

# Community News



Southwind Extension District

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## Make this summer count: turning free time into opportunity

Spring break has come and gone, and summer is fast approaching. For many young people in our community, the season brings a valuable opportunity: free time to earn extra spending money and gain real-world experience.

But a summer job can

be more than just a paycheck – it’s a stepping stone to future success. Whether you’re interested in healthcare, business, or another field, the right job can offer hands-on learning and insight into potential career paths. Thinking about a future in medicine?

Consider working at a local hospital or nursing home. Curious about business? A retail job provides a front-row seat to supply chains, customer service, and daily operations. Treat summer work as a learning experience, and you’ll walk away with skills that will serve

you for years to come.

Once you’ve found opportunities that match your interests, follow these steps to secure – and thrive in – a summer job:

1. Start early – Don’t wait until school ends to begin your job search. Many employers start hiring weeks in advance, and positions fill quickly. Apply as soon as possible, and don’t be afraid to visit businesses in person. A face-to-face introduction can make a lasting impression, even if the application process is online.

2. Dress the part – First impressions matter. While a full suit isn’t necessary for most summer jobs, a neat, professional appearance is

key. Choose clean, modest clothing and present yourself with confidence. Good manners and clear communication can set you apart from other applicants.

3. Show dedication – Once you land the job, prove to your employer that they made the right choice. Show up on time, take your responsibilities seriously, and put in your best effort every shift. Even the simplest tasks can teach valuable lessons in work ethic, teamwork, and time management.

A summer job isn’t just about earning money – it’s also a chance to build smart financial habits. Use your paycheck to practice budgeting, saving, and under-

standing tax withholdings. Set aside some earnings for future goals, whether that’s college, a car, or a rainy day fund. Developing good financial habits now will set you up for long-term success.

This summer, take advantage of the opportunity to gain experience, build skills, and strengthen your financial future. The choices you make today can shape your career and personal growth for years to come.

For more information or assistance, contact Community Vitality Agent Amanda Clasen at any Southwind District office or [amc-lasen@ksu.edu](mailto:amc-lasen@ksu.edu).

## President search

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“We had a good conversation,” Holt said. “I’m excited to work with Rich and the team. I think they’re going to be really helpful.”

Holt said one aspect of the process – which “will be different” – involves a “one-way interview,” rather than interviewing applicants through Zoom, which the board did through a process to hire a new president in 2023.

That year, trustees narrowed its search to three finalists and conducted special meetings on separate dates to interview finalists for the position.

“The last go-round, we narrowed it down to a group and did Zoom interviews, and from there we picked three to bring to Fort Scott,” he said. “Instead of Zoom, essentially, the applicant is doing it online. They get the question presented to them and have 30 seconds to review the question and think about their answer, then start recording. Instead of the panel and everybody

meeting with the applicant, everybody gets to see the answers. We’re not asking any follow up.”

Holt said he thinks a benefit of this process will be “not coordinating as many schedules.”

“It will provide some good perspective to this thing and be really beneficial,” he said.

Holt said trustees also provided their thoughts on some characteristics they would like to see in the next president. He said he anticipates the Greenbush team will give a report in about a month.

“Rich thought it lined up well with the rest of the institution,” he said about the characteristics. “I assume we’ll get a report or update that shows we’ve gone through our listening sessions, compiled everything and here’s what we’ve got.”

There was some discussion about a couple of panels that will be used for the final rounds of interviews when those candidates visit the campus. Holt said an employee panel and a community panel will provide input, but the board will make the decision on the

hiring process.

The process will take awhile to complete, Holt said, adding he expects not to hear from Proffitt for about 30 days “on this first round.” Holt said the board does not want to hasten the process.

“We talked about having three or four finalists to bring to campus, but that probably won’t be until June,” he said. “We’re expecting it to take a little bit.”

“The message last night is we want people to be patient. The process will take a little time,” he said. “We’d rather take our time and do a good job than make a hurried decision.”

Proffitt has said the process typically takes about eight to 12 weeks from the beginning to finding a candidate. He said the search process can be customized to fit the board’s needs.

In 2023, the board ultimately hired Dr. Jason Kegler to replace former president Alysia Johnston, who retired. In May, the board placed Kegler on administrative leave and in October, approved a separation agreement with Kegler.

## Gordon Parks Museum announces annual photography contest

### SUBMITTED TO THE TRIBUNE

The Gordon Parks Museum at Fort Scott Community College will feature a photo contest sponsored by Merl Humphrey Photography and Don Thompson Images.

The theme of the contest is “What Does Your Heart See?”. This event is inspired by a quote from Gordon Parks, “I feel it is the heart, not the eye, that should determine the content of the photograph. What the eye sees is its own. What the heart can perceive is a very different matter.”

The contest is open to any amateur photographer. Photographers are invited to capture the essence of the theme.

Non-professional pho-

tographers of any age and skill level are invited to take pictures for the project and may enter up to two photos in JPEG format with less than 2MB. There will be a first place (\$200), second place (\$75) and third place (\$50) prize and up to five honorable mentions. All of the photos submitted that are accepted will be on exhibit at The Gordon Parks Museum and in the Ellis Family Fine Arts Center Oct. 2-4 during the Gordon Parks Celebration. All accepted photos will also be posted on the Gordon Parks Museum website and Facebook page.

Judges for the photo contest will be professional photographer, Veretta Cobler and established creative production designer Donna Fumoso, based in

New York City.

Photographs must be submitted via e-mail to [gordonparksphotocontest@fortscott.edu](mailto:gordonparksphotocontest@fortscott.edu). All photos must be attached in JPEG format and limit file size to less than 2 MB. All entries will be confirmed to be accepted via email. Photographers should submit (in their email) a title, along with their name, address, email, phone number and share a one or two sentence on what inspired the photo. If under 14 years old, please include parent’s information. Photos should be received via email by Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025 at the latest.

For more information, email [gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu](mailto:gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu) or by phone call 620-223-2700, extension 5850.

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Pest Control Services

Bourbon County is requesting bids for the purpose of pest control at several locations located within Bourbon County. Below is a list of the locations that will need to be sprayed monthly. Bidders are required to provide proof of \$1,000,000 Contractors Liability Insurance. This will be a three-year contract.

Locations	
Bourbon County Courthouse	210 S National Ave.
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EMS	405 Woodland Hills Blvd.
Public Works	1427 215th Street

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled PEST CONTROL BIDS and returned to the County Clerk's office, 210 S National Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701 no later than 4:00 PM on Friday April 25, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened on April 28, 2025, at 5:35 PM at the Bourbon County Commission meeting in the commission chambers. Please provide contact information with the bid. The Bourbon County Commission has the right to reject all bids submitted.

Sincerely,  
Susan E. Walker, County Clerk  
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Publication Dates: April 12 and 19, 2025

Invitation to Bid  
Trash Services

Bourbon County is requesting bids for the purpose of trash services at several locations located within Bourbon County. Below is a list of the locations that will need weekly trash services. Bidders are required to provide proof of \$1,000,000 Contractors Liability Insurance. This will be a three-year contract.

Locations	
Bourbon County Courthouse	210 S National Ave.
EMS	405 Woodland Hills Blvd.
Elm Creek Lake	682 135th Street
Public Works	1427 215th Street

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled TRASH SERVICES BID and returned to the County Clerk's office, 210 S National Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701 no later than 4:00 PM on Friday April 25, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened on April 28, 2025, at 5:35 PM at the Bourbon County Commission meeting in the commission chambers. Please provide contact information with the bid. The Bourbon County Commission has the right to reject all bids submitted.

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THE CLARKSBURG CEMETERY annual business meeting will be held on April 21st at 6:00 p.m. Location will be at the Garland (Drywood) Community Center. All lot owners are welcome to attend. Any questions call 620-224-4729.



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