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UPCOMING:
The Bourbon County Commission on Monday tabled discussion on a salary resolution for elected and appointed officials, and passed a motion to seek RFP's for a forensic audit. A story will appear in an upcoming edition.



The Fort Scott Community College men's basketball team, winners of three straight games, are the NJCAA Region VI Division II champions and will compete in the NJCAA Division II National Tournament this weekend.

Courtesy photo/FSCC

Child dies in Tuesday morning structure fire

Jason Silvers
Fort Scott Tribune

A 4-year-old child died as the result of a structure fire in a rural portion of the county early Tuesday morning, officials said.

According to a press release from the Bourbon County Sheriff's Office, Bourbon County emergency personnel were dispatched to a structure fire in the 2300 block of Jewel Road in Bourbon County. Dispatch received the call about 5:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The state fire marshal was notified of the fire and will assist the BCSO in an investigation of the incident, the release states.

"Thoughts and prayers to the 4-year-old's family," the release states.

Scott Township Fire Chief Kolby Brumback told the Tribune Tuesday his department was called to a structure fire involving a single-story manufactured home. He said he did not have information on how many people were living in the house. He said he was not aware of other reported injuries.

When firefighters arrived on scene, smoke and flames consumed the house, which was reported to be 90% involved, Brumback said.

"It's definitely a total loss," he said.

Brumback said he did not have information on the cause and origin of the fire, which is under investigation by the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office.

Firefighters cleared the scene by about 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, but two trucks remained on scene Tuesday afternoon monitoring for hot spots, Brumback said.

Scott Township responded to the scene with six trucks and nine personnel. Other responding agencies included Bourbon County EMS; the Fort Scott Fire Department, which brought an engine and four personnel; Garland fire department, which had three trucks and four personnel; and Bourbon County District 3 Fire Department, which brought five trucks and seven or eight personnel, Brumback said.

Hound men's basketball team advances to NJCAA Division II National Tournament

Tribune Staff Report

Editor's note: An FSCC news release contributed to this report

The Fort Scott Community College men's basketball team closed a pivotal week with three consecutive victories, capped by a 65-62 win over Allen County on Saturday, continuing a late-season surge that has the Greyhounds playing their best basketball of the year.

After winning the NJCAA Division II Plains District Tournament, the Hounds have punched their ticket to the NJCAA Division II National Tournament and will travel to Danville, Ill., this weekend with a chance to capture a national championship.

The Hounds will make their first appearance in the national tournament since 2014 after their fifth regional tournament title in

program history.

On Tuesday evening, the public was invited to the FSCC Student Union for the NJCAA DII men's basketball championship bracket, at-large selections and tournament seeding show. The team and coaches were to find out their seeding and matchups for the upcoming national tournament. More information will be published in a future edition.

Fort Scott opened the week with a 76-63 home win over Kansas City Kansas Community College. Jadyne Hollis, a sophomore guard from Fort Worth, Texas, led the way with 16 points and seven assists, while Makaen Hastings, a sophomore guard from Arlington, Texas, added 22 points, including four three-pointers. The Greyhounds shot 48 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arc.

Fort Scott controlled both halves, leading 38-31 at halftime and maintaining its advantage throughout. Miles McMonigle, a freshman forward from Denver, Colo., contributed 11 points off the bench.

FSCC Head Coach Matt Glover praised the team's effort and unity throughout the run.

"Our guys came to play; they've come together and done this all year. We're built different!" Glover said.

On March 6, Fort Scott handed Johnson County a rare defeat, pulling away in the second half for a 73-61 upset. Hastings delivered another standout performance with 26 points and five three-pointers. Hollis added 14 points, and Noah Porter, a freshman forward from Garnett, scored 13 on efficient 5-of-7 shooting. The Greyhounds overcame a 34-32 halftime deficit

by outscoring the Cavaliers 41-27 after the break. Defensively, Fort Scott limited Johnson County to just 1-of-21 shooting from three-point range.

FSCC Assistant Coach Caleb Ligon said the team's chemistry and resilience have been key to the recent success.

"The guys played a phenomenal game; this is a testament to them. We've been through the heart of it, through ups and downs, and they've stayed together. The chemistry is probably the best I've ever been around, we're just fighting for another chance to play together," Ligon said.

The team's chemistry and status as a tight-knit group could be seen when members of the squad helped a teenager learn how to ride a bike in February on the college campus. The event garnered attention on social media

and through various media outlets.

The Greyhounds completed the three-game stretch on March 7 with a hard-fought 65-62 victory over Allen County. Hastings once again led the way with 23 points, knocking down three three-pointers and going a perfect 2-for-2 at the line. Fort Scott built a 31-22 halftime lead and held off a late push from Allen County to secure the win. J'Twane Mike, freshman guard from Colorado Springs, Colo., added seven points and dominated the glass with 13 rebounds, while McMonigle chipped in nine points off the bench. Fort Scott finished the game 23-of-57 from the field.

FSCC Assistant Coach Dominick Budy said the team's response to adversity during the season helped prepare them for this moment.

Fort Scott Community College Phi Theta Kappa Chapter named 2025 REACH Chapter

Submitted to the Tribune

The Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Fort Scott Community College has been recognized as a 2025 REACH Chapter through Phi Theta Kappa's REACH Rewards program.

The REACH Rewards program honors Phi Theta Kappa chapters that demonstrate excellence in membership development and a strong commitment to expanding opportunities for eligible students. The program was created to encourage chapters to grow membership and ensure more students benefit from the organization's mission of recognition and opportunity.

Through REACH, Phi Theta Kappa emphasizes the importance of providing students with access to scholarships, leadership development, and meaningful engagement with peers and faculty; all of which contribute to higher rates of student success and completion.

As a 2025 REACH Chapter, the FSCC Main



Pictured are members of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Fort Scott Community College. Front row from left, Taylor Ramirez, Jameson Anderson, Jackson Wood, Will DeBates, and Emmanuel Ebia; back row from left, Susie Arvidson, Braxton Young, Quinton Berg, and Ashley Page.

Courtesy photo/FSCC

Campus chapter will receive official Phi Theta Kappa graduation stoles. The stoles will be sent directly to the chapter's advisor and may be distributed to chapter officers or members to wear during commencement ceremonies and keep as a symbol

of their academic achievement and college completion milestone.

This recognition highlights the dedication of FSCC's Phi Theta Kappa members and advisors in advancing the organization's mission and enhancing the overall college ex-

perience for students.

Fort Scott Community College congratulates its Phi Theta Kappa chapter on this achievement and thanks its members and advisors for their continued commitment to student success and academic excellence.

WEATHER

Scattered thunderstorms in the morning. Partly cloudy skies late. Potential for heavy rainfall. High 54F. Winds NNW at 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

