

Community News



During the Civil War Encampment at the Fort Scott National Historic Site, Jan Elder of Baldwin City presented “They Fought Like Demons,” a presentation about women who disguised themselves as soldiers to help fight during the Civil War.



Union soldiers relax at the Civil War Encampment which took place Saturday and Sunday at the Fort Scott National Historic Site.

Fort Scott Encampment

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At right: Charles Marsh of Fort Scott and Michelle Comp-ton of Chanute portray the camp surgeon and nurse during the Civil War Encampment at the Fort Scott National Historic Site.



Guided tours were held during the Civil War Encampment Saturday and Sunday at the Fort Scott National Historic Site.



Participants line up to begin dancing at the Civil War Camp Dance Saturday at Memorial Hall.

Zoning

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“They can accept them or revoke them,” Beerbower said. Earlier in the discussion, Beerbower read the proposed bylaws for the board, which will be called the Bourbon County Zoning Advisory Committee. The bylaws state the purpose of the committee is “to assist the Board of County Commissioners in developing a zoning resolution that defines the types of compatible land uses, maintains community character and creates future growth and development.”

The board’s purpose is also to make recommendations to the commission “in developing a resolution in accordance with Kansas statutes on zoning,” the bylaws state. Beerbower said according to the bylaws, the commissioner serving on the board will “provide the committee with direction and resources necessary to research and formulate recommendations necessary to achieve their purpose.” A chairperson selected by committee members will “carry out the order of business, assign tasks to members and ensure deadlines are met.” The chairperson will also make a final presentation of recommendations to the commission. The board will also select

a secretary to record minutes of meetings and prepare reports which will be submitted to the commission, the bylaws state. The committee will meet once a week for five weeks, with the first meeting set for 5 p.m. Thursday in the commission room. Future meeting dates will be set by the committee during their first meeting. The five-week period may be extended by the commission. Special meetings may be called when necessary. The meetings will be open to the public, but since it is an advisory board, there will not be a public forum and public participation will not be allowed, according to the bylaws. The order of business will be similar to county

commission meetings. A quorum will consist of the executive director or the chairperson and at least three additional members, bylaws state. The chairman of the board will present recommendations to the commission during the commission’s regular May 19 meeting. The advisory committee will be dissolved after the presentation, according to the bylaws. “After notice to the membership, members may amend or revoke the bylaws at any regular or special meeting,” bylaws state. Prior to the vote, Beerbower said he recommended the commission choose seven members as there was not representation from the five new commission dis-

tricts. “It seems like District 1 has been well represented,” he said. “That’s where everything happens,” Whisenhunt said. During commission comments, Whisenhunt thanked the individuals who submitted letters of interest. “It’s nice to see the citizens getting involved and taking an interest in what’s going on in the county,” he said. Whisenhunt said he hoped to have a date next week for a public hearing on the topic of zoning. He said commissioners will “take notes and listen to the crowd” during the hearing, which will be moderated by someone other than commissioners. Whisenhunt said he was

asked to discuss the difference between coding and zoning. “Coding is when we start getting involved in everybody’s business and everything they want to do,” he said. “I’m not in favor of that. I don’t want anybody to have to come to me and ask if they can build a doghouse. That’s a little bit overstepping in my opinion.” He said zoning means “no permits for agricultural and residential” and “only takes effect when you go from those two things to commercial industrial use.” He said there are no codes or building requirements with zoning.

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