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Death Notices

Jacqueline A. Webster

Jacqueline A. Webster, Kan. Services for Jacqueline age 85, resident of Fort Webster will be announced by the Cheney Witt Chapel, 201 S. Main.

Charles Sellers

Charles Sellers, 65, ments will be announced by the Konantz-Cheney Funeral Home.

Fort Scott Weather

Anthony Helm Rainwise station in Fort Scott, unofficial readings

Table with 3 columns: Weather type, Tuesday, Wednesday. Rows: High, Low, Precip, Wind Max.



RESOLUTION NO. 15-2025

RESOLUTION AND NOTICE OF HEARING WITH REFERENCE TO ALLEGED UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURE AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE

Whereas, the Chief of the Fire Department and the Building Official of the City of Fort Scott, Kansas, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 3507 and 3500 of said City, has filed with the Board of Commissioners, the body of said City, a statement in writing that the structure (and accessory structure) located at [402 N. SHUTE] is unsafe for human habitation due to the dilapidated, unrepaired, and unsanitary condition of the structure and accessory structure located at: PARCEL #006-119-29-0-20-13-003-00-0 LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS R05-RAILROAD ADDITION, LOTS 11, 13 & 15, BLK 4 IN BOURBON COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS [402 N. SHUTE], FORT SCOTT, KS 66701 is unsafe and dangerous.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS:

Section 1. That a hearing be held in the City Commissioners' Meeting Room at City Hall, 123 South Main, of the City of Fort Scott, Kansas, AUGUST 15, 2025 at 6:15 PM. for the purpose of hearing evidence to be submitted by the Fire Chief and other representatives of said City with reference to the physical condition of the structure (and accessory structure) located on: PARCEL #006-119-29-0-20-13-003-00-0 LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS R05-RAILROAD ADDITION, LOTS 11, 13 & 15, BLK 4 IN BOURBON COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS [402 N. SHUTE], FORT SCOTT, KS 66701 alleged to be unsafe and dangerous.

Section 2. The owner(s), his or their agent(s), any lienholders of record, and any occupant of such structure (and accessory structure) and any other person having an interest in said structure (and accessory structure) may appear at said hearing and show cause why such structure and accessory structure should not be condemned and ordered repair or demolished.

Section 3. This resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks on the same day of each week. At least 30 days shall elapse between the last publication and the date set for the hearing and a copy of said resolution shall be mailed by certified mail within three (3) days after its first publication to each such owner, agent, lienholders and occupant at his or its last known place of residence and shall be marked "delivered to the addressee only"; provided that if the owner is a resident of Bourbon County, Kansas, the resolution shall be personally served within five (5) days on such owner or delivered to his or their last known address in lieu of mailing the same, and in this case, at least one week shall elapse between the service on such owner and the date set for the hearing.

Section 4. If the governing body of the city at said hearing shall find that such structure (and accessory structure) is unsafe and dangerous, said governing body will by resolution direct the structure to be repaired or removed and the premises made safe and secure pursuant to said Ordinance No. 3507 and 3500 and the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 to 12-1756 inclusive, as amended. Such resolution shall be published in the official City paper and a copy mailed to the owner(s), agent(s), lienholder(s) of record and occupant and other persons having an interest in the structure (and accessory structure) in the same manner provided for in the notice of hearing.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption and publication.

Introduced, adopted, and approved this 1ST day of JULY, 2025.

ATTEST: Lisa A. Lewis, City Clerk Timothy J. Van Hoecke, Mayor Publication Dates: July 5 and 12, 2025

Obituaries

John Alvin Wright

John Alvin Wright, 86, of Topeka, passed away on June 28, 2025 at his son's home in Topeka, Kan. He was born June 21, 1939, in Dade County, Mo., the son of J. Samuel and Perna (Jones) Wright.

John grew up in Fort Scott where he also graduated from high school. He graduated from Ottawa University and later Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. He served as a pastor at churches in Mound City, Leavenworth, Atchison, Abilene, Topeka, Garnett and Horton. John enjoyed woodworking, hunting and fishing as well as visiting with friends and family.

He was married to Jean Erma Rudiger on June 26, 1965 in Fort Scott. They had been married for 59 years when she preceded him in

death on Jan. 11, 2025.

He is survived by his children, Rick (Kerry) Wright of Topeka, Deborah (Mike) Watson of Lampe, Mo., and Elizabeth (Ty) James of Protection, Kan.; two siblings, Robert (Mary) Wright of Garnett, Kan., and Carol Fehr of Fort Scott; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Wright is preceded in death by his wife, parents and four siblings, Arthur, Wanita, Marvin and Conrad.

His memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 19, 2025 at the First Baptist Church in Horton, Kan. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 400 E 16th Street, Horton, KS 66439. Parker-Price and Davidson, 245 NW Independence, Topeka, KS 66608 is assisting the family.

Arrests

- Chayden Drew Clayton, 18, was arrested at 12:01 a.m. July 1 by BCSO and charged with liquor, consumption/sale minor; liquor, purchase by a minor; possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs; and use/possession of drug paraphernalia/human body. Clayton was released at 9:57 a.m. July 2 on a surety bond.
- Kainein Minor, 18, was arrested at 12:01 a.m. July 1 by the BCSO and charged with driving under the influence, alcohol or drugs; liquor, consumption/sale minor; and liquor, purchase by a minor. Minor was released at 10:58 a.m. July 2 on a surety bond.
- Natalie Kay Ball, 19, was arrested at 12:01 a.m. July 1 by the BCSO and charged with liquor, consumption/sale minor; liquor, purchase by a minor; possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs; and use/possession of drug paraphernalia/human body. Ball was released at 12:02 p.m. July 2 on a cash bond.
- Anthony Andring, 33, was arrested at 2:43 p.m. July 1 on a hold for other agency, Wyandotte County. Andring was being held on no bond.
- Kelsey Renee Grubb, 30, was arrested at 3:11 p.m. July 1 by the FSPD and charged with criminal use of financial card, value unknown; and identity theft. Grubb was being held on no bond.
- Robin Cox, 39, was arrested at 4:05 p.m. July 1 by the BCSO on a Bourbon County warrant, probation violation. Cox was being held on no bond.
- Cameron Michael Bishop, 26, was arrested at 11:19 p.m. July 1 by the BCSO and charged with possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs; use/possession of drug paraphernalia/human body. Bishop also had

human body. Ball was released at 12:02 p.m. July 2 on a cash bond.

- Roger Eugene Firebaugh, 54, booked Feb. 21, was released at 8:17 a.m. July 1 and transferred to the Kansas Department of Corrections.
- Brandon Riley Smith, 40, booked March 31, was released at 8:08 a.m. July 1 and transferred to the Kansas Department of Corrections.
- Bruce Tyrone Tyner, 57, booked May 27, was released at 2:41 p.m. July 1 and transferred to Wyandotte County.

a Bourbon County warrant, probation violation and was being held on no bond.

- Derrik Shane States, 33, was arrested at 6:03 p.m. July 2 by the FSPD and charged with domestic battery, knowing/reckless bodily harm, and interference with law enforcement officer, obstruct/resist misdemeanor. States was being held on a \$1,000 cash/surety bond.

Commissioners' terms

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The current term for Milburn-Kee, who is fulfilling the first two years of Kruger's term, will end in January 2027. Milburn-Kee is the sole candidate for the District 5 seat.

"Assuming she's going to get that," Bower said. "The District 5 seat will be for a three-year term ending in 2029. There is also one candidate for the District 4 position, who would take office in January and serve through 2027.

Bowers said Beerbower's term is for four years, so he will be able to run again in the fall of 2028. She said since Whisenhunt's resignation occurred before May of the first two years of his

term, Tran is finishing out two years of Whisenhunt's term, which ends in 2027.

"When Commissioner Milburn transitions to position 5, we will do the same and will appoint out of old District 3, following the rules, it will be for two years," Bowers said.

Tran said one of his concerns is maintaining continuity on the commission as past commissioners have resigned and new commissioners taken their seats.

"Whenever you're down-range, one of the things that happens is when you switch out people too quickly, you lose a lot of historical knowledge, you lose your momentum," he said. "When I'm looking at this, this body of government has gone through a lot of ups and downs and turmoil, people coming and going." Tran said he would like for commissioners to provide an "opportunity to keep at least one person in there a longer term, to build that continuity."

"If we start cutting people's legs out from under

them, that's not going to do us, and by us I mean the county, any service," he said.

Tran said he was serving in just his second week, and there has been a "huge learning curve."

"This is not a responsibility I personally take lightly," he said.

Tran said he recommends that Milburn-Kee's term be the longer term as "she has the continuity."

"That may be political suicide, but that's my take," he said.

Beerbower said he understood Tran's points, but he looks at the situation from the opposite view.

"I'm also looking at the other candidate and they're both running in an election," Beerbower said. "They're both running for four years and one is getting their feet cut out from under them."

Beerbower said by January, when new commissioners are sworn in, Milburn-Kee and the other commissioners will be "quite seasoned."

"We've kind of had baptism by fire since January," he said.

Jean Tucker, a citizen in attendance, asked if Milburn-Kee can campaign for

dotte County.

- Gaylon Wayne Wilkerson, 41, booked May 21, was released at 4:10 p.m. July 1 on his own recognizance.
- Gabrielle Kaye Belcher-Cowlshaw, 20, booked June 30, was released at 9:32 p.m. July 2 on a surety bond.
- Micheal Shawn Coffey, 49, booked June 30, was released at 10:21 a.m. July 2 and transferred to Miami County.
- Darwin Eugene Enloe, 58, booked May 13, was released at 5:10 p.m. July 2 on a surety bond.

Jail Population As of July 2 Bourbon County Jail: 53 Osawatomie State Hospital: 2 Total inmates: 55 As of July 3 Bourbon County Jail: 48 Osawatomie State Hospital: 2 Total inmates: 50

one district while serving in another district.

"Otherwise, she'd have to resign before the primary or the election," Tucker said. "Which mean she'd have to be replaced between then and January."

Bowers said Milburn-Kee will serve in her current seat until she is sworn into her new role.

When Beerbower asked about a time frame for commissioners to decide the terms, Walker said the decision "should have been done a long time ago," before candidates ran for election.

There was some discussion on whether Milburn-Kee could vote on the term limits. Beerbower said she would have to abstain.

In response to a question from citizen Tim Emerson, Beerbower said he was elected for a four-year term ending in 2028. Tran said his term also ends in 2028.

"There are two positions that are going to be removed," Tran said. "I'm not going to say we're going to be in, that would be presumptuous. Two bodies are definitely going to come out, leaving whoever is here to basically hold down the fort and keep the continuity."

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