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# OPINION

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## Dave Says

Dear Dave,  
My wife and I are going through a divorce, and she just had our first child. Under the circumstances, I feel it's my responsibility to take care of her for a while longer, and to put her and our son in a safe, new vehicle. She's driving a 2002 Chevy Prizm right now with lots of miles on it. I'm afraid any kind of accident could result in a disaster. Do you think I should buy her a bigger, safer new car?

Ewan

Dear Ewan,  
God bless you both. And that little boy. I'm truly sorry you're going through a mess like this, and I appreciate your attitude and concern about things. Divorce carries a lot of emotional stress and worry for everyone involved, but honestly? I don't think buying her a new car will solve anything.

My guess is the truth of the matter is this: The whole situation is breaking your heart, and you're worried sick about your son. This is 100 percent natural, buddy, and it means you love that little baby with all your heart. But if it were me, I'd find a little bit larger used car—a good, reliable one—that either one of you, or both of you combined, can pay for with cash. No payments, no leases.

But Ewan, here's the important thing. Spend every second you can get hugging and loving on that little boy. And let his mom know you want to be part of his life as much as possible. He's going to need his daddy around.

— Dave

Dear Dave,  
On your show, you're always talking about accumulating piles of cash. I've gone to church my entire life, and I know for a fact the Bible says not to lay up treasures on earth. Doesn't that mean we shouldn't be greedy or accumulate wealth?

Lawrence

Dear Lawrence,  
The Bible also says in Proverbs that in the house of the wise there are stores of choice food and oil. I appreciate your concern, but when I talk about "piles of cash," my frame of reference is that we're to handle our money and other possessions for good and for God. It's not about greed, or to show off or to use it just to buy bigger and better things for ourselves.

If you look back through scripture, you'll find many of the Bible's major characters were wealthy people, who understood they were not the owners of the money and wealth. They understood God owned it all, and their job was to manage it all properly for God's glory.

But here's the thing. You can't do good if you don't have the resources to do good.

— Dave

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It was a real blessing this week to be able to honor Ken Goforth for his dedication to the people of Scottsville and Allen County. The city presented him with a Key to the City, and the county presented him with a plaque of recognition. It would be impossible to exaggerate the time and depth of his service to so many, especially to the members of Scottsville Baptist Church, but also to the community at large. He has been a persistent force for good, doing his work, both front and center and behind the scenes, in multiple roles—for church, city, community and schools. For decades, while he was physically able,

Mr. Goforth was "everywhere all the time" doing what needed to be done for organizations to function and for events to happen. We wish him and Pam the best for the next chapter in their lives. We wanted them to leave here knowing that their legacy lives on in all the lives they touched and that they will be greatly missed.

The City Council approved the second reading of Ordinance No. 889-25, amending Chapter 92.03 (D) of the Scottsville Code of Ordinance relating to the creation of managed natural landscapes. It clarified what can and cannot be included to support wildlife in residential environments. The goal is to support new and existing wildlife habitats that benefit bees and Monarch butterflies, for example.

In this week's City Barn report, the crew picked up 42 loads of junk and bulk trash during our spring drive.



They also got six loads of brush. That service is on-going. Call the mayor's office to schedule pick-up. In addition, crews replaced 175 feet of sewer pipe on N. Sixth Street, replaced 74 feet of 15-inch tile in the back parking lot of the City-County building, repaired lights on the side and back of the City-County building, finished grate work on W. Maple; repaired a fire hydrant at N. Third and E. Walnut, performed clean-up work in the Old City Cemetery on W. Maple, changed out orifices on 17 gas regulators, installed new monitors at the 911 Call Center and stockpiled gravel. The gas team attended gas certification class with the city gas consultant.

In the City Transit report, we have had over 800 riders for March, with nearly 2,700 so far this calendar year. Country Place Apartments was selected as the April stop of the month. Remember Scottsville Transit if you need a ride. It helps many residents get to work, appointments, stores and public service locations around town, and the fare is still free.

The 12th Annual OnPoint K9

seminar, competition and certification event took place this week. Several states were represented, with dozens of officers and their dogs gathered to train for better public service. Police and military dogs are frontline locators for drugs and people. At this seminar, they test the skill of the dog and the handler's competency in a series of competitions. Jason Hanley, OnPoint owner, said the week is a great benefit to attendees in improving their personal skills, but it also builds a great sense of camaraderie among the officers.

The first First Friday of the year is April 4. The theme of the evening is, "We Stand for Kids." Judge Harper and I will be reading a proclamation recognizing "Child Abuse Prevention Month." Supporters of the cause are invited to meet at Scottsville Baptist Church at 5:15 and walk to the square for the reading of the proclamation. First Friday activities run from 5-8 p.m.

Please contact the mayor's office with any line-of-sight issues or missing/damaged signage.

I welcome your comments at david.burch@cityofscottsville.org. If you have not visited the website lately, please do so. It has new features and links to help with navigating the community. Remember Facebook live for City Council meetings. Keep up with Scottsville 24/7 on the free Advisory App and EarthCam.

## Lawmakers Override Governor's Vetoes To Conclude the 2025 Regular Session

The Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky gives the General Assembly the authority to create new laws. In a nod towards checks and balances, it grants the governor the power to veto or reject legislation he or she finds deficient or opposes. However, the legislative branch has the power to override the governor's veto with a constitutional majority, thereby sending the legislation to the secretary of state for his or her recording into law.

During the veto break, the Governor issued 29 vetoes. These include entire bills and resolutions, as well as line items of appropriations legislation. These measures were important pieces that will strengthen Kentucky, including legislation providing more oversight of state government and creating policies to improve how we address early education.

The checks and balances between our

branches of government established in our constitution are essential to our system of government. The veto allows the General Assembly to reconsider legislation one final time to ensure we are creating a law that will benefit the people of Kentucky. It also allows the General Assembly to reaffirm our support for key government reforms and legislative measures that the governor disagrees with. The General Assembly must make laws that strengthen our economy, improve our education system, and modernize our government to protect Kentuckians from government overreach and inefficient and ineffective government policies.

Here are a few summaries of key pieces of legislation that had the Governor's veto overridden during the final days of the 2025 Regular Session:

**Addressing Improper Sales Tax Collection** - HB 2 provides Kentuckians improperly charged sales and use taxes on bullion transactions, such as gold and silver, an avenue to seek refunds and additional compensation for the illegal and undue burden.

**Ending Discrimination in Public Colleges and Universities** - HB 4 prohibits wasteful and discriminatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) practices on the campuses of Kentucky's public universities.

**Limiting Government Overreach by Unelected Bureaucrats** - HB 6 establishes limitations on the authority of unelected bureaucrats to promulgate administrative regulations.

**Enhancing Accountability in Criminal Justice Institutions** - HB 136 requires the annual report

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