

Thanks To Transit Driver's Dedication



PHOTO | H. D. OVERHOLT
Transit driver Bill Turner features a handicap availability access for passenger's ease.

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National Transit Driver Appreciation Day is celebrated annually on March 18 to honor bus operators, rail conductors and transit staff for their essential service in keeping communities moving. Originally established in 2009, this day recognizes the skill and dedication required to navigate complex routes and ensure passenger safety.

According to AI, the date, March 18, was chosen to commemorate the world's launch of the first bus line, "Carrosses à cinq sols," ("five-penny coaches") in 1662 in Paris, France and authorized by King Louis XIV. Designed by mathematician Blaise Pascal, these horse-drawn carriages operated on fixed routes, followed a schedule, and initially carried six to eight passengers for a five-sol fare.

The day serves as a reminder to appreciate the daily efforts of transit workers who work through adverse weather and traffic to connect people to jobs, healthcare and daily needs.

The 1662 Launch started with 3-4 carriages, expanding to five lines connecting different parts of Paris. The system featured, for the first time, regular routes,

schedules and a low, fixed price. Contrary to the king's initial wish, the Parliament of Paris barred soldiers, pages and laborers from using the service to ensure it remained for the "bourgeois and meritorious classes." Due to rising fares (to six sols), increased restrictions, and waning popularity among the wealthy, the service declined and ceased operations by 1675-1677. Despite its short life, it is recognized as the first, albeit premature, urban public transit system.

Scottsville Transit honors the department's "faces of Scottsville Transit." Ricky Garrison, Bill Turner, Todd Branford and Tracy Steinberger for dedication in service as well as their effort and commitment they provide each day. Drivers extend kindness and professionalism as they travel 120 miles in each of the daily 34 transit stations amounting to around nine routes throughout the City of Scottsville to local grocery, health care and retail facilities as well as employment locations, with rider fees wavered as Kentucky Transportation grants fund costs in relation to the service. Scottsville Transit yearly 2025 service involved 10,611 passengers. For additional information (270) 239 3239.

Community Events

March Chamber Breakfast

Join the Chamber of Commerce for their March Chamber Breakfast, Thursday, March 19, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Washinton Center, 110 S. Court Street.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast while connecting with fellow business leaders and celebrating the season with our annual Spring Basket Auction.

Bid on beautifully curated baskets filled with local goods, unique experiences and special surprises.

UAN Candidate Meet & Greet, Fun Auction Set

The Candidate Meet and Greet, chili supper and fun auction has been rescheduled for Friday, March 20 at the Washington Center Venue at 110 South Court Street in Scottsville.

The Heart of Scottsville would like to encourage you to participate and be in support of our 2026 graduating seniors and local candidates.

Concessions available. For more information, contact Mills Real Estate and Auction Company, (270) 618-7800. Drop-off location is 1598 Old Gallatin Road.

Spring Vendor Event

East Willow Street Church of God, 409 E. Willow Street, is hosting a Spring Vendor Event Saturday, March 21, 10-3.

Join us for a day of shopping, community and seasonal fun. Kids ages 4 and up can dive into the Kiddie Korner for crafty play while parents shop and everyone can enjoy a silent auction featuring unique vendor items and tasty concessions.

Clean-Up Week

Judge-Executive Harper announced Allen County Cleanup Week will be March 21-28, 2026 with half price at Transfer Station.

Hazardous Waste Day during that week will be at Allen County Fair Grounds from 8 a.m. to noon receiving waste not allowed at Transfer Station collections.

Service One will provide paper shredding during that day along with an electronic recycling vendor also available. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 6232, Christ the King Catholic Church, 298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, will be having a fish fry open to the public on Friday, March 27, from 5-7 p.m.

Dine in or carry out available. Adults, \$12, children \$5 (6-12), children under 5 eat free (dine-in only).

Dinner includes your choice of fried fish or baked fish with sides of French fries, corn and cole slaw. Lemonade and tea included in the price. Plus our world famous hush puppies!

Homemade desserts available at a nominal cost. Benefiting the Knight of Columbus Charities.

Scottsville Community Blood Drive

American Red Cross strives to fulfill the critical need for blood products to ensure patient care.

An invitation to donate at the Scottsville Community Blood Drive Friday, March 27, 2026 at Scottsville Baptist Church fellowship hall, 301 East Main Street from 1-5 p.m. is on the calendar. Blood shortages are impacting the area due to Storm Fern closing schedules and the need in donations remain critical.

The drive welcomes walk-in donors as well as anyone scheduling an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter ScottsvilleComm19. Save up to 15 minutes by completing your pre-donation reading and health history on the day of your appointment at RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass.

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Easter Egg Hunt at Dugas Park

There will be a community Easter egg hunt at Dugas Park, 336 N. Bedelia Street, Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. and is hosted by Scottsville First United Methodist Church and made possible by the generous support of J.M. Smucker Company. Eggs are donated by RC Creations & More.

Bring the whole family for a fun-filled day including an Easter Egg hunt in the park loop, free photos with the Easter Bunny, Easter crafts and family friendly games and free Uncrustables for the kids.

Children will hunt for filled eggs and return the empty eggs after the hunt!

Egg hunt schedule by age group is as follows: Ages 5-10, 10 a.m. and walkers to age 4 at 10:45 a.m.

Preregistration is now open at <https://fors.gle/Z9P44pNQmQQsb6JX6> or on site registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at Dugas Park.

Hymns and Harmonies Planned

Dave Holder Music Group presents Hymns and Harmonies, a night of congregational hymn singing and group harmonies, on Saturday, March 28 at 6 p.m.

No admission will be charged. A love offering will be received.

Abounding Grace Ministries, 153 Cartertown Road, Scottsville, will host the singing, featuring: Jay and Sandra Boyd, Commonwealth Quartet, The Music City Boys, The Blakely Quartet and The Garmons.

For more information: (270) 606-3625 or daveholder@gmail.com.

Scottsville Rotary To Host 47th Annual Radio Auction

The Scottsville Rotary Club will hold its 47th Annual Radio Auction on Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. each evening at the AC-S High School Auditorium.

The event will be broadcast on WVLE/WLCK Radio Station 99.3, and bids may be placed by phone at (270) 618-3255. Activities will include a live auction, a country store, and a food booth sponsored by AC-S Up All Night.

More information is available through the Scottsville Rotary Club's Facebook page.

Benefit Auction And Singing

Circle this date on your calendar: April 11. A benefit auction and singing will be held for Julie Anderson Tabor Kinslow on Saturday, April 11 at 5 p.m. at Freedom Hill Church, 198 Borden Lane, Scottsville. Julie was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 Esophageal Cancer. The Laborers Few will be singing. For any donations or questions call Kinsey Meador at (270) 606-0540.

Fish Fry

The annual Fish Fry is Saturday, April 11 at South Allen Volunteer Fire Department. The fish fry starts at 4 p.m. with the benefit auction at 6 p.m. The department is located at 6700 Mt. Union Road.

Strawberry Social

The Trammel Creek Homemakers will host a Strawberry Social on April 25, 2026 at The Barn at 3M Farms, 224 Harper Road, Scottsville. If you'd like to be a vendor, call Martha at (270) 791-3635 or Andrea at (270) 622-1416.

Live at The Lyric

Kentucky Just Us will sing and play great bluegrass gospel music live at The Lyric on East Main Street on Saturday, April 25. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with the show at 7 p.m. Admission is \$20.

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the standards issued by the National Institute of Justice for body armor. Applications are accepted from January 15 to March 31 of each year. Applications are reviewed by KOHS staff, with approval of the governor and awarded based on available funding.

As the annual Detention Center inspection was being conducted during Fiscal Court meeting, Allen County Jailer Tim Meador issued the February report to Judge-Executive Harper including 43 state inmates and 63 county inmates housed. Eleven ankle monitor clients paid \$2,380 in home incarceration with a billing to the State of Kentucky \$43,468.20 for 43 state inmates.

The road department reported continued brush removal on county rights-of-way is being conducted. Magistrates approved of committee reviewing application and inspection of Wilkerson Lane (Pitchford Ridge) for inclusion into Allen County Road System. If the roadway meets guidelines, a public hearing will be held at a future meeting. Magistrates also approved advertisement for asphalt and aggregate bidding and fuel bidding.

Transfer Station Director Derek Isenberg reported numerous inquiries are coming in concerning procedures for Allen County Cleanup Week, March 21-28, 2026; being half price at Transfer Station. Hazardous Waste Day, March

21, will be at Allen County Fair Grounds from 8 a.m. to noon receiving waste not allowed at Transfer Station collections. Service One will provide paper shredding during that day along with an electronic recycling vendor also available.

The Allen County Sheriff's Office will also be on site to receive prescription drugs for disposal. Director Isenberg stressed the Hazardous Waste collection for oil-based and lead-based paints and items not allowed in collection at Transfer Station is a great opportunity for Allen County residents to safely dispose of these elements, yet surrounding counties are not eligible for their collections of hazardous waste at this local collection site.

Director Isenberg reiterated the \$20 waver fee for local residents yard waste and limb collection at the Transfer Station is still in effect. A reminder the waver fee does not apply to commercial vendors collections, commercial vendors will be charged regular rate of disposal as well the station cannot accept log size debris.

XAnimal Shelter Director Johnathan Carter reported February daily average housing of dogs at 21 and cats at eight with 12 dogs and one cat euthanasia. Released to Warren County Humane Society were 13 dogs and 13 cats with 26 city runs and 71 county runs. Magistrates authorized Judge-Executive

Harper to sign an upcoming Opioid Abatement Agreement for the county.

Magistrates passed a 24-month moratorium order and will proceed to form an ordinance in relation to Data Center creation within county limits. Planning & Zoning Director, Brittney Fisher, reviewed magistrates of some challenges with providing utilities, especially water and waste water requirements with data centers entities. While there is not any known prospects of a data center locating in Allen County currently, addressing the utility capabilities and forming an ordinance similar to solar entities in setbacks of adjacent neighbor properties would give a clearer understanding.

Judge-Executive Harper announced a third Pop-Up Allen County Driver Licenses renewal station will be held on April 9 with appointments beginning March 26. The Pop-Ups only receive prior appointment schedules and fill up quickly. Other dates: July 16 - appointment window beginning July 2 and October 22 - appointment window beginning October 8. Services offered are a renewal license or ID card, upgrade to a REAL ID, complete a vision screening, renew your license or IDential.

Judge-Executive Harper signed and read an Arbor Day Proclamation for April 3, 2026 in Allen County.