

Allen County High School (ACHS) Classmates '74



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Allen County High School (ACHS) Classmates '74 July 21 breakfast gathering at Earl G. Dumplin' include Blanca and Mike Mitchell, Lowell Hightower, Terry Atwood, Eva Wood Cline, Rhonda Hinton Blankenship, Paula Watkins Brown, Joyce Graves Baker, Cheryl Garmon Creek, Debbie Wood Honeycutt, Beverly Burnley Hagan, Jimmy B. Brown, Steve and Cindy Holder Minning. ACHS class of 1974 is noted as the last graduating class before merging with Scottsville High in the fall. A class reunion is held every five years and this year a third Tuesday 9 a.m. monthly breakfast gathering is an informal update on classmates as well as sharing historical events within our lives and families. A Facebook Allen County High Class of '74 is available by sending request to administrator and posts some information of class members as well as some photos from school days. Invitation is extended for this sharing time each month of classmates, family and friends without appointment scheduling.

Rotary Guests "Special Olympics" Enhances Weekly Meeting

By **H.D. Overholt**
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The Special Olympics mission remains as vital today as it did when the movement was founded in 1968. Special Olympics strives to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people.

Special Olympics is a global sports movement for everyone that unleashes the human spirit every day around the world through the transformative power and joy of sport. Through programming in sports, health, education and leadership, Special Olympics is tackling the inactivity, stigma, isolation and injustice that people with intellectual disabilities (ID) face. The work is driving social change that enables full social participation for people with ID.

Special Olympics approach is to deliver, high-quality training and competition in an inclusive environment through its traditional sport programming, and it's Unified Sport model, which allows for people with and without intellectual disabilities to play together. Special Olympics programs around the world offer more than 30 individual and team sports that provide



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Some Special Olympic participants are, left to right: Hannah Moore, Elizabeth Bequeath, Kellan Heyn, Verna Williams, Aiden Payne, Dakota Weedman, Jonah Hogan, Terry Poole, Dakota Schulte, Noah Potter, Zoey Bequeath, Pat Witcher, Kelley Wants, Melissa Turner (Program Presenter). Special Olympics shared their accomplishments during the last year as well as how special their dedication and bond is within each other's lives during Scottsville Rotary Friday's program at Allen County Public Library Noble Allen Community Room.

meaningful training and competition opportunities for athletes ranging in age from 2 to 99!

Special Olympics sport is strengthened through partnerships with International Sport Federations, by fostering social inclusion through Unified Schools, and by creating early development opportunities for children as young as two through Young Athletes.

Allen County participated in Kentucky State Special Olympics Track and Field competition at

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond

Kentucky, June 5-7, 2026. In support of costs (\$90

hotel), opportunity to support Allen County Special Olympics offered a terrific shirt (Gildan

Brand) at \$15 each. All proceeds during the year are invested in Allen County Special Olympics programs and very welcomed.

Special recognition for Senior Daren Turner receiving 2026 Jo Verner Courage Award and

Xzavier Butler receiving 2026 Karen B Singleton Athlete of the Year Award at State Special Olympics was acknowledged

during the program.

CAIP Cost Share Announced

The Allen County Conservation District will have sign-ups for the **2026 County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP)** beginning **July 20th** and go through **August 7th**.

All applicants must be a Kentucky Resident, determined by a Driver's License and one utility bill.

If you were approved for CAIP in 2025, you are not eligible for CAIP in 2026. It is an every other year program.

Applications will be available by email and at the office at 77 Woodland Circle Drive. If you have questions or would like to apply for the cost share program, please call The Allen County Conservation District at **270-237-3164**. Applications must be turned into the Conservation Office at 77 Woodland Circle Drive. **The Deadline to turn all applications into the office is August 7th.**

Cost share practices include: Agricultural Diversification, Large Animal, Small Animal, Farm Infrastructure, Fencing and On-farm Water, Forage & Grain Improvement, Innovative Agricultural Systems, On-farm Energy, Poultry & Other Fowl, AgTech & Leadership Development and Value-Added & Marketing.

All programs and services of the Allen County Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap. A portion of the funding for this cost share project was provided by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.



Stafford Joins Planning Commission

By **Don Meador**
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The Scottsville-Allen County Planning and Zoning Commission approved two variance requests and welcomed a new member at their July meeting last week.

The meeting began with Amy Stafford sworn in as the newest Planning and Zoning commissioner. Stafford took the oath administered by Commission Attorney Hemp Moore. She replaces Commissioner Deloise Rice.

Planning Director Brittany Fisher presented to the commission her recommendation that two variances related to easement frontage and minimum acreage be approved. Both variance requests resided around property located along New Roe Road along Allen County's southern border with Summer County with the requests resolving around minimum acreage requirements, and minimum easement width for frontage.

Fisher explained the current condition of the land—a 25-foot easement exists on adjoining landowner property with part of the northern edge having about eight feet of gravel with the easement continuing as dirt into Tennessee. She added that the easement is used



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Amy Stafford is the newest member of the Scottsville-Allen County Planning and Zoning Commission. Stafford was sworn in on Monday, July 20.

by five properties in Kentucky (two of those being less than 10 acres). Fisher added that the owner—Eric Anderson—Tennessee's parcel is currently landlocked and accesses through the existing easement across neighboring parcels.

Noting that subdivision regulation reference standard frontage requirements call for 60 feet (lots over 10 acres) or 100 feet (lots under 10 acres) on an improved public way. She added that the request is a reduction to the 25-foot existing width (a 35-foot reduction from the 60-foot requirement). Fisher concluded the conditions are unique to the property, relief is small in scale, and granting the variances would not be detrimental to public safety, health, welfare or neighboring property. Fisher also explained that public notice had been made

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