

# Garrett Transit Service driver places second in 'Roadeo'

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OAKLAND —Garrett Transit Service driver Matt Paugh received second-place honors at the annual driver "Roadeo" competition sponsored by the Transportation Association of Maryland last month in Elkridge.

This year the annual competition tested the skills of 34 drivers from the association membership from around Maryland.

In winning, Paugh demonstrated "excellence" in driving on a challenging road course with various obstacles in a time sensitive manner.

His skills were also put to the test with wheel-chair handling and securement, and demonstrated a detailed safety inspection of the bus.

With his win, Paugh is now able to compete in the National Community Transportation Roadeo competition, to be held in Pittsburgh in June.

"I'm excited for his win and very proud of all of the GTS drivers who competed this year," stated Mike Hill, director of Garrett Transit Service. "GTS has a long history of competing in the annual TAM Roadeo, and Matt's win continues that legacy."

The drivers of GTS have recorded 19 top-tier wins at the competition since 1995, according to Hill.

Competing this year along with Paugh from GTS were Jim Kisner, Joe Fisher, Rocky Ford and John McEwan.

GTS is operated by Garrett County Community Action Committee Inc. GTS is a public, demand-response transportation system that offers rides in and around the region as well as out of state to all Garrett County residents and visitors.



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**Mike Hill, director of Garrett Transit Service, and Matt Paugh, right, are pictured at the recent "Roadeo" in Elkridge. Paugh placed second in the competition, which is sponsored by the Transportation Association of Maryland.**



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**Garrett Transit Service drivers recently competed in the annual "Roadeo" competition in Elkridge. From left are Matt Paugh, Rocky Ford, John McEwan, Joe Fisher and Jim Kisner.**

More information about the GTS program services can be found at [www.garrettcac.org](http://www.garrettcac.org). Reservations for a ride can be made by calling 301-533-9010 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.