

Annual APES Program Helps AC-S Juniors Learn Business Practices and Principles

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The top academic students in the junior class at the Allen County-Scottsville High School learned about the finer points of the business world as part of the American Private Enterprise System (APES) Program. The 54th annual event was held on consecutive Fridays over a three-week period in November.

Under the guidance of a steering committee of school and community leaders, the students explored eight business-related topics, listened to guest speakers, and toured several local business establishments on the consecutive Fridays of November 7, 14 and 21. The APES program was organized by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service in Allen County.

The program's first day on November 7 began with welcoming remarks, followed by the first educational topic of "How America is Organized to Do Business." Presenters were Scottsville Mayor David Burch, his wife Kelly, a retired educator, and County Judge Executive Dennis Harper. Adam Tabor from Edmonton State Bank spoke on the topic of

"Our Economy: How it Works." The final speaker of the day was retired educator Belinda Bazzell speaking on the "The Role of Government on Our Economy."

Following the morning sessions, the APES students toured The Medical Center at Scottsville before returning to school.

The second day on November 14 included talks and discussions on additional areas. Christi Turner spoke to the group on "Investor-Owned Corporations and Limited Liability Corporations." Jonathan Ross, a financial advisor with Edward Jones, addressed the topic of "How to Do Business." Local business owners (Peach Tree Farms) Kori and Micah Thomas spoke about "Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships." Felisha Adams briefed the students on "Cooperatives." The students toured Halton, Inc., after lunch.

The final day—November 21—began with breakfast and a tour at Clifty Farms. Afterwards, Jason Morgan, the CEO of Here4All, Inc., taught about "E-Commerce." The final topic covered was "The Job Interview" presented

by Dana Russell and Katelyn Fox from J.M. Smucker. The last day also involved the APES students looking at specific business situations, role-playing and developing and sharing presenting prospective solutions. After lunch, the program concluded with a small business meet-and-greet session around the city.

In addition to learning the basics of business, the students could earn cash scholarships based on overall assessment scores for the entire program. Students also were given the chance to earn "Payday" rewards (\$10) based on a small assessment given following each topic presentation and discussion. The top 10 students received \$250 scholarships, announced during the program's awards presentation prior to their conclusion on November 21.

Laela Cline was the top scoring student overall and earned a \$500 scholarship. Nine students received \$250 scholarships—Jackson Smith, Brian Hayes, Ava Purvis, Aiden Blankenship, Avery Morris, Autumn Turner, Ally Hayes, Shelby Holly and Jacie McCord.

Cline now has the

opportunity to participate in the state APES program next summer at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Payday winners were: Avery Morris, Abigail Keeler, Ava Purvis, Madison Gaddis, Shelby Holly and Laela Cline.

AC-SH seniors Olivia Baird, Conely Froman and Caiden Froman served as Senior leaders. Participants in APES last year, the trio helped with scoring and group activities. Each Senior Leader received a \$100 college scholarship.

AC-S juniors selected for the APES program included: Rufedah Adnan, Ema Anderson, Aiden Blankenship, Lily Bullington, Kensley Byrn, Laela Cline, Lily Cook, Charlize Drolet, Madison Gaddis, Abigail Green, James Hall, Ally Hayes, Brian Hayes, Katherin Hogan, Shelby Holly, Amelia Holzman, Gloria Hurley, Abigail Keeler, Kacey Killen, Jacie McCord, Bailee McCormack, Ashlyn Meador, Brooklynn Melton, Mackenzie Minix, Avery Morris, Brooklyn Oliver, Peyton Pedigo, Ava Purvis, Jackson Smith and Autumn Turner. All participants received certificates.

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teams return to the hardwood on Monday, Dec. 8 with a double-header at Hart County High School.

The games are part of the 2A sectional tournament—a tournament whose spotlight is on schools of similar enrollments. Winners advance in the 2A sectional with their next opponent and game date to be determined. The game will be in early January.

The 2A Sectional champion advances to the eight-team 2A state championship tournament in mid-January.

The Lady Patriots and Lady Raiders are renewing a rivalry dating back to the 1990s.

However, of late, the two schools have met on a frequent basis. AC-S won 55-40 in 2022 and 78-53 last February. Hart County claimed a 70-64 in 2024. The Lady Raiders closed 2024 with a 5-26 worksheet.

The Patriots and Raiders last met on December 17 with Hart County winning 64-56. The victory was Hart County's fourth consecutive over AC-S dating back to 2016. Hart County was 12-17 last season.

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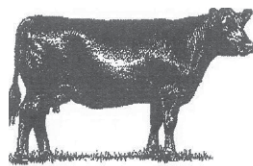
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STAFF REPORTER

Allen County Fiscal Court convened at Adolphus Volunteer Fire Department, 25 Andrew Jackson Highway, on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025 at 6 p.m. with Allen County Judge-Executive Dennis Harper presiding. The fire department provided an evening meal of taco elements for all attendees. All magistrates were present with District Three vacancy due to Magistrate Tony Wolfe's passing.

November 10, 2025 meeting minutes were approved without any additions or corrections.

Magistrates approved presented bills list with all fire departments receiving \$19,864.26 each from property tax billing collection of dues as well as \$1,000 to Fountain Run Volunteer Fire Department. A general fund transfer

of \$25,000 to Jail Fund and \$19,500 to Allen County Alcohol Beverage Commission (ABC) was approved. The ABC amount is related to costs incurred within county expense of alcohol administration regulations and activities involving alcohol. Magistrates approved \$11,153.48 of fuel related costs within county departments.

Allen County treasurer presented November report to magistrates and the report will be archived.

Second reading Allen County 2025-2026 Budget Amendment was presented in unanticipated revenue (\$741,561.25) of various accounts. Magistrates passed approval of funds received.

Allen County Jailer, Tim Meador, reported current population includes 99 residents with 44 state and 55 county comprised

of 79 males and 20 females. Forty weeks of community liter abatement amounts to 47,780 pounds of collection along with 111 tires and clean up 28 dump sites.

Allen County Sheriff, Brandon Ford, requested six shot guns, three rifles and three pistols for surplus property. Magistrates approved to access value of firearms with offering to department deputies as first disposal or business disposal if no deputy desires opportunity to buy firearms.

A resolution was read for closing Absher Lane in the vicinity of 3460 Bowling Green Road. The resolution includes posting of signs and publication of intent of closing with public hearing December 23, 2025. The county road has been discontinued with development accessing a new passage way to acreage in the area. Magistrates passed

procedures for closing.

A claim was presented to the Fiscal Court for \$1,000 damage of vehicle of Hannah Moore on Old Buck Creek Road. Ms. Moore related the

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Christmas is a very busy time of the year. We are trying to find gifts for the folks in our life and going to family and friends for get togethers as well as work functions etc.

All this running around and worrying about getting the right gifts can cause us to be anxious as well as take our minds and hearts off the reason for this season. There are many folks in need of prayer as well as help. It is important that we take time to let God show us where he wants us as well as what he wants us to do this Christmas.

The Bible teaches us in Philippians Chapter 4 verse 6 - 7 : "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Let us remember in all the hustle and bustle to talk with the Lord and seek his will in our life and he will bless us with his peace.

Make this a very Merry Christmas!

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 1299 Old Gallatin Rd. Prayer Request and Info: PH: 237-5197