventure were Laura Rhoades, Tim Gee, Seneca Bates, Marilyn Harvey, Nancy Herdel, Jake Lancaster, Tina Sager, Monica Gillespie and Loida Leone.

Silver Threads Senior Center

by Loida Leone, Interim Director

Siler Threads is moving into its Fall programming. Please come check us out! 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. we serve coffee and fellowship. 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 48 hours ahead of time at 620-680-1068. Leave a message if no answer and we will call you back.

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:

Sept. 1: We will be closed for Labor Day. No congregate or home delivered lunch

Sept. 4: Rod and Mer-

ry Lloyd will present their Mississippi River Travelogue at 12:15 p.m.

Sept. 10: Fall Craft – yarn pumpkins. Please sign up

Sept. 11: 1 p.m. trip to Hutchinson.

Sept. 13: 6 p.m. Warriors Fest food and football at Sterling College

Sept. 17: 9:30 a.m. Monthly Potluck Breakfast

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Commodities distribution

Sept. 18: 3 p.m. Silver Threads Board meeting at Jefferson Plaza community room

Sept. 19: 12:15 p.m. A Physical Therapist Chat with Austin Mettling, DPT

Sept. 23: 10:30-noon Country Music Singer - Karen Dee

Sept. 24: 10:45-11:30 Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar clinic open to the public

Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Trip to Orphan Train and WWII German POW Camp museums in Concordia.

If you are interested in volunteering, we are in need of drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels, kitchen help and participants in our monthly activities. Please call Loida at 620-680-1068 and leave a message if there is no answer. You will be called back the same day or within 24 hours.

Obituary

Jay C. McNeil

Jay C. McNeil, 90, loving husband and father, geologist, outdoorsman and native of Sterling, passed away Aug. 21, 2025.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Marilyn (Heter) McNeil, and survived by daughters Marcelyn, Shelley and Krista, sons-in-law Marco Salinas and Frank Pilarski, seven grandsons and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held graveside at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 29, 2025 at the Sterling Community Cemetery. Visitation on the 29th will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Sterling Cemetery Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Brain Research Foundation at <https://www.thebrf.org/donate/>.

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FYI

SCKAAA
Friendship Meals/
Meals on Wheels

Phone 620-680-1068
Thursday, Aug. 28 – chicken soft tacos, shredded cheese, refried beans, mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday, Aug. 29 – Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, mixed greens dinner roll, glazed applesauce, cake, milk. (Congregate Potluck Picnic)

Monday, Sept. 1 – Closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 2 – honey glazed ham, deviled egg salad, stuffing, baked roll, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 3 – sesame chicken, steamed white rice, vegetable egg roll, glazed applesauce cake, milk.

Thursday, Sept. 4 – chicken fajita wrap, refried beans, cheesy Spanish rice and fruit, 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, Brigette 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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Call The Bulletin

278-2114 or stop in at 107 N. Broadway, Sterling

Labor Day
In The United States

The first Labor Day Parade occurred in New York City in 1882. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland designated the first Monday in September as Labor Day to honor the hard-working men and women of America.

We will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.



BANK OF THE PLAINS



NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Governing Body of Bell Township, Rice County will meet on September 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Mark Ehrlich's, 650 Ave. T, Raymond 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
General	915	4.108	8,550	4.129	26,303	5,337
Road	28,703	16.868	31,200	16.970	31,981	21,935
Special Machinery						
Totals	29,618	20.976	39,750	21.099	58,284	27,272
					Revenue Neutral Rate**	
					21.336	
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditure	29,618		39,750		58,284	
Total Tax Levied	27,277		27,272		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Assessed Valuation:						
Township	1,300,377		1,292,562		1,278,178	

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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

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NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING
AND BUDGET HEARING

The Governing Body of
Nickerson Recreation Commission

will meet on September 15, 2025 at 5:30 PM at City Offices for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Detail budget information is available at City of Nickerson Offices and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Reno County (home county)

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024	Current Year Estimated 2025	Proposed Budget Year 2026
General	6,205	13,197	13,197
Totals	6,205	13,197	13,197

Lease Purchases:	2022	2023	2024
July 1,	0	0	0

Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988	0.894
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate	0.949

Candace Ahrens-Galindo
Recreation Commission Secretary

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dricks, and a Vietnamese friend returned from Ft. Chaffee, Ark., with members of a Vietnamese family whom they intend to sponsor. The family includes Hung Dao, 22, his wife, Tinh Dao, 20, and brothers Hai Dao, 19, and Dinh Dao, 14. The 14-year-old is being re-christened Tommy and will soon enroll in the Sterling school system.

Four area 4-H members are included in state home economics judging teams. They are: Karen and Susan Brothers, Valley Bluebirds, and Barbara Brown and Diane Calderwood, Sterling Meadowlarks. The teams will represent Rice County in contests September 16 at the Kansas State Fair.

Gathering for a fun day Friday morning at the local Country Club were six junior golfers. Winning low prize for low score was Robbie Carder and Chris Wilson had the longest drive on number four. Debbie Gill made the longest putt on four. Other prizes were won by Cheryl Wray, Pam Berblinger, and Stacy Johnson. Cason-

dra Dunham and Julie Unruh caddied for some of the golfers.

75 years ago
August 24, 1950

The city commission Monday night took action to receive bids on a new diesel generating unit for the city power plant to replace the engine which was severely damaged in an accident at the plant last spring.

G. Ralph Johnston, sales manager at the Walton Electric company, has been called for active duty in the Air Force on August 29. He has been ordered to report to the Francis E. Warren Air Base in Wyoming for processing and will be sent to Fairchild Sussion Army Air Field in California.

It was on a cold January night almost eight months ago that the Legion Hut was almost destroyed by fire. And within the eight months, the post has completed its new building program and the hut is again in use and according to Legion officials is entirely paid for.

Johnnie Craig, new grade school principal and his family have moved into the Garri-gues home on South Seventh. Mr. and Mrs. Craig

have three children, Donnie Lee, 3, Johnnie Vyr1, 9, and Geneva, 10.

The five top girl exhibitors at the 4-H fair held in Lyons Thursday, Friday and Saturday were in order Carol Jean Blackhall, Phyllis Enders, Betty Engeland, Kathleen Jones and Lurline Jones, all members of Sterling clubs.

Weather



Moisture YTD: 25.13

2024 Total: 29.47

	Prec.	Lo	Hi
Wednesday....	0	64	90
Thursday....	0	67	89
Friday.....	0	68	91
Saturday.....	0	62	83
Sunday.....	.25	60	77
Monday.....	.54	55	69
Tuesday.....	0	55	77

Sterling
Markets



Wednesday
Market Session

Wheat, per bu	\$4.22
Milo, per bu	\$2.94
Corn, per bu	\$3.44
Soybeans, per bu	\$9.62

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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

Puzzle on page 10 • Answer below

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