

Scottsville Church of the Nazarene Donates “Care Bears”

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The Scottsville Police Department received various donations this past week. While both the Police Department and Allen County Sheriffs Office received a significant monetary donation from the Elizabeth Turner Campbell Foundation, the Scottsville Church of the Nazarene, located on Franklin Road just past Casey’s Convenience Store, donated several teddy bears for officers to distribute to kids who might be dealing with difficult circumstances.

“We were given this ministry as a dream from Miss Patty and this is something she has done for most of her adult life,” said Brenda Shambaugh, Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene.

“The ladies of our church, we just want to give love and we can’t always be there in person to do that. So this is something we can give (children), love from our church.”

“Miss Patty” is Patricia Tardif, the member of Scottsville Church of the Nazarene who saw that people would bring in teddy bears, pray over them and give them to seniors, shut ins and anyone else who needed to

know they weren’t forgotten and that they were loved.

“That’s what God wants me to do,” said Tardif. “I’ve done that ever since with thousands of bears.”

Police Chief Darren Tabor loved the idea of one of the local faith community partnering with the police department and saw this donation as a way of “having an item we can give to a small child or anyone who is in crisis that may have experienced a traumatic event. It helps comfort that child or that person.”

Some instances in which this would be particularly useful are house fires, domestic disturbances where maybe they see one of their parents or guardians being taken away in handcuffs or “any type of event... that will take the child’s mind off that event,” said Tabor.

“(Our) officers will keep them in their cruisers. They’ll put them in plastic bags so they’re kept clean and neat and they’ll be kept in the trunks,” said Tabor.

This is a ministry that Pastor Shambaugh envisions could also reach beyond the



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Police Chief Darren Tabor and Assistant Chief Garrett Wolfe received teddy bears donated by the Scottsville Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Brenda Shambaugh and several volunteers were on hand for the donation.

police department.

“We would love for (people) to call the church if they have teddy bears they want to donate or if they’d like to help us prepare teddy bears. This would be something awesome for school teachers to give. This would be something wonderful for foster kids coming into the system. If someone reads this article and has a need, we’ll see that they get a bear,” said Shambaugh.

Chief Tabor also

wanted to remind everyone that the police department does a toy drive every Christmas through the school’s family resource center.

“If anyone wants to donate to that, we all think that would be very much appreciated,” said Tabor.

To find out more information about the Nazarene Church and their teddy bear ministry you can call Pastor Shambaugh at (717) 414-6288.

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Daughters of the American Revolution and Allen County-Scottsville Arts Council, is a Centre College graduate. As the wife of Mayor David Burch, she is also Scottsville’s First Lady. The Burches have one daughter, Ella.

•Mary Kiger Garing. A West Virginia native, Garing moved with her family to Allen County in 1848. Her minister husband, William, lectured for the temperance movement. Garing has genealogical descendants in three families who still live in Allen County today.

Portraying Garing is Lisa Wyman. A Louisville native with family roots in Allen County, Wyman is the Historical Society’s vice president. She lives in Warren County’s Plano community with her husband, Jeff.

•John Huntsman. A Civil War soldier in the Union’s 9th Kentucky, Huntsman survived a wound in the Battle of Stones River (Murfeesboro, Tenn.) and returned to Allen County to recuperate. He later served his county as sheriff, jailer and postmaster.

Portraying Huntsman will be Halifax community farmer Roger Towe, a retired Frito Lay route driver and school bus driver. He and wife Debbie have two sons.

•Shelby Follis. Born in a section of Barren County that would soon become Allen County, Follis was a Sadler who also farmed. As the Civil War erupted, Follis saw his family field soldiers for both the Union and Confederacy.

Follis will be portrayed by Scottsville Mayor David Burch. A Lee County native, he is a University of Kentucky graduate and is retired from the US Department of Agriculture.

•James and Dorcas Alexander. Some of the earliest settlers of Allen County’s Trammel community, the Alexanders were family also to one of Allen County’s earliest families that still have descendants here today: The Garrisons.

In the American Revolution, James served in the Maryland militia, and, in the North Carolina militia, as a surgeon. In his later years as an Allen County resident, he served as a court justice and sheriff.

James and his wife, Dorcas, will be portrayed by the real-life husband-and-wife duo of Coe and Olivia Campbell. Coe is a Western Kentucky University graduate, where he now works as assistant director of cashiers and collections. Olivia works at FirstBank and enjoys writing and photography. The Campbells live in the Dover community.

•Bailey Peyton Jenkins. A Macon County, Tenn., native, Jenkins crossed into Kentucky to join the Union cause. Another veteran of the Union’s 9th Kentucky in the Civil War, he survived the terrible carnage at Shiloh, Tenn., and Perryville, Ky., but was seriously injured at Stones River, where his father was killed nearby.

Jenkins will be portrayed by Matt Pedigo, a Civil War re-enactor and the former publisher and editor of The Citizen-Times. The Allen County-Scottsville High School and WKU graduate is now a community development specialist for the Barren River Area Development District. He, wife Kathy and daughter Madison live in the Meador community.

•Letta Rae Link and Lela Mare Link Berry. Letta died the same day she was born, and her surviving twin sister, Lela, ponders what her life might have been like. Lela went on to raise a family in Scottsville’s Vinegar Hill area, and was known for her skills as a seamstress.

They will be portrayed by retired 27-year educator Melanie Keine, who attended Kentucky Wesleyan College and WKU, earning degrees in English and Drama. Now a Sunday school teacher, she is the mother of two sons, William and Stephen.

•S.S. Binnion. A Scottsville attorney, Binnion dreamed of becoming an oil tycoon, and, with wife Minnie, set out for Oklahoma. Failing to strike it rich, he opened a new law practice. Minnie died in Oklahoma, and her remains were brought back to Scottsville for burial—as were her husband’s when he later passed away. Arriving back in Scottsville, S.S. was buried—twice. (Graveline Tour visitors will find out why.)

Binnion will be portrayed by Allen County’s Jailer and a 26-year local firefighter, Tim Meador. An AC-S and WKU graduate, Meador is also pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Meador and wife Jennifer have two children, Rachel and Caden.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Ernie Stafford, Executive Director of the CORE of Scottsville, was the guest speaker for the monthly meeting of the Allen County Historical Society on Monday, Sept., 15, 2025. Stafford spoke about The CORE of Scottsville and the forthcoming addition of The CORE Community Recreation Center. Construction on the new building started in May 2023, with an expected completion date between December 2025 and February 2026. The CORE is observing its 25th anniversary, and the new expansion will boast four courts for pickleball, volleyball and basketball, as well as space for gymnastics, a meeting room and other facilities. The CORE’s operating hours are as follows: Monday through Friday, 5 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For more information, please visit <https://www.thecoreofscottsville.org/programs>.

NEW FLAG BOX



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The Scottsville Police Department’s lobby now features a new Flag Box, where you can drop off your worn American Flags for retirement. Nathan Tabor’s craftsmanship in building the wooden box is much appreciated along with S&S Signs artistic contribution, both donated to the Police Department free of charge. The local VFW receives the worn flags and conducts an official retirement flag ceremony. programs.

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public library, soil conservation, and public schools along with Fiscal Court.

Businesses and homes in the city limits of Scottsville also pay an additional tax rate to the city. City taxpayers will receive their tax bills about the first of October and payment can be received at the Scottsville City Treasurers Office, 201 West Main Street. The property tax rate is .214 percent for bills in 2025. Scottsville

property tax information on a specific property can be reviewed at (270)-237-4472.

Each county taxing district entity has a board of directors for operation and reviews the tax rate of the prior year and can adjust the tax rate for the year by taking a compensating rate, up to a four percent increase or recall rate. A compensating rate is based on increased values of assessments

from one year to the next year, thus raising the amount of tax received. A percentage increase, no more than four percent, can be taken, but requires a public hearing before it can be set for the year. A recall rate is above a four percent increase and has additional requirements before it can be enacted. Next week, The Citizen-Times will feature a review of each taxing district entity and how they provide community services

from their budget.

Allen County Court Clerk, after the tax assessment roll is certified by the state, receives a tax rate set by the entity to create a tax bill for property owners and forwards it to a vendor for production of a tax bill. Locally, Clerk Sarah Constant and staff, collects all motor and watercraft vehicle tax upon renewal

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