

Public Hearings For Scottsville Planning Commission

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Public hearings were held by the City Planning Commission on Monday, June 16 in the City-County building.

Public Hearing 2025-10 Amended Detailed Development Plan Sumitomo Expansion at 2687 Old Gallatin Road.

Sumitomo Electrical Wiring Systems was approved for an 8,638 expansion to their existing facility. The expansion is primarily over an existing parking area on the north side of the primary building.

Public Hearing 2025-11 Preliminary Plat for Buck Creek Landing in 1200 and 1300 block of Old Buck Creek Road.

Paul Thompson’s 11-lot Preliminary Subdivision Plat was given approval by the Planning Commission. Prior to recording a Final plat Mr. Thompson must work through Allen County Water District concerns and needs, as well as extend the pavement of Old Buck Creek Road to the required 20-foot pavement width along the subdivision’s frontage.

xPublic Hearing 2025-12 Scottsville Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Due to revisions in KRS 100.348, several changes were made to allow Qualified Manufactured Homes in all residential districts.

Qualified Manufactured Homes are over 900 square feet and have a manufacture date within five years of the initial install on the property in addition to other requirements as stated in KRS.

The Historic Preservation Commission and the Heart of Scottsville worked together when the Historic Preservation Commission was reinstated to limit uses in the historic downtown. The language and boundaries of the area were added as an overlay district to the Zoning Ordinance.

This means that the properties carry their primary designation and have additional restrictions and/or limitations on uses due to the location’s historic character and its importance within the community.

In 2001, the Scottsville City Council approved an Adult Business Ordinance detailing how close such businesses could be to Churches, schools, playgrounds and residentially zoned properties. However, sexually explicit entertainment activities or sexually explicit entertainment were never given a designated Zoning Classification(s) in which such businesses are permitted within the Zoning Ordinance.

The amendment permitted sexually explicit entertainment activity and/or sexually explicit entertainment uses in the I-1 (Light Industrial) or I-2 (Heavy Industrial) to maintain the character of the community in our primary commercial districts. These amendments were recommended for approval to the Scottsville City Council by the Planning Commission.

The Subdivision Regulation Amendments were approved by the Planning Commission in the May meeting and the staff was directed to have a grace period for plats in progress.

The staff sought to clarify that timeline and the commissioners approved the transition for plats in progress prior to July 1, 2025 to continue under the previous version of the Subdivision Regulations. Any plat in progress that remains unrecorded or approved on September 1, 2025 will be subject to the Subdivision Regulations as approved on May 19, 2025.

Additionally, the Commission approved the FY 2026 Budget.

Scottsville Conseratory 2025 Student Showcase Coming

The Allen County-Scottsville Arts Council proudly presents the

Scottsville Conservatory 2025 Student Showcase coming up Saturday, July 19 at 7 p.m. at the historic Lyric Theatre, 118 East Main Street.

Johnny Thompson’s Don’t miss it.

Rotary Club



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On Friday, June 27, Chief Darren Tabor of the Scottsville Police Department spoke at the Rotary Meeting and informed those gathered of some of the work they’ve been doing. He also stated that changes in law enforcement are coming to the region that Scottsville is looking to become part of as it will help with costs and finances, giving them a better ability to keep our community safe.

FHU Announces President’s Lists for Spring 2025

Freed-Hardeman University has released the names of students who made the President’s and Dean’s Lists for the Spring 2025 semester. To be on the President’s List, a student must be full-time and have a 4.0 grade point average. Students on the Dean’s List have earned a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester.

The following students from your coverage area are among the honorees:

Emma Robison, a senior from Scottsville, is on the President’s list. Robison is studying

English
Shea Robison, a senior from Scottsville, is on the President’s list. Robison is studying Communication Sciences and Disorders
The mission of Freed-Hardeman University is to help students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship and service. With locations in Henderson and Memphis, FHU offers associate, bachelor’s, master’s, specialist’s and doctoral degrees. More information is available at fhu.edu.

FHU Announces Spring 2025 Graduates

Approximately 334 students took part in the ceremony which was held Saturday, May 17, 2025. The total includes 11 associates, 253 baccalaureate degree recipients and 59 who completed graduate degrees. The total also includes 11 licensures, certificates and specialists.

The following students are among local graduates:

Shea Robison, of Scottsville, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science.

Emma Robison, of Scottsville, graduated Alpha Chi Honors College Scholar Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts.

During the ceremony, FHU President David R. Shannon addressed an auditorium full of smiling graduates and guests, reminding them of the significance of the moment. “Commencement is a time to stand on a bridge where we have the wonderful opportunity to

reflect back on what you have enjoyed over the past few years and what you have achieved,” he said. “But it is also a time to point forward, hopefully with optimism and excitement.”

FHU Board of Trustees member Jay Dryden delivered the keynote address to the graduates. Dryden is a university alumnus, philanthropist and co-founder of Vector Wealth Strategies in Huntsville, Alabama. As a Certified Financial Planner, Dryden partially credits his entrepreneurial spirit to his great-grandfather David Thomas Dryden, namesake of the newly renovated campus auditorium.

He encouraged graduates to see every chosen life path as a chance to spread their faith. “One thing I believe that God has really been teaching me is that my work, your work, the career that you’re about to launch out into-that is your greatest ministry opportunity.”

Independence Day Reflections: Humor, Valor, and Faith

By **Al Earley**,
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Independence Day is a time for celebration, reflection and a bit of humor. Here are some amusing anecdotes from veterans and civilians alike that capture the lighter side of military life.

Marian Babula, Penn Run, Penn., recalls interviewing his father, a World War II veteran who served in the Philippines. After basic questions, the teenager cautiously asked, “Did you ever kill anyone?” His father grew quiet, then softly replied, “Probably. I was the cook.”

Comedian Dick Gregory shared a memory of losing his rifle, for which the Army charged him \$85. He quipped, “That’s why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship.”

SMSgt. Dan Powell, on rallypoint.com, described when his unit was inspecting grenades. He found a spare grenade pin, held it up, and asked, “Has anyone seen my grenade?”

Joanne Korman from Bedford, Nova Scotia, recounted a soldier’s MRI at her clinic. A young technician placed him in the machine. She finished her shift and an older woman helped him out an hour later. Confused, he asked, “How long was I in there for?”

Independence Day sermons are among my favorites to write, offering a chance to explore the remarkable faith of our Founding Fathers. Contrary to the belief that Ben Franklin was an atheist or agnostic, he played a pivotal role in embedding prayer into our nation’s governance. During the Constitutional Convention of 1787, when delegates were divided and the nation’s future hung in the balance, Franklin quoted Psalm 127:1, “Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.”

His speech urged delegates to seek divine guidance, reminding them of God’s providence in securing victory against the world’s greatest army and navy. This led to the tradition of opening congressional sessions with prayer.

I found this list of quotes from the “Last Will and Testament” of numerous Founding Fathers. These quotes vividly expressed their faith in God. I hope that in sharing them it will inspire your Independence Day celebrations.

I start with Samuel Adams, Father of the American Revolution and signer of the Declaration of Independence who wrote, “I... recommend my Soul to that Almighty Being who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust, relying upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.”

John Dickinson, signer of the Constitution, wrote, “Rendering thanks to my Creator for my existence and station among His works, for my birth in a country enlightened by the Gospel and enjoying freedom, and for all His other kindnesses, to Him I resign myself, humbly confiding in His goodness and in His mercy through Jesus Christ for the events of eternity.”

John Hancock, signer of the Declaration of Independence, “Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it: and my body I recommend to the earth . . . nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mercy and power of God.”

Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia and Patriot, wrote, “This is all the inheritance I can give to my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed.”

John Jay, first Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, wrote, “Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved son... Blessed be His holy name!”

Henry Knox, Revolutionary War General and Secretary of War, wrote, “First, I think it proper to express my unshaken opinion of the immortality of my soul or mind; and to dedicate and devote the same to the supreme head of the Universe . . . To this awfully sublime Being do I resign my spirit with unlimited confidence of His mercy and protection.”

Do you have a favorite quote from the men and women who helped this nation get started? I invite you to share it, and why it is meaningful to you, at your Independence Day celebration. Also, I offer this Call to Legacy. These quotes not only honor the faith of our Founding Fathers but also inspire us to reflect on our own beliefs.

As you celebrate Independence Day, consider including a statement of faith in your Will, encouraging future generations to trust in God’s providence. Let us honor the sacrifices of those who built this nation by remembering the divine guidance they sought and received. (To learn more about Al Earley or read previous articles, see www.lagrangepres.org. You can purchase my book, My Faith Journal, at Amazon.com, a compilation of 366 articles as a daily devotional).