

# Sports

**FORT SCOTT BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**ALL-SEK LEAGUE**

**KANIN BROWN - SENIOR**  
2ND TEAM

**DREDYD MARLOW - JUNIOR**  
2ND TEAM

**DIERKS KEGLER - SENIOR**  
HONORABLE MENTION

**FORT SCOTT GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**ALL-SEK LEAGUE**

**ABBIE GORMAN - SENIOR**  
1ST TEAM  
UNANIMOUS

**LAURALI CLARK - SOPHOMORE**  
HONORABLE MENTION

**JACEE ROGERS - SENIOR**  
HONORABLE MENTION

## Tigers, Lady Tigers earn All-SEK League honors

Brian Allen  
Special to the Tribune

Several Fort Scott High School Tiger and Lady Tiger basketball players earned spots on All-SEK League teams, which

were announced this week.

For the Lady Tigers, senior Abbie Gorman was chosen unanimously for the first team. Sophomore Laurali Clark and senior Jacee Rogers received honorable mention nods.

For the Tigers, senior Kanin Brown and junior Dredyn Marlow were named to the second team, and senior Dierks Kegler received an honorable mention.

Congratulations to these Tiger athletes!

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## AUDIT

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“So you want to pay an independent firm to come up with an RFP?” Tran said.

“If you want results of the forensic audit to be credible,” Motley said.

Tran asked what information would be researched in an independent audit. Motley said BakerTilly, which created the RFP, should not be involved as the entire process should “be independent.”

“This is about the community being comfortable with everything that’s going on in the courthouse, especially given the community scuttlebutt,” Motley said. “This whole process needs to be independent. For example, if there’s been criminal allegations, and the sheriff would handle those, BakerTilly works for the sheriff.”

Tran said BakerTilly would not be involved.

Martin said his office would not be part of any investigation connected to findings in the audit.

“If there are any allegations of any type of criminal activity taking place, part of my duty is to pass that on to somebody else, and request somebody else to do it,” Martin said.

Martin said his office would assist in getting questions answered but “would not be the lead investigating office in that.”

Beerbower asked if finance personnel for the city of Fort Scott could be contacted for assistance since no county personnel should be associated with the RFP or point of contact. Milburn-Kee said BakerTilly is the city’s financial advisor.

Beerbower asked if the commission was prepared to move forward with a proposal. Tran said he has been looking into the matter for awhile due to his responsibility as a commissioner.

“I learned a long time ago, when I see something that’s not right, I can’t sit on it,” he said. “I have a fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers in this county, to your money, to your lives. When I see something that’s irregular, I do what I need to do and then I leave it alone. I’m not culpable to any of this stuff. I’m not an accessory to any of this stuff. I take it and I report it and if the people in the county don’t like it, I don’t know what to tell them. I’m not a crook. I’ve never been a crook. I spent my life working for the government and taking care of the American people. This is what I want. If you agree with it, great. If you don’t, okay, I’m out voted.”

Martin said he could contact a sheriff outside the county who is “willing to be that point of contact for the auditors. Somebody to pick up a phone with questions.” Martin said findings would be later be presented to the commission.

Tran asked if the county counselor could serve as point of contact, but Motley said “the problem with using any elected official, department head or employee, they can’t be the subject of the forensic audit. They’re automatically excluded.”

Beerbower said Martin presented a “valid idea” and Motley agreed.

During the public comments portion of the meeting, Graham said two letters from the commission to the attorney general’s office – one in November and one in January – were posted online on a social media post “by a private citizen detailing these accusations.”

Graham urged the commission to take the following steps: “it’s critical the commission votes tonight to put out an RFP for an independent forensic audit of payroll to be conducted by a

vetted firm with no previous connections to this county. Handling it this way will preempt any accusations of bias, politics or personal vendettas.”

Once complete, the forensic audit report should be made available to the public via the county’s website, Graham said.

Graham also said the public should be informed whether the attorney general or Bourbon County attorney finds any of the accusations “to be actionable for prosecution as soon as the commission is notified.”

“The cost of an independent forensic audit will not be insignificant, but that cost will pale in comparison to the loss of public trust if it is not done and done correctly,” he said.

### Other business

• County Clerk Susan Walker said candidate filings for the primary election in August are due June 1, and she would distribute a list of candidates soon.

Walker said Tuesday, July 14 is the deadline to register to vote or update voter registration information to participate in the primary.

“We will have a primary election,” she said.

Advanced ballots will be transmitted July 15, Walker said, adding she will provide the full election calendar once more information is obtained from the Secretary of State’s office.

• Citizens Kyle Parks, Dan Doherty and Mike Wunderly spoke in support of commissioners for the commission’s work. Some commissioners have taken criticism in recent weeks with citizens citing inappropriate behavior and comments, as well as suggestions of eliminating the commissioners’ salaries.

• The commission voted unanimously to table discussion on a salary resolution until next week. A story will appear in a future edition.

# Classifieds

## AUCTIONS

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## 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](mailto:cityclerk@fscity.org) or on the City’s website at [www.fscity.org](http://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.**

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### MEMORY GARDENS OF BOURBON COUNTY

Memory Gardens of Bourbon County cemetery is accepting bids for mowing and weed-eating for 2026:

- The bidder must furnish all their own equipment for mowing and weed eating
- Proof of insurance will be required
- All bids must be received by March 25, 2026  
Mail bids to Memory Gardens of Bourbon County, c/o Glenda Lalman/Treasurer 2047 Native Road, Fort Scott, KS 66701
- Memory Gardens of Bourbon County reserves the right to accept or reject any bid

Publication Dates: March 7, 11 and 14, 2026

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