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Franklin Sousley Veteran's Day weekend held in Flemingsburg

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The Franklin Sousley Veterans Weekend was held this past Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7th and 8th, 2026.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, the day began with a free breakfast and tours of Simons Middle School, where Franklin Sousley graduated in 1943. The Veteran's Day parade began at the school and 10:00am, and proceeded through downtown Flemingsburg, followed by a prayer ceremony at the mural located at Franklin Sousley Memorial Park.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026, was the 2nd show of the Years of Farming Bluegrass Show, with free admission to veterans, held at Double S Entertainment, with headliner, The Kody Norris Show, a patriotic Bluegrass and traditional music group.

Following the event, the Franklin Sousley Foundation Facebook page posted, "We had a great first day of Franklin Sousley Veterans Weekend! Our breakfast for vets went terrific and so did the Franklin Sousley Veteran's Day Parade, followed by a moving prayer ceremony at the park."

It was definitely a great weekend... and an honorable tribute and thank you to all veterans.



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City Council hears story of Hayden the Miracle Pig during Nov. meeting

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Members of the Flemingsburg City Council, including Mayor Van Alexander, met on Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, at 6:00pm, at the City Annex building, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, which was broadcast live on the FCA-TV Facebook page.

Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance; a prayer; roll call with all council members present; and approval of the minutes from last month's regularly scheduled meeting held on Oct. 12, 2026.

The mayor then introduced guest Roy Roberts, along with his wife, who told the story regarding the medical issues of Hayden the Miracle Pig and Bryan Smith.

Hayden is a very small potbelly pig born with a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH)—a rare birth defect that left a hole in his diaphragm. Because of this condition, some of his abdominal organs have moved into his chest cavity, leaving less room for his lungs and making it difficult for him to breathe.

Regarding Bryan Smith, following spinal surgery, he was suddenly paralyzed from the waist down. Doctors weren't sure if he would ever walk again. Through months of pain, rehabilitation, countless prayers, and the grace of God, he refused to give up, and today, by God's mercy, he is walking again.

God has brought Hayden and Bryan together. One is a tiny pig fighting for every breath. The other is a man who fought to take every step again. Together, they have become an uncommon duo with one mission: To inspire the world with hope.

Hayden is making his way from town to town, passing proclamations and/or recognitions by the mayors and city council members. Once Hayden reaches 100 in total, Mr. Roberts will present these to the White House and ask for them to declare that Hayden is indeed the only known living pig in the United States of America with a liver in his chest.

The council unanimously approved to give their recognition and support on Hayden and Bryan's mission.

Under Old Business, the council approved the 2nd reading of an amendment to the nuisance ordinance; and approved the 2nd reading of an amendment to the animal ordinance, as well.

Under New Business, the council approved the 1st reading of an amendment to the City Official's Training Program.

The council then heard the Department Reports, which include Administration; Codes; FCA-TV; Police; Streets; Water & Gas; and Wastewater.

The council then heard the Committee Reports, which include Buildings and Grounds; Employee and Public Safety; Finance; and Parks and Recreation.

Following the Council Member's and the Mayor's comments, the meeting was subsequently adjourned.

Fleming County Grand Jury returns eight felony indictments

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On Friday, Nov. 6, 2026, the Fleming County Grand Jury returned eight felony indictments.

A grand jury indictment is a formal statement of charges against an individual before a case is turned over to a prosecutor in circuit court. It is not a conviction. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty in court.

-Dekeitha Lewis, 33, was indicted on one count of Strangulation, 2nd Degree. Bond amount was set at $10,000.00, unsecured. Kentucky State Police – Post 8 Trooper G. Smith appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Charles Gilbert, 58, was indicted on one count of Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree. District Court bond continued. Fleming County Sheriff Tim Smith appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Nathan Dean Jackson, 40, was indicted on one count of Assault, 4th Degree, Dating Violence (No Visible Injury), and one count of Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree. $20,000.00 unsecured bond continued. Fleming County Deputy Sheriff James Welch appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Joseph Allen Ferguson, 42, was indicted on one count of Abuse of a Corpse, one count of Fetal Homicide, 2nd Degree, and one count of Tampering with Physical Evidence. Bond amount was set at $500,000.00. Kentucky State Police Detective Nathan Shortridge appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Ryan Jackson, 35, was indicted on one count of Flagrant Non-Support. Bond amount was set at $1,000.00 cash. Fleming County Child Support Specialist Crystal Foster appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Delores Rigdon, 50, was indicted on one count of Flagrant Non-Support. Bond amount was set at $1,000.00 cash. Fleming County Child Support Specialist Crystal Foster appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Stella Matthews, 43, was indicted on one count of Flagrant Non-Support. Bond amount was set at $1,000.00 cash. Fleming County Child Support Specialist Crystal Foster appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

-Angela Smith, 51, was indicted on one count of Forgery, 2nd Degree, and one count of Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition - All Others ($1,000.00 but less than $10,000.00). Bond amount was set at $5,000.00 cash. Fleming County Deputy Sheriff Rob Conn appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness for the Commonwealth.

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