

# Four Seniors Receive Prestigious Awards



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**Brenna Eaton received the Service to School and Community Award during Class Night activities last Saturday. The award, voted on by the faculty, is based on the belief that service to mankind is the very best work of life. AC-SH Principal Shane Humphrey presented the award.**

By **Don Meador**  
Sports Writer

Four Allen County-Scottsville High School seniors received prestigious awards during Class Night ceremonies on Saturday, April 26.

Houston Porter was selected for the Outstanding Senior Award. Emma Brown was presented with the Citizenship Award. Brenna Eaton and Dominic Vander Stroom received the Service to School and Community Award.

The Outstanding Senior Award is given to the senior who “has excelled academically, is socially



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**Dominic Vander Stroom received the Service to School and Community Award during Class Night activities last Saturday. The award is based on the belief that service to mankind is the very best work of life. AC-SH Principal Shane Humphrey presented the award.**

accepted, shows leadership skills, is a good citizen, and is involved in school activities.” The AC-SH faculty selected Porter for the honor.

The Citizenship Award is presented to a senior who “must exhibit qualities of a good citizen—respect, honesty, integrity, and, concern for others.

The student may be a leader or a follower, but must always be willing to accept their share of responsibility in any club or activity. The faculty, based on her outstanding citizenship qualities, selected Brown.



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**Houston Porter was presented with the Outstanding Senior award at Class Night on April 26. The award is given to the senior who “has excelled academically, is socially accepted, shows leadership skills, is a good citizen, and is involved in school activities.” The AC-SH faculty selected Porter for the honor. AC-SH Principal Shane Humphrey made the presentation.**

The Service to School and Community Award is based on the belief that “service to mankind is the very best work of life.” To be considered, a senior must be involved in both activities at school



▲ PHOTO | DON MEADOR  
**Emma Brown received the Citizenship Award at Class Night. The award is presented to a senior who exhibits qualities of a good citizen—respect, honesty, integrity, and, concern for others. Brown was selected by the faculty based on her outstanding citizenship qualities. High school Principal Shane Humphrey made the presentation.**

and participate in community activities that are not associated with the school. This year, a tie in voting by the faculty led to Eaton and Vander Stroom both receiving the award.

## FEMA Team Surveys County Storm Damages

By **H.D. Overholt**  
Staff Reporter

Allen County Fiscal Court held the regular meeting at the Cedar Springs Volunteer Fire Department no. 1, 51 Cedar Springs Road, Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6 p.m. with Judge-Executive Dennis Harper presiding and all magistrates present.

After a delicious meal of roast beef, chicken and dressing, corn, beans, potatoes and desert prepared by Reba Cooksey, magistrates approved April 8, 2025 minutes with no changes or additions.

A Public Hearing regarding propose use of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) funds was held with no one submitting a verbal or written comment. The hearing was closed.

Magistrates approved the bills list including \$529 for four employees obtaining Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) licenses. A transfer of funds from the general account to the jail account in the amount of \$56,000 and transfer station of \$9,000 was approved. Judge-Executive Harper related a proposed 2025-2026 budget was given with a budget workshop on May 1, 2025 for finalizing the budget. The workshop is open to the public as magistrates review items for consideration in the Fiscal Court Room, 201 West Main Street, beginning at 5:30 p. m.

Jailer Tim Meador presented the current census of the center with 32 state and 45 county inmates. A decrease in state inmate housing is noted in the region with court appointed programs for rehabilitation increasing for offenses. Recent arrests stem from 30 probation violations of felony offense and 38 failure to appear in District and Circuits Courts. With 114 weeks of litter abatement in community service, the collection includes 934 bags amounting to 23,080 pounds and 51 tires along with 11 dump site cleanup.

Sheriff Brandon Ford related the 2025 property tax collection season has closed within his office. Ninety-nine percent collection came in and the balance has been turned over to the Allen County Court Clerk for processing and collection.

The Road Department has an ongoing evaluation of spring flood damage from recent rains for submission to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement if approved. Gary Petty, Civil Defense Director, related he met with a FEMA team to view and evaluate damage areas within Allen County. The \$97,000 threshold for a presidential proclamation consideration has to be obtained within the county and the team seemed to have reached the threshold costs. FEMA is expecting an April declaration will be forthcoming. If approved, Allen County would be responsible for 13 percent of damage costs. Judge-Executive Harper reported the new tractor and mowers have arrived but the brush axe is in the shop for repairs. Bids for chip and seal as well as asphalt have started with advertisements in local media.

Magistrates approved Judge-Executive Harper to sign agreement and resolution with LGEA County Road Aid funding for \$1,409,000.

Judge-Executive Harper related a local ordinance concerning Senate Bill 63 passed in Kentucky General Assembly 2025 legislative session will be delayed until the state publishes regulations overseeing the new law that allows special purpose vehicles to be operated on a highway. Sponsored by Sen. Brandon Storm (R-Laurel), the law takes effect June 27, 2025.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s SB 63 regulation is not due until June 27, this legislation’s effective date. The Transportation Cabinet regulation could invalidate all or some of a draft ordinance. If a county adopts a draft ordinance or some other SB 63 ordinance prior to the Transportation Cabinet’s regulations being promulgated, the county will need to review the regulations to determine if their ordinance has been invalidated.

The measure permits counties and cities to enact an ordinance allowing the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on highways within their jurisdictional boundaries. Local governments also may adopt more stringent local regulations on vehicle safety equipment and operation than the

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