

Community News

Theatre Camp performance



Marti Wells-Smith/Special to the Tribune

Fort Scott High School Tiger Drama Camp presents its final performance of “The Rainbow Fish” at 7 p.m. today. at the high school auditorium. The cast includes almost 30 students from first grade through ninth grade, featuring local performers and others from the surrounding area. Sixteen high school students serve as directors and technical crew in addition to recent graduates Emi King and Cooper George and FSHS Theatre teacher Angi Bin. The play is based on the international bestseller and award-winning book by Marcus Pfister with a message of choosing friendship and belonging over vanity and selfishness. Tickets are available at the door or at fortscotthighschool.ludus.com. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Anniversary



Sharon (Drake) and Edgar Elder

Elders celebrate 65th wedding anniversary

Edgar and Sharon (Drake) Elder of Redfield, Kan., are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. The couple was married on June 18, 1960 at the Grace Baptist Tabernacle in Fort Scott, Kan., where they began a lifelong journey of love and family.

They have four children; Janet Clayton (Danny), Paula Coyan (Doug), Julie Schafer and Delbert Elder (Jenni) and have been blessed with 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

To honor this remarkable milestone, a celebration will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at Gunn Park Shelter house #7 (SW corner). Their friends are invited to stop by to wish them a happy anniversary.

The couple requests no gifts. Card are welcome and may be sent to 1106 Kansas Road, Redfield, KS 66769.



Items from the past

Fish displayed in Tribune window measures 16.5 feet

25 Years Ago
2000
May 31

The American Legion Boys’ State of Kansas conference will be held at Kansas State University, Manhattan, June 4 through June 10. The following are American Legion Boys’ State participants from Fort Scott High School: Nathan Magee, son of Dick and Patty Richard Magee, is sponsored by Fort Scott Rotary, Kevin Taliaferro, son of Debbie Saker, is sponsored by the Fort Scott American Legion, Loren Karleskint, son of Larry and Millie Karleskint, and Jason Davis, son of Jeff and Anita Davis, are sponsored by the Fort Scott Kiwanis.

50 Years Ago
1975
May 31

Photo Caption: “The Old Blockhouse in needlepoint makes a striking appearance against the 75-year-old

quilt belonging to Mrs. Roy Nichols, pictured here, of rural Bronson. The Blockhouse design is part of a needlepoint tapestry pointing up the Bicentennial and represents all Extension Homemaker Units in Kansas. The heirloom quilt belonged to Mrs. Nichols’ grandmother and was part of a quilt display connected with the Bronson Arts and Crafts Show.”

75 Years Ago
1950
May 31

Before you brag about the latest prize fish catch, take a look at the whopper being displayed in The Tribune window. The fish, which spans 16 ½ feet from mouth to tail fin, is actually a large Japanese kite which was sent to Alec Lee Beth, 223 Andrick, by his aunt, Gladys Mason, an exchange instructor in Japan. The kite is made of wax paper and is hand painted.

100 Years Ago
1925
June 1

At the meeting of the city commissioners, Herman Littleton submitted a petition for the extension of water service from the alley between Margrave and Barbee streets on Ninth, south to National Avenue. The names of 16 property owners were signed to the petition.

125 Years Ago

1900
May 31

Arch Davenport returned from a trip to the country a few days ago and says that unless we have a hail storm or tornado, there will not be a forest tree standing in Bourbon County one year from today, as it will take every one of them and more, too, judging from the prospects to make rails for the corn cribs this fall.

Community Foundation announces scholarship recipients

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The Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) announces its 2025 scholarship recipients. Those from Bourbon County receiving scholarships are:

Bill House Hereford Foundation Scholarship
Kaylee Lunsford, home schooled, Oklahoma State University; and Masen Powell, Uniontown High School, Kansas State University.
Mount Carmel Founda-

tion – Helen Kriegsman Memorial Scholarship
Micah Bean, Christian Learning Center Fort Scott, Pittsburg State University
William F. Lehman American History Scholarship
Joshua Woellhof, Fort Scott High School, Lindenwood University

In 2025, a total of \$265,738 was awarded to 103 Southeast Kansas students pursuing higher education. A full description of each scholarship is available at SoutheastKansas.org/Scholarships.



Porch Swing Conversations

Jeanie Hart

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Eyes and Biscuit Topped Whatever

I haven’t visited with you for a while because I had cataract surgery on one of my eyes. I’m pleased to say that the doctor was able to also do a procedure to help with my glaucoma. I’ve been using two kinds of drops twice a day for years. The drops have not been a big deal to me because my eyes are so very important. Frankly, I’d eat dirt every day if doctor told me that it would help my eyes. Anyway, I will have the other eye done in about a week, so I may not visit with you until that’s done. I had planned on a long recovery where Husband would do all the cooking, dish washing, laundry and light cleaning. That didn’t happen. I just took one day off and went right back to my routine. I was pleased at such a quick recovery, but sorry I missed the vacation time. I should have dragged my feet a little, but now he knows that next time I can resume my routine. I need to think ahead!

I will tell you that I have not cooked or baked lately because May is our busiest month. We add two birthdays to the Mother’s day and graduation get togethers and I want to enjoy all of them! The weather certainly had not been as planned, and I’m wondering if, when summer does get here, if it will hit us hard and not get cool until fall. I have enjoyed the bright green of the grass and my plants are thriving. We have one Roma tomato that needs sun to ripen. I haven’t paid

much attention to the rest as they are in beds that I would have to walk in wet grass to check on them. One of my many dislikes is to walk in wet grass. Ick! Another is to endure muddy puppy paws, but I do put up with that because we do have such sweet puppies. Unfortunately, Husband had a tick on his arm that I had to remove with tweezers, (another Ick), but it did not have the white dot on it. We treated the arm with medicine and Husband looks like he will recover. (I hope so, because I need him to drive me home from my eye surgery).

My recipe today is altered so much by what I had on hand that I don’t feel that I even need to give credit to the original. There are many variations of this so feel free to use your own to suit your family. The shredded beef was leftover as were the beans. I found the beans in the freezer when I cleaned it last time and I must have used the rest for chili. We liked my version, so here it is. I promise that I will do more cooking and baking as time allows.

Biscuit Topped Whatever

In a casserole dish place leftover chili or in my case, red beans, and season them if you desire. I used leftover shredded beef and spread it over the beans. Then I topped it with frozen biscuits and baked it at 400 degrees until the biscuits browned. Now you see that there are many possibilities for this dish.



Jeanie Hart photo

Use your imagination on this recipe for Biscuit Topped Whatever. It’s versatile and any combination is good.

Fort Hays State University announces graduates

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HAYS – Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,691 graduates during its Spring 2025 commencement ceremonies Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

Those graduates include students from Bourbon County:
Fort Scott –

Emma Humble, Master of Science in education; Danielle Norris, Master of Science in special education; Billi Shoemaker, Master of Science in special education; and Crystal Walker, Bachelor of social work.

Mapleton – Taylor Wade, Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership.

Uniontown – Billie Marlow, Bachelor of Science in education.

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