

# 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. 4: Rod and Merry Lloyd will present their Mississippi River Travelogue @ 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

# Obituaries

**Judy Kay Hodge**

Judy Kay Hodge, 76, of Madison, Kansas, passed away Aug. 30, 2025, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

She was born August 12, 1949, in Sterling, the daughter of Gerald and T w i l a (Harper) Proffitt.

J u d y HODGE has resided in Madison since 1994, formerly of Emporia. She graduated from Alden High School, with the class of 1966 and attended Emporia State University.

Judy worked at Heltlinger Developmental Services, in Emporia, as a community job coach for the intellectual disabled for twenty years. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Madison, and was a past

board member for the Madison Senior Center. Judy enjoyed cross stitching, and most of all spending time with her family. She was an avid Kansas University basketball and football fan. On February 14, 1985, Judy was united in marriage with Harold “Red” Hodge in Alden. He preceded her in death on April 1, 2022. She is also preceded in death by her parents; son, Royce Glinke; brother, Roddy “Rod” Proffitt; sister, Karen Price and her husband Robert; brother-in-law, Tom Beck; and sister-in-law, Dixie Proffitt. Judy is survived by her two daughters, Stacey Peters and husband Scott of Canton, Ohio, and Erin Rindt-Hultman and husband Matt of Newton; brother, Larry Proffitt of Sterling; sister-in-law, Susan Proffitt of Hutchinson; and four grandchildren, Trevin

Rindt, Eris Rindt, Sarah Peters; and Rachel Peters.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at the Sterling Community Cemetery, Sterling, with Pastor Bob Robison officiating. Memorials may be given to the First Christian Church, Madison, in care of Birzer Funeral Home, Sterling.

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**Patricia Louise “Patty” Culver**

Patricia Louise “Patty” Culver, 78, of South Hutchinson, Kansas, passed away August 28, 2025, at her home. A private family burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson. Memorials may be given to the Meals on Wheels, Hutchinson or Alden United Methodist Church in care of Birzer Funeral Home, Sterling.

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# Letter to the Editor

The Marks of a Dictator

A dictator accumulates power seizing it from other branches of government, other levels of government (states and cities), and from the people themselves.

He works to expand the nation or empire by bullying or waging war against other countries.

He typically is a narcissist, fancying himself as smarter or better than anyone else.

He selects and promotes internal and or external enemies for the nation to hate.

A dictator dehumanizes his opponents, describing them with terms like “enemies, vermin, lunatics, traitors.”

He attacks the media, not just with accusations and name calling, but with lawsuits, governmental investigations, threats to remove broadcast licenses, and withdrawals of funding.

A dictator undermines judges who fail to agree with him, by publishing smearing accusations, attempting to remove them from office, and refusing to obey court orders.

He portrays himself as a messiah or savior for a nation in distress.

He lies with impunity to the public to strengthen his hand as leader and create an image of greatness.

He attacks cultural institutions including museums, the arts, and non-profits who fail to follow his lead.

He sues universities and threatens public school if they harbor divergent opinions.

He uses his political power to manipulate the courts, bureaucracy, and law enforcement to harass or silence perceived enemies.

He creates a national police force or employs military forces to control the streets.

He erodes civil liberties beginning with his targeted hate groups.

He appoints leaders who lack professional expertise and whose first loyalty is to him, rather than to the constitution or the nation as a whole.

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Puzzle on page 5 • Answer below

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Weather			
	Moisture YTD:	25.69	
	2024 Total:	29.47	
	Prec.	Lo	Hi
Wednesday...	.52	61	67
Thursday.....	tr	64	69
Friday.....	0	64	76
Saturday.....	.04	65	75
Sunday.....	tr	64	82
Monday.....	0	62	82
Tuesday.....	0	57	75

# FYI

**SCKAAA Friendship Meals/ Meals on Wheels**  
Phone 620-680-1068  
Thursday, Sept. 4 – chicken fajita wrap, refried beans, cheesy Spanish rice and fruit, milk.

Friday, Sept. 5 – baked breaded turkey cutlets, herbed mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, buttered corn, fruit, milk.

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

**Food Bank**  
The Sterling Food

# City–

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- Approved the appointment of Ed File to a Board Member position on the Housing Authority Board;
- Approved the appointment of Gary Kempf to the Municipal Pool Steering Committee;
- Approved special event permit for Sterling Chamber Main Street's Warrior Fest to be held Sept. 13;
- Approved special event permit for Rice County Hospital District No. 1, 1K/5K Event Fundraiser to be held Nov. 1; and,
- Awarded construction contract for the 2025 street resurfacing project to Holland Paving at an estimated cost of \$235,006 to include Main Street from Broadway to 10th Street and 1st Street from Jefferson Street to Jackson Street.

**? Got a story idea?**

**CALL US!**

**278-2114**

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.

# STOP IN AND SEE US

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# Public Notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS

**Peoples Bank and Trust Company,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**Wesley B. Tanksley, Board of County Commissioners of Rice County, Kansas,** and the unknown tenants, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the Defendants as may be deceased, and 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, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of such Defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of such of the Defendants as 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.,

Defendants.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Ch. 60 Case No. RC-2025-CV-000032

**Notice of Suit (Title to Real Estate Involved)**

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above-named court, praying for judgment against Defendant Wesley Tanksley for \$41,453.71, plus interest and costs as specified in the petition; that plaintiff's mortgage be declared a first and prior lien on the following described property:

Lots Four (4) and Five (5) in Block Six (6) Fairview Addition to the City of Bushton, Rice County, Kansas;

that its mortgage be foreclosed; that the Court order and direct the sale of the subject property according to law, subject to a legal redemption period determined by the Court; for the satisfaction of said money judgment, and forever barring the defendants, and each of them, from any lien, claim, interest or title in or to the subject property for its costs herein incurred; and for such other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

You are required to file with said Court your written answer to the petition or otherwise defend on or before October 3, 2025. The address of said Court is Rice County. If you fail to do so, the petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

WISE & REBER, L.C.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID A. REYNOLDS, Deceased.

Case No. 24 PR 49

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, in this Court by Marilyn Reynolds, administratrix of the estate of David A. Reynolds, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate; approval of the acts and proceedings of the administratrix; and allowance for attorney fees and expenses. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on such day, in such Court, in the City of Lyons, in Rice County, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Marilyn Reynolds  
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Mortgage Assets Management, LLC )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
Wayne C. Tommer; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Wayne C. Tommer; United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant) )  
Defendants. )

Case No. RC-2025-CV-000004

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

**Notice Of Sale**

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Rice County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Rice County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Lyons Rice County, Kansas, on September 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

**The South Half (S ½) of Lot Eleven (11), all of Lot Thirteen (13) and the North Twenty and one-half (20 ½) feet of Lot Fifteen (15) in Block Six (6), Fairview Addition to the City of Lyons, Rice County, Kansas,** commonly known as 215 S Garfield Ave, Lyons, KS 67554 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled cause. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit [www.Southlaw.com](http://www.Southlaw.com)

Nicholas W. Sowers, Sheriff  
Rice County, Kansas

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHANIE L. VAN DE OUDEWEETERING, Deceased

Case No. 2025 PR 35

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Alexis Dickerson, an heir of Stephanie L. van de Oudeweetering, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the property owned by the decedent at the time of death, and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 30, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Lyons, Rice County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

ALEXIS DICKERSON  
Petitioner

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