

# Classifieds

## LEGAL PUBLICATION

### Notice of Forfeiture of Oil and Gas Lease

To: Christenson Oil, LLC; Robert Christenson; Running Foxes Petroleum, Inc.; Evolution Technology, LLC; and all others concerned.

Keith Belford and Melanie Belford, owners of land located in Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 22 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, Bourbon County, Kansas, described as follows:

The following tract in the Northwest Quarter: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section; thence N. 00 degrees 12 min. 20 sec. W. on the West line of said Northwest Quarter a distance 849.93 feet; thence N. 89 degrees 47 min. 40 sec. E. a distance of 233.00 feet; thence N. 00 degrees 12 min. 20 sec. W. a distance of 395.00 feet; thence N. 89 degrees 09 min. 44 sec. E. a distance of 290.90 feet; thence S. 00 degrees 41 min. 57 sec. W. a distance of 389.85 feet; thence S. 08 degrees 09 min. 12 sec. E. a distance of 502.30 feet; thence S. 45 degrees 58 min. 31 sec. E. a distance of 395.00 feet; thence S. 00 degrees 22 min. 40 sec. E. to the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section a distance of 171.30 feet; thence S. 89 degrees 58 min. 40 sec. W. on said South line to the point of beginning a distance of 785.00 feet; The following tract in the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section; thence N. 89 degrees 58 min. 40 sec. E. on the South line of said Northwest Quarter to the Point of beginning a distance of 785.00 feet; thence N. 00 degrees 22 min. 40 sec. W. a distance of 115.00 feet; thence N. 89 degrees 58 min. 40 sec. E. to the West line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section a distance of 1859.58 feet; thence S. 89 degrees 40 min. 47 Sec. E. into said Northeast Quarter a distance of 100.00 feet; thence S. 00 degrees 40 min. 07 sec. E. to the South line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 115.00 feet; thence N. 89 degrees 41 min. 02 sec. W. on said South line to the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter and said Section a distance of 100.00 feet; thence S. 89 degrees 58 min. 40 sec. W. on the South line of said Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning a distance of 1860.17 feet; and The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter;

upon which an oil and gas lease dated October 30, 2018, was given to Robert Christenson, do hereby notify you that the terms of said lease have been broken by the owners thereof, and we hereby elect to declare and do declare said lease forfeited and void and that unless, within 20 days from this date, you notify the Register of Deeds of Bourbon County, Kansas, as provided by law that said lease has not been forfeited, we will file with said Register of Deeds an Affidavit of Forfeiture, and we demand that you execute or have executed a proper surrender and release of the lease and record the same with said Register of Deeds within 20 days from this date.

Dated effective this 8th day of January, 2026.

Keith Belford and Melanie Belford

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Planet Home Lending LLC )	Case No. BB-2025-CV-000070
Plaintiff, )	Court No.
vs. )	Title to Real Estate Involved
Scott Sachnoff, et al. )	Pursuant to K.S.A. §60
Defendants, )	

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Bourbon County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Bourbon County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on February 6, 2026, at the time of 10:00 AM at the Lobby of the Bourbon County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:

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to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. 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.

Bourbon County Sheriff

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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR PLANET HOME LENDING LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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## News Hound

### Taylor Bailey

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## Profile of a social worker

Written by: Amber Bechtelheimer

*Developed through a profile-writing project in Deborah Hyland's English 101 course at Fort Scott Community College, designed to build field research and descriptive skills.*

With her welcoming demeanor and calm presence, Holli Mason has become a familiar and trusted figure to many students at FSCC. As a TRIO advisor and online instructor, Mason draws on years of experience in social work to guide students not only through academics, but through some of the most challenging moments of their lives.

Before entering higher education, Mason spent years working as a social worker for the Kansas Department for Children and Families, a role that ultimately took a

toll on her mental health. The work, while meaningful, proved emotionally overwhelming.

"Social work taught me not to judge, gave me exposure to all kinds of people and situations, and taught me to be compassionate," Mason said. "But it also impacted me in ways I couldn't ignore."

Mason originally entered college intending to pursue occupational therapy. That plan changed as she watched her sister earn a degree in social work, inspiring her to shift her own major. During college, Mason gained experience in a variety of settings, including a community mental health center, where she worked as a children's case manager, and a hospice facility while completing her master's degree.

After graduating, Mason began working for DCF investigating child abuse and neglect. The emotional weight of the job eventually became unmanageable, leading to daily headaches and mounting stress.

Her frustration pushed her to seek a new direction. Determined to work in higher education, she applied when a position opened in the college's TRIO program. TRIO is a federally funded program designed to support

low-income, first-generation and students with disabilities as they navigate college. Mason said her background in social work prepared her well for the role, allowing her to better understand students' challenges and respond with empathy.

"It's never just one thing that makes a person behave the way they do," she said. "Learning to see all sides of a person and their experiences is what sets social work apart."

Mason applies those principles daily in her work with students. She focuses on empowering them to define success for themselves and advocate for their own needs.

"I empower students to want success for themselves and empower them to advocate for themselves," she said.

One student's journey stands out among the many she has supported. In 2019, a football player came to Mason facing overwhelming obstacles. He had transferred to FSCC with a low GPA after receiving poor advice at a previous school, lost his financial aid and was grieving the murder of his brother, who had been killed in gang-related violence the summer before college. Unable to pay his tuition balance, the student was forced to leave FSCC after his first semester.

"It was heartbreaking," Mason said. "All of us in TRIO were devastated for him."

Nearly a year later, while reviewing financial aid paperwork, Mason noticed the student's account had been paid in full using COVID-19 relief funds. She immediately contacted him to let him know he could re-enroll. By that time, FSCC's football program had been discontinued, but a competitive cheer team had been added. Hesitant at first, the student ultimately joined the team.

From there, his academ-

ic trajectory changed. He raised his GPA, completed his associate degree at FSCC and transferred to Oklahoma State University, where he now majors in medical equipment science and continues to compete on the cheer team.

Stories like that reinforce Mason's passion for her work. She said TRIO allows her to experience the most rewarding aspects of social work without the constant emotional strain. The academic calendar also provides balance as a mother.

Despite her love for the job, Mason expressed concern about the future of the TRIO program. She said funding is increasingly uncertain, as some policymakers argue the program is outdated.

"I think I'm going to have to become more involved in politics," Mason said. "TRIO is under attack."

Mason strongly disagrees with the idea that college barriers no longer exist for underprivileged students. She said the need for support systems is as strong as ever, especially for first-generation students navigating unfamiliar environments.

For those considering a career in social work, Mason's advice is simple. Do it.

She has also learned to share her own experiences more openly with students, including her family's struggles with mental health, when it helps them feel understood.

As she looks ahead, Mason hopes to be remembered for her unwavering support.

"I hope people will remember that I stood by my students," she said.

Through her work in TRIO, Mason continues to serve as a steady advocate for students who may otherwise feel overlooked, proving that compassion and commitment can make a lasting difference one student at a time.

## NOTICES

Public Auction for nonpayment of rent: Fort Scott Self Storage will hold an auction on storage unit B41. The auction begins at 10 a.m. at 2518 Richard's Rd, Fort Scott, KS, on 2/7/2026. Call 620-223-1434 for details.

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## BC COMMISSION

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"This isn't the register of deeds meeting, this is the meeting of the Bourbon County Commission," Beerbower said. "I'm asking you to leave."

After Holdridge again refused, Milburn-Kee made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Beerbower seconded. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Gregg Motley voting no.

### Other business

Earlier in the meeting, commissioners approved an amended agenda, which included removal of commission minutes for Jan. 15 and a department update on courthouse space.

Beerbower said commissioners would review all courthouse space. Holdridge asked when that would happen. Beerbower said it would happen at a later date, and he agreed with removing the topic from the agenda.

The commission also agreed to move a sewer up-

date and follow-ups on the employee handbook to next week's meeting.

Regarding an item on strategic planning, Motley said he planned to set a first date to begin that process.

The commission also added "Emergency Operations Center" access to the agenda.

"During a public hearing, commissioners approved a resolution for vacation of a road in Garland. According to the resolution, the road is a portion of 267th Street in Woodard's addition to Garland.

Commissioners approved the minutes from the Jan. 12 meeting and the consent agenda, which included accounts payable of \$1,123,999.50 for Jan. 23, and \$98,394.22 for Jan. 22; and tax corrections.

The following items were not addressed during the meeting: payroll update, inventory, commission minutes, county clerk procedures, 2025 end of year financials and commission calendar.

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