

Classifieds/Sports

Stepps part of Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame Class of 2026

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Tribune

The Kansas Shrine Bowl has announced the four member Hall of Fame Class of 2026 to be inducted Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at the Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame ceremony during the Coach Bill Snyder Family/Sunflower Chapter National Football Foundation Banquet in Lawrence, Kan. Additional event details and ticketing information will be announced soon.

The class includes Fort

Scott High School alumnus Travis Stepps, Kansas Shrine Bowl East All-Star.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame was established for the purpose of honoring those individuals who have gained recognition and fame for themselves and the Kansas Shrine Bowl because of their endeavors and accomplishments both on and off the football field. The Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame includes 36 inductees, with the 2026 class soon to join. To learn more about the Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame

visit www.KansasShrineBowl.com/HallofFame.

Stepps, a member of the FSHS Class of 1997:

- Played in the 1997 Kansas Shrine Bowl as an East All-Star from Fort Scott H.S.

- Led FSHS to an undefeated, 13-0, 1996 4A State Championship; the first football state championship in Fort Scott school history

- Was named 4A All-State and All-Class Super 11 after rushing for 1,500 yards and 14 touchdowns in 1996

- Was a two-time

All-America defensive back at Pittsburg State University

- Was a four-time All-MIAA selection at Pittsburg State University, including first-team honors his final two seasons

- Posted seven career interceptions and ranked second all-time at Pittsburg State University with 28 career pass breakups

- Averaged 28.2 yards per kickoff return and 9.9 yards per punt return for his career

- Began his coaching career in 2002 as a graduate assistant at Washburn Uni-

versity before becoming an assistant coach at Southern Illinois University from 2004-15

- Is currently in his 10th season as an assistant coach at the University of North Dakota

- Is Involved off the field with the Turtle Mountain Animal Shelter, UND Champions Club and Hope Church Grand Forks.

The 2026 Hall of Fame inductees will also be honored at the 53rd Kansas Shrine Bowl on Saturday, June 27, in Emporia.



Travis Stepps is part of the Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame Class of 2026.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE HOUSING APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS (Housing Rehabilitation Project)

The City of Fort Scott will hold a public hearing on February 13, 2026, at 12:00 noon, located at 123 S. Main, Fort Scott, Kansas for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted on behalf of the City of Fort Scott to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Housing category. The specific project application to be discussed is for housing rehabilitation to be conducted within the city limits of Fort Scott, Kansas. The project will consist of voluntary housing rehabilitation of single-family owner-occupied units. Approximately 11 units are anticipated to be addressed depending on budget allowances. The estimated project cost is \$305,500 with the grant request for \$300,000. Other project proposals introduced at the hearing will be considered. Oral and written comments will be recorded and become a part of the City of Fort Scott's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan.

Reasonable accommodations will be made available to persons with disabilities. Requests should be submitted to the City Clerk, at 620-223-0550, before noon on February 12, 2026.

Publication Date: February 7, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2026 RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF AN ALLEGED UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURE(S)

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on **DECEMBER 2, 2025**, the governing body of the City of Fort Scott directed that a hearing be held in the Board of Commissioners room in City Hall, in the City of Fort Scott, Kansas, on **FEBRUARY 3, 2026 at 6:15 P.M.** for the purpose of hearing evidence with reference to the physical condition of the structure(s) located on: **PARCEL#006-119-30-0-40-45-001-00-0 LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS F-15 FORT SCOTT, LOTS 1 & 3, BLK 181 IN BOURBON COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS [601 S. LITTLE], FORT SCOTT, KS 66701.**

WHEREAS, on the date fixed for said hearing evidence was submitted by the Codes Administrator and other representatives of the City which shows the above-described structure(s) to be unsafe and dangerous, and, WHEREAS, notice of said hearing has been duly given to the owner(s), his or their agent(s), and lienholders of record and any occupant of such structure(s) and all others having an interest in said premises, as provided by K.S.A. 12-1752, as amended by Section I of Chapter 185 of the 1968 Kansas Session Laws, and the following appearances were made at the hearing by such persons, and

WHEREAS, as said hearing the governing body did find that such above-described structure(s) is unsafe and dangerous; **NOW, THEREFORE, ON THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS:**

Section 1. That the structure(s) located on: **PARCEL#006-119-30-0-40-45-001-00-0 LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS F-15 FORT SCOTT, LOTS 1 & 3, BLK 181 IN BOURBON COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS [601 S. LITTLE], FORT SCOTT, KS 66701** is unsafe and dangerous and should be [repaired] or [removed] and the premises made safe and secure as hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. This structure(s) must be brought up to the 2012 International Building Code of the City of Fort Scott by N/A. A copy of the specifications for the rehabilitation of the property in Fort Scott has been furnished to the owner.

Section 3. The owner(s) of said structure(s) shall commence the repair or removal of said structure by N/A and shall diligently prosecute the same until the work is completed. Said owner(s) shall fill in any basement or other excavation located upon the premises and take any other action necessary to leave such premises in a safe condition.

Section 4. If the owner(s) of said structure(s) shall fail to commence the repair or removal of such structure(s) by said N/A, or having commenced shall fail to diligently prosecute the same thereafter, the City of Fort Scott shall proceed to raze and remove such structure(s) and make the premises safe and secure or shall let the same to contract, all as provided by K.S.A. 12-1775, as amended by Section 2, of Chapter 185 of the Kansas Session Laws.

Section 5. In the event such structure(s) is razed by the City, the net cost to the City shall be assessed as a special assessment against the land on which the structure(s) was located.

Section 6. This resolution shall be published once in the official City newspaper.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption and approval. **INTRODUCED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026.**

ATTEST:



Kathryn D. Salsbury
Kathryn D. Salsbury, Mayor

Lisa A. Lewis, City Clerk

Publication Date: February 7, 2026

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Stone Retaining Wall Reconstruction – approximately 1402 E. Wall St. – Fort Scott, KS

The City of Fort Scott, Kansas, is requesting cost proposals from qualified contractors for the reconstruction of failed rubble stone retaining walls along a drainage channel bordered by existing buildings to the east and west. The building at 1402 E. Wall St. is the building to the west.

1. Project Scope

The work includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- West Side Wall: Reconstruction of a failed rubble stone retaining wall approximately 30 feet in length and 5 feet in height. Construction shall occur on the existing footing if determined structurally adequate, or on a newly constructed concrete footing.
 - East Side Wall: Reconstruction of a failed rubble stone retaining wall in an area approximately 5 feet by 10 feet.
 - A minimum of 200 square feet of reconstructed retaining wall.
- All site conditions shall be verified by the contractor.

2. Proposal Pricing

Proposals shall clearly identify:

- Lump sum cost for the first 200 square feet of retaining wall
- Unit cost per additional square foot beyond 200 square feet
- Description of materials to be used
- Identification of subcontractors, if applicable
- Estimated duration of the project in calendar days

3. Schedule

Proposals shall include an anticipated start date and projected completion date.

4. Inclusions and Exclusions

Proposals shall clearly define what is included in the proposed price and list any exclusions.

5. Proposal Validity

Proposal pricing shall remain valid for a minimum of thirty (30) days from the submission deadline.

6. Standards and Compliance

All work shall comply with applicable City of Fort Scott ordinances, Kansas statutes, and recognized construction standards. The contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, supervision, site safety measures, and restoration of disturbed areas.

7. Insurance and Qualifications

Proposers shall submit proof of general liability insurance of \$1 million, workers' compensation coverage, and any additional insurance required by the City. Contractors must demonstrate experience with similar masonry or stone retaining wall projects.

8. Submission Requirements

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope or electronic format clearly marked 'RFP – Stone Retaining Wall Reconstruction.'

9. Submission Deadline

Proposals must be received no later than:

Date: February 19, 2026

Time: 2:00PM

Late submissions will not be considered.

Please submit all proposals to:

City Clerk/City of Fort Scott

City Hall
123 S. Main Street
Fort Scott, Kansas 66701
cityclerk@fscity.org

10. Contact Information

All questions regarding this Request for Proposals shall be directed to:

Tom Coffman
Phone: (620) 223-0550
Email: tcoffman@fscity.org

11. Evaluation and Award

Proposals will be evaluated based on price, completeness, materials proposed, contractor qualifications, schedule, and overall responsiveness. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive informalities, and accept the proposal determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa A. Lewis, City Clerk

City of Fort Scott

123 S. Main Street

Fort Scott, KS 66701

620.223.0550 Ext. 507

620.223.8100 FAX

cityclerk@fscity.org

Publication Date: February 7 and 11, 2026

The Fort Scott Housing Authority will accept separate proposals until February 17, 2026, 3:00 p.m. for the following contract services for the upcoming fiscal year:

Lawn Care Services at Site B, B1, C, D & K
Trash Removal Service at all locations
Pest Control Services at all locations

Proposal documents may be obtained at the Fort Scott Housing Authority Office at 315 Scott Avenue, Fort Scott, KS 66701, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Email inquiry may be sent to pattyfsha@gmail.com

Publication Dates: February 7 and 11, 2026

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS

BRONSON LANDBANK, A public entity, PLAINTIFF,

v.

GREGORY CARLSON, KA'SAUNDRA GATES, LARRY HARDMAN, SHARON L. HARDMAN (Deceased), BENNY R. HARDMAN (Deceased) and UNION STATE BANK; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any defendants which are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of any defendants who are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants who are minors or under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased and any person claiming an interest in the described real estate: North 30 Feet, Block 10, Town of Bronson Kansas and The South ½ Lot 2, Block 10, Town of Bronson, Kansas,

DEFENDANTS.

Case No. BB-2025-CV-000107

NOTICE TO ANSWER

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Quiet Title to certain property has been filed in the above Court by Plaintiff, praying for an Order of said Court that the Plaintiff be granted judgment against Defendants named herein, and the heirs and title to real property of the above-mentioned property filed for record in the deed records of Bourbon County, Kansas, previously owned by said Defendants.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 30th day of March 2026 at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the District Courtroom in the Bourbon County Courthouse in the City of Fort Scott, in said county and state, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

/s/ BRONSON LANDBANK, Plaintiff

Chase J. Vaughn, S.C. 29371

JOHNSON VAUGHN, PA

118 W. Madison/PO Box 866

Iola, KS 66749

(620)365-3778/Fax (620)380-6230

Attorney for Plaintiff

Publication Date: February 7, 14 and 21, 2026

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estates of

Case No. BB-2026-PR-000005

Lawrence Hilburn, Deceased
(Pursuant to K. S. A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Caroline Hilburn, surviving spouse and an heir of Lawrence Hilburn, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Bourbon County, Kansas:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-five (25) South, Range Twenty-five (25) East of the 6th Principal Meridian, Bourbon County, Kansas; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the West line of said Section, a distance of 420.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 160.65 feet to the true Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 42 seconds East, a distance of 140.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds East, a distance of 89.78 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 140.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 89.78 feet to the true Point of Beginning. Said tract contains 0.29 acres, more or less.

and other interests in real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that property and other interests in real property owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before the 19th day of February, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., in the District Court of Bourbon County, Kansas, sitting at Fort Scott, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Caroline Hilburn
Petitioner

Mark A. Werner #11302

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