

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

QUESTIONS? Contact the Fort Scott Tribune at thelm@fstribune.com or (620) 223-2110

This week in Bourbon County

Saturday, Aug. 16

Heartland Showcase Boer Goat Sale, ABGA show one begins at 9 a.m., ABGA show two will follow, ABGA registered sale at 5:30 p.m., Bourbon County Fairgrounds.

Kiwanis four-person scramble golf tournament, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Woodland Hills Golf Course. Rescheduled from May 24.

Fort Scott Farmers Market, 8 a.m. until noon Gathering Square Pavilion, 111 N. National Ave.

Dolly the Trolley Tours, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce, 231 E. Wall St. Groups by appointment. 620-223-3566.

Fort Scott National Historic Site, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Park grounds open from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset. (620) 223-0310 or website at www.nps.gov/fosc.

Pickleball, 8 to 10 a.m., inclement weather location, Memorial Hall. Summer and good weather days, 910 Burke St., at the water tower courts. Anyone interested is welcome to come play.

Sunday, Aug. 17

Heartland Showcase Boer Goat Sale, showmanship at 9:30 a.m., commercial doe show to follow showmanship, JABGA/ABGA dual to follow commercial doe show, Bourbon County Fairgrounds.

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Monday, Aug. 18

First day of classes for fall semester, Fort Scott Community College.

First day of fall sports practices, Fort Scott High School.

Bourbon County Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., commission chambers, Bourbon County Courthouse, 210 S. National Ave.

Gordon Parks Museum hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fort Scott Community College campus. For information or to schedule a tour, contact by email at gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu or call 223-2700, extension 5850.

Birthline, by appointment only. (620) 215-6738.

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City Hall, 123 S. Main St. Open to the public and city's YouTube channel.

Farmers Market, 4 to 6 p.m., Gathering Square Pavilion.

Gordon Parks Museum hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fort Scott Community College campus. For information or to schedule a tour, contact by email at gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu or call 223-2700, extension 5850.

Taekwondo Classes, 6:30 to 7:20 p.m., ages 5 years and older, Buck Run Community Center, 735 Scott Ave., (620) 223-0386.

KansasWorks, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fort Scott Workforce Center, Healthy Bourbon County Action Team, 104 N. National Ave. Contact 620-231-4250.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Boileau/Burris Hall on the campus of FSCC.

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Tuesday, Aug. 19

Fort Scott City Commission meeting, 6 p.m.

HOW TO SUBMIT

CALENDAR ITEMS You can email your calendar submissions for your club, organization or group to Tammy Helm, editor, thelm@fstribune.com. If you don't see your calendar item listed call the Fort Scott Tribune office at 620-223-2110. Be sure to contact us at least a week in advance of your event and include a contact name and phone number.

Briefs

City street sweeping dates

City of Fort Scott crews have begun using the city's street sweeper to clean the downtown area from Third Street to Skubitz Plaza. The cleaning will happen twice a month, weather permitting, according to City Manager Brad Matkin. Matkin said cleaning will start at 5 a.m. and be completed by 6 a.m. City staff ask that all vehicles be removed from the street during these times. The area will be cleaned on the following dates: Aug. 18, Sept. 1, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29.

Fort Scott High School

Monday, Aug. 18 <p>First day of fall sports practices</p> Wednesday, Aug. 20 <p>Fall sports pictures; band, 8 a.m., soccer 3:30 p.m., volleyball, 4:15 p.m., golf, 5 p.m., dance, 6 p.m., cheer, 6:30 p.m.</p>	Thursday, Aug. 21 <p>Fall sports pictures; cross country, 3:30 p.m., tennis, 4 p.m., football, 6 p.m.</p> Friday, Aug. 22 <p>FSCC volleyball – high school auxiliary gym, noon Open mic night sponsored by FSHS Thespians,</p>	6:30 to 8 p.m. at Common Ground
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Wednesday, Aug. 20

The Golden Aces Senior Group, 10 a.m., Fort Scott Public Library.	Gordon Parks Museum hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, Fort Scott Community College campus. Hours may vary. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact by email at gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu or call 223-2700, extension 5850.	Gordon Parks Museum hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Closed Friday. Fort Scott Community College campus. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact by email at gordonparkscenter@fortscott.edu or call 223-2700, extension 5850.
Wednesday Writers, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Fort Scott Public Library, 201 S. National, Fort Scott.	Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce Coffee, 8 a.m., hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, 2824 S. Horton St.	Fort Scott National Historic Site, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Park grounds open from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset. (620) 223-0310 or website at www.nps.gov/fosc .
Pioneer Kiwanis meeting, noon, First United Methodist Church, 3rd and National Avenue.	Pickleball, 6 to 8 p.m., inclement weather location, Memorial Hall. Summer and good weather days, 910 Burke St., at the water tower courts. Anyone interested is welcome to come play.	Aging Forward, 1 to 4 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, 301 S. National Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 21

FSCC Community Connection Expo, 8 a.m. to noon, Bailey Hall on the college's main campus, 2108 S. Horton St.	Fort Scott Public Library book sale, 9 a.m. to 5:50 p.m., 201 S. National Ave.
BINGO, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, 1 E. 3rd St., hosted by the American Legion.	

Friday, Aug. 22



Veterans are pictured during a Parsons Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. Work is underway to create an Honor Flight hub in Fort Scott in partnership with the Parsons organization

Honor Flight arriving in Fort Scott in 2026

BY MARTI WELLS-SMITH
Special to the Tribune

Plans are underway to honor 24 local and area veterans in June 2026 with a trip to our nation's capital. Fort Scott High School is partnering with the Parsons Honor Flight to become a local hub, which will be known as The Fort Scott Flight of Honor. The journey will include 24 students, who will serve each veteran as an assistant in any needed way. There will also be three adult chaperones as well as two nurses and a doctor on

board. "I tried to organize the flight over a year ago, but was told we couldn't have our own hub because we're too close to Parsons, which already has an established Honor Flight," said Amy Harper, a FSHS teacher who has been instrumental in the arrangements. "After a change in board members for the Parsons organization, I'm happy to say that we were able to create an extension of the Parsons, Kansas, Senior High School Honor Flight Hub." The chaperones for Fort Scott's first trip will be Amy Harper, Josh Messer and Lisa Chaplin, with

other personnel still being finalized. Fort Scott juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply at this time to become student guardians. Matthew Leistikow of St. Paul served as a student guardian in 2023 for the late Ted Rohde, a veteran who was in the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1953. Leistikow said he has wonderful memories from the trip. "It was the greatest experience I've ever had," Leistikow said. "Mr. Rohde and I became very close, and he filled a place in my heart that was missing due to my grandfather's passing. He shared his life and wisdom with me, and gave me a

special dog tag necklace to commemorate our flight that I still wear. "He was a wonderful mentor and we especially enjoyed the Korean and Air Force Memorials. We flew out from Parsons for our three-day trip and it was my third Honor Flight as a student guardian." The Honor Flight Network is a national nonprofit organization headquartered in Arlington, Va., comprised of independent hubs that work together to achieve the mission of celebrating all veterans by providing each of them a one time, all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC to view

the nation's memorials. It's a unique way to give veterans this once in a lifetime opportunity to share the experience with other comrades, as they remember the fallen and share their experiences and stories with other veterans. The organization has expanded its mission from World War II veterans to also include those who served during the Korean and Vietnam wars, as well as those who are critically ill from any service era. All expenses are provided through donations and local fund-raising efforts that are critical to raise the \$60,000 needed to provide the jour-

ney. Over 300,000 veterans have been provided this opportunity during the 20 years the organization has been in operation. "We invite any veteran, both local and beyond, to apply for our first week-end of June 2026 Honor Flight. Generally speaking, older vets are given precedence, but we're open to all interested vets who reach out," Harper said. "We also need fund-raising ideas and sponsors willing to help us achieve our necessary financial goal." Harper can be reached at 417-661-1450 for more information.

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