

Classifieds/Community



Southwind Extension District

Krista Harding

District Horticulture Extension Agent

Wake up your fruit trees Time for dormant oil sprays

Submitted to The Tribune

I've heard the frogs singing on several days, which is always a welcome sound to my ears because I know spring is near! When the beautiful, warm days grace us in March, make time to apply a dormant oil on your fruit trees.

There are several dormant sprays used on fruit trees and other plants to control various diseases and insects. However, a dormant oil spray is designed to control scale insects, aphids, and mites. Just like the name implies, dormant oils are applied before the tree begins to bud. Dormant oil sprays are essential because some pests attack before visible growth even begins. If you have a problem with scale, now is the time to start watching the weather and look for an opportunity to spray.

Scale insects are easy to see this time of year because there are no leaves. Scale insects are easily overlooked because they are small and immobile most of their lives, and they do not resemble most other insects. Many of them resemble small oval or circular shells. Coloring varies but can include white, tan, and brown. Plants that should be inspected for scales include apple, pear, other fruit trees, lilac, crabapple, oak, ash, elm, maple, arborvitae, juniper, pine, spruce, euonymus, and yew.

Plants are not harmed if only a few scales are present, but scale population can increase dramatically during the growing season. Heavy infestations of scale insects can damage fruit

crops, destroy branches, and kill entire plants.

Normally, sprays should be applied around March 1, especially with peaches and nectarines. Apples are tougher, and the application may be delayed up to the green tip stage. Temperatures need to be at least 40 degrees so the spray has a chance to dry before freezing. If the spray does freeze before it dries, plant injury can occur. Applying the spray in the morning will help ensure it dries properly. It is much easier to achieve good spray coverage if the tree is pruned before spraying.

The Extension office has several publications outlining the fruit spray schedule for the entire growing season.

Now is an excellent time to prune. Pruning can be done in March. Prune on days when the temperature is above 20 degrees to prevent injury. Prune older trees first because older, larger wood tolerates lower temperatures than young trees with small-diameter wood.

If your trees are overgrown and out of control, and you don't know where to begin, stop by the Extension office and pick up a pruning publication. This publication offers step-by-step instructions for pruning overgrown trees and includes nice diagrams.

Krista Harding is a K-State Research and Extension Horticulture agent assigned to the Southwind District. She may be reached at kharding@ksu.edu or 620-244-3826.

K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

MOU

Continued from Page 1

The position has been vacant since Brian Allen resigned in late 2025.

"I appreciate the opportunity," Howard said.

Commissioners congratulated Howard and also approved various motions related to the position, allowing Howard to begin work.

Milburn-Kee said Howard contacted her earlier this week with "some ideas to kick off her department and get it going again." The commission approved a motion to allow Howard to set up a Facebook page specific to emergency management, which will be shared to the county's main Facebook page.

Milburn-Kee also said Howard wishes to maintain historical information from Allen's account. The commission approved Milburn-Kee's motion allowing Howard to have access to that account "and any incoming emails that have not been notified."

Commissioner David Beerbower said he will forward some information he has received acting as the liaison for the county in the absence of an emergency

manager. Tran said Stronghold Data, which provides IT services for the county, will need to be contacted to help with the transition.

The commission also approved a motion to allow for a computer, phone and email account to be set up for Howard.

Milburn-Kee said she researched an old resolution after Howard asked if a resolution for the position would be needed. Milburn-Kee said a new resolution would repeal the old document, which appoints an emergency manager for the county and names Howard to the position. Commissioners approved the new resolution.

Howard said she was offered the job Friday, Feb. 13.

"Good luck, and I mean that in a great way," Tran said.

Commissioners interviewed three candidates for the position during a special meeting Feb. 12, and approved a motion to allow Beerbower to contact the county's HR consultant about an offer to a particular candidate. The commission selected a candidate but waited until Thursday to make the announcement. Howard was the only local candidate.

PORCH SWING CONVERSATIONS

WITH JEANIE HART

I haven't visited with you for a while because I've been busy getting ready for spring. Am I too early? Probably, but hasn't the weather been perfect? Even the cooler days are good. I don't like cold weather. One afternoon I picked up sticks in the front yard. We have sycamore trees and they are famous for losing sticks when the wind blows. I do like them though, because they are pretty in the Summer and my favorite - how they look in winter. No one would argue that we have had lots of wind lately. I also snapped them to be better for our trash pick up people. It took some time but it was enjoyable to be outside and I could see how much I had accomplished. Actually, I'm ready for Husband to uncover the porch swing and set it up for me. I had a lawn chair, but I would have preferred the swing.

Our desk drawer was my project for today. We had tons of ink pens and I

checked every one of them because there is no point in keeping pens that don't work. If there are too many of whatever, I can't see it all. Our homes are where we want to feel comfortable and work on our projects. If there's too much stuff I don't feel comfortable. As you know, I like to quilt, sew, watercolor, and do craft projects. All this takes stuff and I am organizing, but it's a big project. I hate to say it, but I have to rest a little in between because it's difficult to toss - I might need it! I'm the one who never understood how people on TV couldn't remove stuff. Now I do. Oh well, I may change my mind and just keep everything - like Husband does.

This cookie is crisp and we liked them to dunk in coffee. This recipe is from one of the surprise gift cookbooks and I enjoyed reading each recipe. It is "Betty Crocker's Cookie Book" from 1963.

Something New and Salted Peanut Crisp Cookies



Salted Peanut Crisps

Jeanie Hart photo

Salted Peanut Crisps

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 cup shortening (part butter or margarine) I used Butter Flavor Crisco | 2 teaspoons vanilla |
| 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar | 3 cups flour |
| 2 eggs | 1/2 teaspoon soda |
| | 1 teaspoon salt |
| | 2 cups salted peanuts I think this is too much. I think 1 1/2 is enough |

Cream the shortening and sugar and add in eggs and vanilla. Then add the soda a salt. Mix. Add flour and mix. Then add the peanuts. Drop onto cookie sheet and flatten them with a glass and then sprinkle with regular sugar. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Store in air tight container.

www.fstribune.com

LEGAL PUBLICATION

INVITATION TO BID

Project: Repair of Limestone Retaining Walls at Gunn Park - 1010 Park Avenue - Fort Scott, KS

The City of Fort Scott, Kansas will be accepting sealed bids, from qualified masonry restoration contractors to complete repairs on the historic limestone retaining walls, in historic Gunn Park, Fort Scott, Kansas.

The limestone retaining walls were constructed as a WPA project and are considered historic. All masonry repair work shall be completed in accordance with guidelines outlined by the Department of Interior Preservation Briefs.

Qualified contractors must submit proof of having been in business for at least 5 years and having completed at least 3 similar historic masonry repair projects, with the project name, dates of completion, and contact information for owner/owner representative.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Considering the historic nature of this project, all aspects of a contractor's bid proposal shall be considered, including price, previously completed projects, and years in the industry. Local contractors may be given preference.

Gunn Park is a busy place with lots of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The contractor shall provide all necessary safety precautions to protect the public. Strict compliance with all OSHA regulations will be enforced, including dust and silica regulations.

Scope of Work and Bid Forms are available through the office of the City Clerk cityclerk@fscity.org or on the City's website at www.fscity.org - Bid Requests

All bids must be submitted to: Fort Scott City Clerk - 123 Main St., Fort Scott, Kansas 66701 - By 2:00 pm on March 26, 2026.

Publication Date: February 21, 28, March 7 and 14, 2026

OFFICIAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID - NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES 523 Heylman, Fort Scott, KS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fort Scott, Kansas, is accepting sealed bids for nuisance abatement services pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1617e and applicable City Code (Ordinance No. 3133 and Ordinance No. 2454).

Abatement is for the following items, including but not limited to:

- Inoperable vehicles
- Tents
- Stoves and camping equipment
- Fencing materials
- Boards and logs
- Bags of clothing, miscellaneous clothing, and blankets
- Trash and debris
- Scrap wood and metal
- Tarps
- Furniture
- Car parts, tires, and wheels
- Camper shells
- Barrels and boxes
- Any other items found to be in violation of City of Fort Scott codes

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk at 123 S. Main Street, Fort Scott, Kansas, until February 26, 2026, at 2:00PM, at which time bids will be publicly opened. Bids received after that time will not be considered. Please specify if your bid includes the removal of the inoperable vehicles. The lot is required to be scraped clean.

All bids must be clearly marked: "SEALED BID - NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES." Bidders must comply with all applicable Kansas laws and provide proof of required licensing and insurance. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in the best interest of the City.

Further questions can be directed to Leroy Kruger/Codes Enforcement Officer lkruger@fscity.org (620) 223-0550 Ext. 301

Publication Date: February 21, 2026

FOR RENT

IRONQUILL ESTATES

Apartments for Rent 1, 2, and 3 Bedroom apartments
Rent Based on income
Central heat & air
Laundry Facilities Onsite
Refrigerator & Stove Furnished

620-223-3150
1321 S. Broadway Ft. Scott

AUCTIONS



Fort Scott, KS
620-215-6864
www.andersonauctionllc.com

Farm Auctions
Estates
Business Liquidations
Real Estate

McGinnis Auction Service, LLC

Dalton Reid McGinnis
(620) 215-3159
Assistant Auctioneers: Marty Read, Charlie Johnson and Marvin Swickhammer



LEGAL PUBLICATION

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 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 1/2 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

**Your One Stop For
GRAPHIC DESIGN & PRINTING
SERVICES**

Logos Designs
In House Creative
Brochures
Flyers
Letterhead
Envelopes
Invitations
Labels

6 N. Main
Fort Scott, KS

620-223-2110
tklumpp@fstribune.com