

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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What's happening in Bourbon County

Saturday, Feb. 21

• **BBCO Theatre** presents 3rd Annual Adult Prom Fundraiser. Sat., Feb. 21st from 8 p.m.-Midnight held at Sharky's 3rd floor. visit bct.ludus.com for ticket information.

Monday, Feb. 23

• **GriefShare**, meets Mondays from 5-7 p.m. at Mary Queen of Angels, Room 204, 705 S. Holbrook St.

• **Bourbon County Commission**, meets weekly on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the Bourbon County Courthouse, 210 S National Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

• **Kiwanis Weekly Meeting**, meets every Tuesday from noon-1 p.m. in room H-139 of the Kathy Ellis Academic Building at FSCC.

• **KansasWorks**, meets every Tuesday from 9am-4 p.m. at Healthy Bourbon County Action Team Office, 104 N National

Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

• **Wednesday Writers**, meet every Wednesday from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Fort Scott Public Library. All welcome with an interest in writing.

Thursday, Feb. 26

• **Chamber Coffee**, hosted by FSCC Rodeo & Ag Dept will be held Thurs. Feb. 26 from 8-9 a.m. in the FSCC Rodeo building (south of Arnold Arena)

• **Pioneer Kiwanis Weekly Meeting**, meets every Thursday from 12-1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall, Fort Scott.

Friday, Feb. 27

• **Lent Prayer Stations and Labyrinth** Free prayer stations and labyrinth will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 5 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday. The First Presbyterian Church

Zimmerman Hall at the church, 308 S. Crawford St.

• **Friendship Soup Lunch** in Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27. Chili, soups and pies will be served. This is a free-will donation luncheon sponsored by the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) Mission Committee. The ASP is a mission trip dedicated to making homes warmer, safer, and dryer in Appalachia. The trip will take place in June.

Saturday, Feb. 28

• **Capitol Update over Coffee** hosted by the Chaber from 9-10 a.m. Sat., Feb 28 at the Kansas Renewal Institute, McAuley Center, 401 Woodland Hills Blvd.

• **Care to Share Spring Fling** at the River Room Event center Sat., Feb 8 at 6:30 p.m.

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• **City Commission**, meeting held at City Hall, Tuesday March 3rd from 6-7 p.m.

Wed, March 4

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Briefs

Screening clinic for 2026-27 kindergarten students

A screening clinic for 2026-27 kindergarten students has been scheduled for Monday, March 23 at West Bourbon Elementary. To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age on or before Aug. 31, 2026.

Students who will be new to WBE will sign up for a 30-minute slot to be assessed on March 23. Please bring in the child's birth certificate and immunization record. The agenda for the child will include kindergarten skills assessment, vision, hearing, speech, and checking health records.

Kindergarten children are required to have a physical exam within 12 months of beginning school and have all current immunizations. The Girard Medical Center is available for immunizations and physicals; to contact them for a coinciding appointment, call 620-756-4111.

Due to the screenings, there will be no kindergarten class on March 23.

For the best testing environment for your child, we ask that you not bring brothers or sisters.

To set up a time for screening and assessment, call the school at 620-224-2350, option 1, or visit <https://tinyurl.com/2026WBEK-Roundup>.

FSCC Board reviews CDL Program, approves construction grant project, advances athletics growth

Submitted to
The Tribune

The Fort Scott Community College Board of Trustees met Feb. 16 to review program updates, approve key initiatives, and outline next steps for institutional growth and workforce development.

Board members received a comprehensive update on the college's Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program, which has been reestablished in Bourbon County. The six-week program operates under the federally required Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) model and reports strong enrollment momentum, with new cohorts cycling approximately every six weeks.

The program highlighted high job placement outcomes and growing industry demand, citing a significant nationwide truck driver shortage. Trustees discussed pursuing state recertification that would allow the college to administer final CDL exams in-house, creating additional revenue opportunities and streamlining student completion.

Construction grant
The board formally accepted a warranty deed tied to a \$528,000 Frame grant that will fund the construction of duplex housing units. The project will support the college's construction trades program, providing hands-on learning opportunities for students in all phases of the build, from foundation to finishing work.

Plans call for constructing four total living units, with two completed per year. The strategy

includes building one duplex immediately and partially enclosing a second structure to allow for an expedited build this fall. An RFP for a general contractor was approved to move the project forward.

Athletic programs
The board was introduced to several new coaches across multiple sports programs, including soccer, softball, and track and field. Officials reported roster growth and projected that new and expanding athletic programs could bring an additional 120 to 130 students to campus. The softball team has already opened its season with a 2-0 record, and the newly established track and field program is rapidly building participation numbers.

Other business
During the meeting, trustees approved scholarship proposals as recommended by the scholarship committee, authorized the presentation of an honorary associate degree to Jack Gilmore, accepted the warranty deed for the Frame grant site and approved the contractor RFP for the project.

The meeting also included the Pledge of Allegiance, prayer, and roll call, with Trustees Ronda Bailey, Destry Brown, Chad Cosens, Marilyn Hoyt, Chad McKinnis, and Doug Ropp recorded as present.

The February meeting reflected continued momentum for FSCC in workforce training, athletics expansion, and infrastructure development as the college advances strategic growth initiatives across its campuses.

Items from the past

25 Years Ago
2001
Feb. 21

Fort Scott City commissioners are having second, third and fourth thoughts about going ahead with the already-approved \$3.1 million water tower project.

With only three commissioners present at Tuesday's city commission meeting – John Keating, Joy O'Neal and Bill Brittain – the meeting was adjourned unite a time during the week of Feb. 26th when Commissioners Dick Hedges and Mayor Ken Lunt could be present to review the need for the

project and, in all likelihood, make a final decision on the tower and water line project.

50 Years Ago
1976
Feb. 21

Front page Tribune photo by Myk Holland

Boy and his dog
It's always nice to relax awhile with one's dog. A dog will not argue with you, but instead will show his understanding of your plight with those big brown eyes. Dennis West, 1914 Wall, finds it easy to relate with Sweet Thing and one can be certain Sweet Thing feels the same way.

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Dr. Buck specializes in sciatica and headaches. He is in the Ward Kraft office Tuesdays and Fridays. His Iola office is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Call 620-365-7711 for an appointment. Please check out Midwest Chiropractic on Facebook.

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Friendship Soup Lunch

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Audubon meeting

Megan Corrigan will talk about the connection between dinosaurs and birds at the next Sperry-Galligar Audubon meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026, in Room 102, Yates Hall, 1702 S. Joplin St., Pittsburg, Kan. If you are old enough to remember when birds were not dinosaurs you might be wondering what changed. This program will trace key discoveries that have helped advance the understanding of bird evolution and convince many scientists that birds didn't evolve from dinosaurs, they actually are living dinosaurs flying among us today. Free and open to the public.

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