

Are days limited for festival?



Last year's Downtown Day's festival had a very large turnout. The organizers are hoping for an even larger crowd this year.

Downtown Days will be celebrating 20 years in October, but volunteers are concerned there won't be a 21st unless unexpected donations come in for the annual event. Gina Baker is one of three volunteers who have donated their time to provide the festival every year since the beginning. Baker, Jada Atwood and Chasity Yarberry were there for the humble beginnings of the festival that now draws thousands of people to downtown Columbia on the second Saturday in October and the preceding Friday. Tiffany Collins joined the group a short time later, and together they make up the officers for

Renaissance Columbia, Inc., a non-profit organization that operates the festival. The festival has grown and with it comes growing expenses, and the committee is now concerned that festival activities will have to be cut if more funding is not available. It cost \$46,000 last year to provide the festival, and the committee estimates costs of \$47,500 this year. Volunteers do all the work, including setting up the stage, and the only pay for labor is \$3,000 that goes to electricians. The largest expense is providing entertainment, specifically the free concert that provides the finale on Saturday night and fills downtown with a huge crowd. Almost \$40,000 is needed to pay for the stage, sound, lights, the performers and supplies.

Baker, who serves as treasurer, said the committee chooses performers based on a price range they can afford, but the cost keeps rising. "Everyone wants Travis Tritt; the last time we checked I think he was \$75,000," Baker said. This year the committee has allocated \$15,800 for the stage, lights and sound and another \$20,000 for the main concert. They even have to throw in another \$1,000 for supplies for sound and food for the band. Their budget shows them ending this year with a loss of \$8,300. With current money in the bank, that will leave them with \$2,700 to start the next year. That's a real problem, because they cannot book a band without some cash up front. That means, at the very least, they will have to wait until new

sponsorships come in for 2024 before they can book someone. Booking late means fewer options. Baker is quick to show appreciation to every individual and business that donates to the festival. The majority of their funding comes from sponsorships from local businesses, with \$23,000 projected this year. The second largest pot of revenue comes from vendor fees, which is expected to bring in \$9,700. The City of Columbia donates \$3,000 and the remaining funds come from the pageants, kids' rides and t-shirt sales. Baker requested funding from the county tourism commission last week but the board has not yet made a decision. She researched what other communities do to pay for their festivals,

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William Giles speaks with his attorney, Greg Simms, following a court hearing Monday. With Giles is his uncle, Ceibert Sherill, and his mother, Sue Giles.

Giles case questions legality of checkpoints

William Giles went before District Judge Michael Loy on Monday, but it was a checkpoint set up by Kentucky State Police that was on trial during the hearing. Giles was arrested on Jan. 7 after being stopped during a KSP checkpoint at the intersection of Ky. 551 and 76 in Knifley. He was charged with failure to produce an insurance card, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. Giles is scheduled for trial on Aug. 14, but attorney Greg Simms argued Monday that the KSP checkpoint violated the Fourth Amendment by not following proper procedures established for setting up roadblocks. Simms, a Louisville attorney, successfully defended a Marion County man in a 2015 case whose DUI conviction was overturned after the Court of Appeals found that the roadblock where he was stopped was unconstitutional. Simms is making a similar argument in the Giles case, questioning the measures KSP took prior to the roadblock to make sure that it followed specific guidelines. "There are fundamental flaws with this

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Miller ready to serve as state FFA officer

LEXINGTON – After five general sessions, countless workshops, state contests, candidate interviews, and three days of back-to-back events, all Emylou Miller could do was wait. The final session of the Kentucky FFA Convention had arrived, and FFA students from across Kentucky were gathered in Rupp Arena to hear who would serve as their 2023-24 state officer team. Miller soon learned that she would be the first state officer from Adair County in 19 years – since her teacher Brittany (Wilkerson) Smith served as state secretary in 2004-2005. Miller was chosen as this year's state sentinel. "I was over the moon," Miller said. The sentinel's job requires someone who is efficient and organized, as well as friendly and welcoming. "The sentinel is the door greeter, making sure that everybody feels welcome – that they know that FFA is a place for them," Miller said. "Organizing the meeting room, helping the president out and maintaining order, making sure that everybody's doing what they're supposed to be doing, things like that." Being a state FFA officer is a busy role, with officers traveling the state as well as attending national FFA functions. Miller says she is up for it, but she is going to be a busy person. A recent Adair County High School graduate,



Emylou Miller

Miller plans to take 15 hours at Murray State University this semester. Classes will be provided online, she said. In addition, Miller plans to keep her job at the Bank of Columbia, where she works part time. Taking classes online will allow her to represent Kentucky FFA when requested, she said. In addition, her supervisors at work have offered her flexibility so she can fulfill her duties

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Darnell joins Community Voice staff

The Community Voice is pleased to introduce Aaron Darnell to the community as the new sales and marketing representative for Adair County. Aaron served on active duty in the Marine Corps from April 2013 to April 2018. She was honorably discharged at the end of her contract and is now a disabled American veteran. She is an outgoing person who is anxious to get to know the Adair County community and to help local businesses successfully market their products and services. "I have a deep love and sense of duty for my country and for my family," Aaron says. "I have a 7-year-old little boy and a wonderfully supportive fiancé." Aaron is from Casey County but graduated high school in Taylor County. "I have lived all over, even after I got out of the Corps. But at the end of the day, Kentucky has always been home. I moved back to Kentucky in 2021 and have never looked back. I always missed the closeness and warmth of the small-town Kentucky community, and I want my son to grow up with southern charm at his roots," she said. "I look forward to getting to know and work with the community and businesses in Columbia." Aaron can be reached at 270-634-0350.



Readers Choice ballots have been counted and winners are being contacted this week. The list of winners will be published in the Community Voice on June 29!

Milk prices take hit after pinnacle year

Longtime dairy producers are used to the ebb and flow of the market, and experts say several factors led to the large price drop that has followed last year's record prices. Although it will be a lean summer, the Kentucky Dairy Development Council's director says he expects that to change come fall and still encourages anyone interested in dairy to jump on board.

HH Barlow has been leading the KDDC for a while now, "but I've been in the business all my life," he says. And the business of being a dairy farmer sure has seen its ups and downs. Barlow said he recently attended the FFA convention in Lexington and talked to students about the dairy industry. "Just kind of there to represent, I guess you could say. But unfortunately, it's been really negative lately," he said.

The industry has experienced more than a \$6 drop per hundred-weight of milk, meaning more than a 23 percent drop in what dairy farmers get paid for their milk. There's a combination of factors in play causing this, Barlow said. Firstly, 2022 had the highest milk price in history, "a great year – very profitable." And the exports last year were the highest, too, but that's also backed off some since the milk supply has gone up. It's been the perfect storm, Barlow said, "with the processing industry and significant staffing issues. And they've changed the distribution

a lot, and it's a problem." Multiple dairy and bottling plant closures in Alabama, Mississippi and in the Midwest haven't helped, he added. "Milk price is the thing that affects us all greatly. It can affect cheese ... Price of milk is really, really sensitive to over-production and perishable products."

Summer has always been, by far, Barlow said, the lowest milk-price season, with no milk needed for school being the biggest factor. And cows get their spring flush from April to June since they have more to eat, leading to an increase in milk production. "So, the price also went down because we had a little increase. Manufacturers are taking advantage because there's plenty of milk out there – the way it is," Barlow said. Another issue con-

tinues to be hauling. "We are still having a significant problem getting milk hauled to market. It just gets tougher and tougher to find them – as the number of dairies decline, fewer and fewer want to drive out of the way to do it ..." he said. But, there are also reasons for optimism. The market may be depressed for the next few months, but there are signs for improvement come fall. As far as nationally, Barlow said milk production increases are much less than in the past few years, "so prices will be good in about six months." Barlow says he is straight-forward about the challenges but would still tell anyone interested in dairy farming that it can be done, and done successfully. Most smaller dairymen can take advantage of dairy market insurance



Photo courtesy of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council

Adam Ping and his family were recently the focus of "Milk Matters," the KFDC newsletter featuring dairy farmers. The family runs their Pulaski County dairy farm together. They are (from left) Angela, Brooklyn, Adam and Haley Ping, and Jaden Back. coverage, through FSA, which can be a big help in years like this one. "It's a subsidized program, not a hand-out. It's like crop-insurance and was included in the Farm Bill," Barlow said, adding that it covers up to 5 million pounds of milk per year. "It's had a tremendous impact, and it's kept me and other

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The top three milk producing counties in Kentucky:

1. Barren
2. Adair
3. Logan

Kentucky is home to about **45,000** dairy cows. Dairy cows produced an average of **7.5** gallons of milk per day.

Kentucky has **370** dairy farms and a typical dairy farm has a herd of about **122** milking cows.

The average value of a day's milk per cow was about **\$17.81**. In 2022, a dairy cow in Kentucky cost about **\$1,420**.

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SINGING

Columbia Church of God, 708 Mitchell Street., will be in concert with gospel artist Mark Bishop on **Sunday, June 25**, 6:30 p.m. Free admission and a love offering will be taken. Call 270-384-4590 for more info.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bloomington Chapel Church, 55 Bloomington Church Rd., will have vacation Bible school starting June 25 at 3 p.m. with class at 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.; June 26-29 at 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

HARVEY/LOY FAMILY REUNION

The Harvey-Loy Family Reunion will be held **Saturday, July 1**, at the Wheat Fellowship Hall next to the Columbia Church of the Nazarene. The event will begin at noon. All family are invited to attend. For more information, call 217-778-6445.

TRACTOR SHOW

The 33rd annual tractor show will be held **Tuesday, July 4** on East First St. between Court St. and N. Columbia Ave., in Campbellsville. The parade will be at 9 a.m. CDT and the show will begin at 11 a.m. CDT.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

The Adair County Fiscal Court and the City of Columbia will present a 4th of July Fireworks Show by Casey Creek Pyrotechnics on **Tuesday, July 4**. The former fairgrounds on Fairgrounds St. will be closed off to the public. Fireworks may be viewed on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College and nearby areas. Fireworks will begin after dark. Several local businesses are helping to sponsor the event.

FLY FISHING CLINIC

Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery will have fly fishing clinics on Saturday, July 8 and Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. CT. The clinic is held free of charge for ages 8 and up. Must sign up through Marsha Hart at 270-343-3797 or email marsha_hart@fws.org. Classes will be limited to six people per class.

PUBLIC INVITED TO MEET WITH STATE TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS

A meeting is being scheduled with the District 8 Highway Department to discuss traffic concerns in the city of Columbia and, specifically, those relative to the public square.

Mallory Frye, Planning Engineer, and Amanda Parmley, Traffic Engineer, with District 8 Transportation Cabinet Office will be in Columbia on Thursday, July 6, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held in city hall.

The public is invited to attend and Mayor Pamela Hoots encourages anyone with comments or concerns to attend the meeting.

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June 24

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Billy Sexton
Melinda Quinn
Kermit Taylor
Tim Blackaby

June 25

Tiffany McMinoway
Connie Jones
Stacey Hare
Nick Fudge

June 26

Courtney Quiroz
Anita Stotts Clark
Jeffrey Burton
Mindy Smith
Anthony Grant
Philip Nafziger

June 27

Christopher Patton
Jeremy Irvin
Jackie Graves

June 28

Stephanie Akin
Mark Harris
Thomas Long
Max Wise
Lisa Godsey
Sharon Harris

June 29

Shirley Grider
Aundria McQueary
Addi Porter
Mark Bright

June 30

Tammy Humphress
Buddy Powell
Mary Betty Helm
Andrew Reliford

July 1

Casi Blair
Byron Caldwell

July 2

Carri Peterson
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The good stuff

We just finished up tallying our Readers Choice votes and are now busy letting our winners know the good news.

While I often call myself a "hard news" person, meaning I lean toward covering government and important community issues over features and feel-good pieces, I love the opportunity to point out the good we see around us.

Our 20 Under 40 event is my favorite of the year, but the Readers Choice comes in a close second.

Our readers choose the Readers Choice winners, and I mean readers, because votes have to be made on good old fashioned news print.

We received a tremendous amount of votes this year, and that tells me that people are eager to recognize excellence.

Maybe it's because of all the negative stuff that is so readily available everywhere we go that people were eager to be part of something good.

Sure, the contest is "just for fun." There are no interviews or objective judges making decisions. It's just about taking the time to name people or businesses who have done a great job this past year.

It's so easy for some people to jump on social media and badmouth a local business if their fast food wasn't fast enough or they had a bad experience.

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rience.

Others are more forgiving, however, especially in the current labor shortage. Businesses are doing the best they can with what they have, and I am glad we have this opportunity to recognize the ones that are really making an effort.

The same for health care. The baby boomers have hit the ages where our bodies just don't do everything they once did and that means that our health care services are overflowing with customers. Just because you are overburdened doesn't mean you can't

be nice, however, and we have had a great turnout on the votes in the health care field with some very close wins, which means we have some great services here in our community.

I urge all of our winners to brag. Yes, brag. Post your photo with your certificate on social media and wear the title with pride as you market your business. It's okay to say, "Voted the best... in Adair County." Put it everywhere you can. It will give potential new customers or clients a level of comfort knowing that others have put their trust in you.

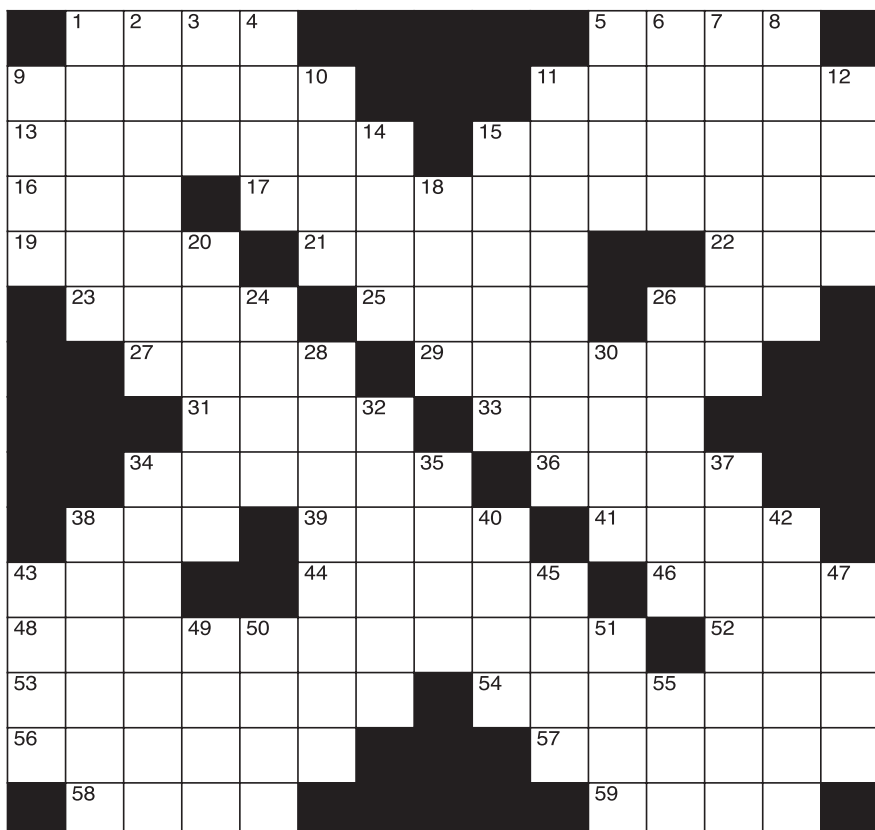
Most people don't take the time to say, "you do a great job." It's an expectation, and it should be.

But this is the time that we say "great job," anyway. It's really nice to hear. It's really nice to say.

So, to all our Readers Choice winners – great job!

The list of winners will be published next week. My crew is super busy getting the word out, and they are doing a great job, too. I'm proud of the work they do. Their efforts make projects like the Readers Choice contest possible. It may be "just for fun," but like all of you, there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to be the best that you can be.

Congrats to all!



CLUES ACROSS

- Understand intuitively
- Two of something
- Not involving computer tech
- Acclaimed
- Undermine
- The condition of being concealed or hidden
- Irritate
- The process of developing a theory
- Ceramic jar
- Not fresh
- Dad's fashion accessory
- Popular review site
- New Mexico county
- '___ death do us part
- Fees
- Takes with force
- One-time Yankees rookie sensation
- Gordon and Snider are two
- Body parts
- Arranges
- Fiddler crabs
- Mimics
- Witnesses

CLUES DOWN

- Mangled
- Ruffled some feathers
- Not young
- Lakers legend
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Direction (Scottish)
- Intestinal inflammation
- Spring back in fear
- Owl genus
- Girls
- Unbeliefs
- Force unit
- Expired trade agree-

- ment
- Went alone
- Animal noises
- Woman who graduated from a specific school
- The very top
- Organs in males
- Earnings
- Z Z Z
- Reddish browns
- A salt or ester of acetic acid
- A place to get off your feet
- More disreputable
- Kidney condition
- Cease moving
- Quick
- Extra seed covering
- "Survivor: Panama" winner
- Six
- One who inspects lamps
- Small parrot
- Primordial matter of the universe
- ___ fi (slang)

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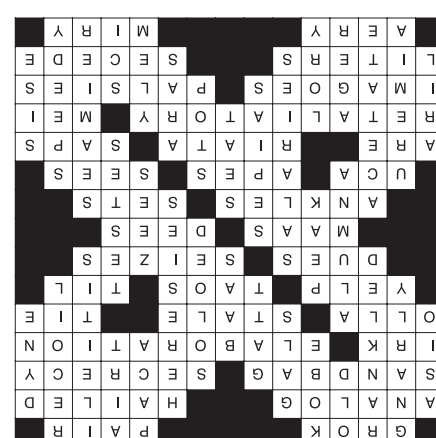
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Alma Lou Long Green



Alma Lou Long Green, 84, of Columbia, died Friday, June 16, 2023 at 9:35 p.m. at TJ Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow. She was born October 11, 1928 in Adair County to the late James O. and Annie Cecil Bault Long. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Green, on July 20, 2020, and the following siblings, Lucille Young, Felix, Earl, Elby and Everett Long.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Mike Parnell of Columbia; her granddaughter, Benisha Parnell of Columbia; her great-grandchildren, Chandler and Alyssa Wilson, both of Columbia; one brother, Morgan Long and his wife Diana of Columbia; two sisters, Kathleen Thompson of Knifley and Elaine Clark and her husband Joe of Leitchfield; several nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 19, 2023 at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home with Dick Scholl officiating and burial in Jones Chapel Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Chandler Wilson, Morgan Long, Diana Long, Craig Sandusky, Luke Sandusky and Adam Coomer.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Dora Hancock Roy



Gladys Dora Hancock Roy, 99, of Columbia, passed away Friday, June 16, 2023 at T.J. Health Columbia. She was born in Wayne County on November 27, 1923 to the late Mack Merton and Florence Dishmon Hancock. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Thomas Roy.

Mrs. Roy was a member of Trinity Church and attended Bearwallow Church. She also taught Sunday School and was an active member of the Retired Teachers Association. She had taught from the age of 19 in a one room school in Wayne County until retiring from the Adair County School System after nearing 70 years in the classroom. She enjoyed gardening, feeding the birds and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include four children, Fay Davidson, Mike Roy (Teresa) and Dale Roy (Lana) all of Columbia and Camellia Roy of Stanford; ten grandchildren,

Andrew Roy (Ashley), Alisha Roy Stotts (Jason), Thomas Reed, Miranda Mann, Robert Mann (Brittney), Adam Roy (Courtney), Ricky Roy (Tressie), Amy Keys (Bobby), Wayne Roy and Kevin Roy; sixteen great-grandchildren, Ashley Back, Lauren Smart, Lindsey Sweazy, Addaline Reed, Kassi Huddleston, Riley Roy, Hunter Cundiff, Brady Cundiff, Brayden Burton, Caydee Burton, Tristen Stotts, Carson Roy, Brody Roy, Abby Maulden, Blake Maulden and Colton Mann; a great-great granddaughter, Ada Huddleston; and several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, William Thomas Roy Jr., and 13 siblings, Fred, Guy, Carl, Earl, Cosby, Glenna and Bessie Hancock, Lois Piercy, Hazel Fulton, Eva Jones, Chris Neat, Bonnie Claywell and Doris Watson.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 19, 2023 at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Davenport and Wes Irvin officiating and burial in the Haven Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ricky Roy, Thomas Reed, Adam Roy, Andrew Roy, Robert Mann and Jason Stotts.

Honorary pallbearers were Amy Keys, Alisha Stotts, Miranda Mann, Kenneth Davidson and Ralph Jones.

JC Coomer



JC Coomer, 80, of Columbia, died June 14, 2023 at Landmark of Danville Nursing Home in Danville.

He was born July 21, 1942 in Adair County to the late Leslie Paul and Laura Ann Rowe Coomer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene Coomer; his son, Jeffery Chad Coomer; one brother, James Leslie Coomer; and seven sisters, Lena Bryant, Lula Purvis, Irene Warner, LouAnn Estes, Jean Grant, Victoria Coomer and Haddie Marie Montfort. JC was a retired farmer, former employee of the Adair County Schools System, member of the Adair County Rescue Squad and attended Living by Faith Community Church in Columbia.

Survivors include four daughters, Bridgette (Jerry) Lester of Danville, Kim (Jerry) Hadley of Columbia, Brandi Page and Tami Gerald; bonus son, James

Murphy; bonus daughter, Janice Murphy; 13 grandchildren, Ashley Burns, Kristy Claywell, Beth Pike, Natasha Milby, Ethan Coomer, Layla Gerald, Cadence Gerald, Kaylynn Gerald, Chelsea Conover, Caitlin Zapata, Sierra Harrison, Bethany Lester and Brittany Watson; seven great-grandchildren, Luna Pike, Natalie Zapata, Noah Zapata, Parker Burns, Chloe Lanz, Chezlee Bardin and Isaiah Harrison; two brothers, Russell (Beverly) Coomer of Louisville, and Paul (Lillian) Coomer of Somerset; two sisters, Peggy (James) Freeman of Campbellsville, and Mildred Coomer of Glasgow; and special friends, Richard and Jean Speechley.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 16, 2023 at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Withers and Bro. Gary Roy officiating and burial in Jones Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dale Furkins, James Murphy and Ethan Coomer.

Honorary pallbearers were Jeff Hadley, Jerry Lester, Richard Speechley and Justin Claywell.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Living by Faith Community Church or Heritage Hospice of Danville.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangement.

David Ross Stewart



David Ross Stewart, 76, of Breeding, died Saturday, June 10, 2023 at his home.

He was born March 1, 1947 in San Angelo, Texas to the late George and Alice Stewart. David was a US Marine veteran and retired construction worker. In

addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Gary Stewart and Glenn Stewart; and a grandchild.

Survivors include three sons, Michael Stewart of Grandberry, Texas, Kevin Stewart of Gallatin, Tenn., and Bryan Stewart of Breeding; one daughter, Amy Stewart of Breeding; 12 grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; a host of other relatives and friends.

The family has chosen cremation. A celebration of life will be held at a later date on the family farm in Breeding.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jesus said,
"Blessed are those who
mourn for they shall be
comforted."

Matthew 5:4

Pauline Mae Gowen



Pauline Mae Gowen, beloved mother and grandmother, departed this earth to go to her heavenly home on June 12, 2023 in Florida. Polly was preceded in death by her husband, Oris Gowen; infant daughter, Debbie; parents, William H. and Ada Floyd Watts; brother, William C. Watts; sisters, Lorraine Watts and Delores Foley and her loving dog, Benji.

She is survived by her daughter, Robyn Feenaughy (Dave); granddaughters, Amanda Taylor (John) and Caitlyn Feenaughy.

Born in Detroit, Mich. on June 29, 1932, she

moved to Stanford as an infant. She grew up on the farm and enjoyed farm life and her horses. She later moved to Columbia and while working at WAIN, she met her husband, Oris. They married in 1953 and in 1958 moved to Somerset to start up WTLO. During her time in Somerset, she enjoyed gardening, cooking and entertaining. In 1974 she moved to Naples, Fla. and to Tampa, Fla., in 1987 where she resided until her death.

Polly was a true southern lady who was caring and quick with her sweet smile. She always considered Kentucky home and loved nothing more than her Kentucky Wildcats.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at Sparksville Baptist Church Cemetery.

Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Polly's name to your local humane society or hospice organization.

Phillip Dale DeSpain



Phillip Dale DeSpain, 72, of Campbellsville, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center surrounded by his family. He was born on March 16, 1951 in Allendale to the late Russell and Eulala Milby DeSpain.

Mr. DeSpain was a member of the Campbellsville Christian Church and the Elkhorn Masonic Lodge # 568. Phillip was the former owner and operator of Shively's Jewelry in Campbellsville before continuing his career as a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer for the former Lyon-Dewitt Funeral Home in Campbellsville and most recently with Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home in Columbia. He enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family, friends and especially 'Dash' and 'Buttons'.

Survivors include his

wife, Beverly DeSpain of Campbellsville; four children, Russell DeSpain (Kelsey) of Canal Winchester, Ohio, Mackenzie Smith (Kirk) of Danville, Kimberly Mullins of Campbellsville and Lauren Melton (Luke) of Lebanon, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Aidan Bowles, Anne Claire Melton, Annabelle Mullins and Monroe Melton; three siblings, Doris Shofner (Virgil) of Campbellsville, Beverly Judd (Joel) of Cynthia and Glenda Tucker (Tommy) of Paducah; and several other friends and relatives.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristen Larimore.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 19, 2023 at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home with Bro. Tommy Tucker and Bro. Joel Patton officiating and burial in the Green County Memory Gardens in Summersville. Masonic services conducted by Elkhorn Lodge 568 were held Sunday, June 18, 2023.

Pallbearers were Rick Reynolds Nelson Moore, Richard Phelps, Louis McQueary, Kelin Helm, Jeff Jessie, Carson Jessie and Timothy Priest.

Honorary pallbearers were Lucky Frost and John Asher.

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Are days limited for festival?

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and the answers varied.

Jamestown, for instance, relies primarily on funds from the city and operates on a \$50,000 budget. They get very little funding from sponsors. Burkesville gets \$8,000 to \$10,000 annually from their tourism commission, Baker learned.

Baker struggles with asking people for money. Between relying on government funds that come from tax revenue and knowing that local businesses are inundated with requests, Baker said they understand if people are unable to fund the festival at the level it needs funded.

If it's not possible, however, the committee is asking the community what should

happen next.

"We don't want to sound ungrateful, because if it weren't for our sponsors, we wouldn't have made it this far," Baker said. "But after this year we have three options: we either have a festival with no concert or we don't have a festival at all, or we just do local entertainment," she said.

The decision has already been made to use local entertainment only for Friday night of this year's festival to reduce expenses. What will happen on the second Saturday of October in 2024 depends on revenue.

"We try to save money as much as we can and we try to be very fiscally conservative," Baker said. "It's a big deal for people to give us money."

By Sharon Burton
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Downtown Days falls under the umbrella of Renaissance Columbia, an organization originally structured in 2003 by the City of Columbia after Gov. Paul Patton established the Renaissance Kentucky Program.

The state program was designed to assist local communities in locating funding sources for downtown redevelopment. While the state program has evolved into different programs, the local organization has developed into a non-profit corporation to provide oversight for the festival.

Downtown Days is held annually on the second Saturday in October and the preceding Friday.

Donations may be mailed to Renaissance Columbia, PO Box 581, Columbia, Ky. 42728. For more information contact Gina Baker at 270-250-2453 or Tiffany Collins at 270-634-0214.

Meeting scheduled with district highway department

A meeting is being scheduled with the District 8 Highway Department to discuss traffic concerns in the city of Columbia and, specifically, those relative to the public square.

Mallory Frye, Planning Engineer, and Amanda Parmley, Traffic Engineer, with District 8 Transportation Cabinet Office, will be in Columbia on Thursday, July 6 at 10 a.m. The

meeting will be held in city hall.

The public is invited to attend and Mayor Pamela Hoots encourages anyone with comments or concerns to attend the meeting.



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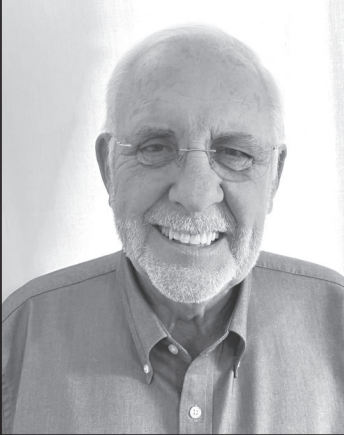
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On Friday night K-9 Deputy Chandler Staten initiated contact with Mark Rice, 27, of Greensburg on Dohoney Trace.

It was believed that Rice was in possession of illegal substances and Deputy Staten deployed his K-9 Nitro. A positive hit indicator was given by K-9 Nitro and a search was conducted. Police located suspect-

ed methamphetamine, marijuana, pills, drug paraphernalia, and a handgun.

Rice was found to be a convicted felon. He was lodged in the Adair County Regional Jail on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, methamphetamine; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd

degree, drug unspecified; prescription controlled substance not in proper container; possession of marijuana; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; possession of drug paraphernalia; and driving on a dui suspended license.

Deputy Staten was assisted by Officer Justin Cross.

## Miller ready to serve as state FFA officer

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with FFA.

Miller credits her success to the support team she has around her.

"I'm just so grateful for Ms. Smith and Mr. (Kirby) Hancock and

Ms. (Gabby) McCauley for all their help getting me here. I couldn't do it without them. And then my parents, of course; they pushed me to do everything that I can do. And I'm just so appreciative for the commu-

nity that I have back home of supporters and people who have helped me get to this point as well."

Her parents are Paul and Lena Miller.

By Sharon Burton  
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# Milk prices take hit after pinnacle year

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farmers in business.” Dairy farmers wind up being a huge part of their community, Barlow said. “They really do create the need for so many jobs. We need vets, feed guys, haulers ... We truly are an economic engine in communities. And I don’t want to see that go away.” There has been a significant consolidation of dairies happening across the country. “They have

to have water, access to feed and have people who are friendly to agriculture. Kentucky has all that, and we have significant interest by some Western dairies about coming out there.” Barlow has had some push-back on the idea of courting dairies to the area. But, when you think about it, he says, “at the present time, only half of the milk processed in Kentucky is produced here. So ...” Kentucky has the

resources, Barlow said, and the state can be as profitable as anyone else in milk – or even more so. “My opinion is they’re going to go away if we don’t and then we won’t have any milk market. Some people don’t want to hear that, but my goal is to make us one of the top two dairy states in the Southeast. And for a family be able to successfully make a living doing it.” Adam Ping and his family run a dairy farm in Pulaski County. All

together, they farm more than 200 acres. “I grew up on my uncles’ dairy farms, so I guess it’s in my blood. We’re milking about 64 right now,” Ping says, with help from his wife and daughter, along with other family and friends who pitch in when needed. “I’d say the input of costs is the biggest struggle,” he said, with feed, fertilizer and fuel costs all rising, and farm machinery also increas-

ing in price. “The price of milk is still pretty good, but the costs are tremendous. And the interest rates are terrible.” Ping said for those who had to buy a farm recently, “their payment probably went up about \$1,000. So, if you want to grow, it’s just about impossible right now. Everything’s just too expensive.” But, like Barlow, Ping would not try to talk anyone out of starting a dairy farm – quite the opposite.

“I’d tell them that I would’ve bought more land starting out instead of waiting. Take a bit more of a risk, I guess I’d say, and work for someone who knows what they’re doing first, see if you want to do it.” The job is seven days a week for 365 days a year, Ping says, “for the rest of your life ... I haven’t taken a day off since we started. Ain’t no way, and I love it. And I’ll continue to do it for as long as I can.”

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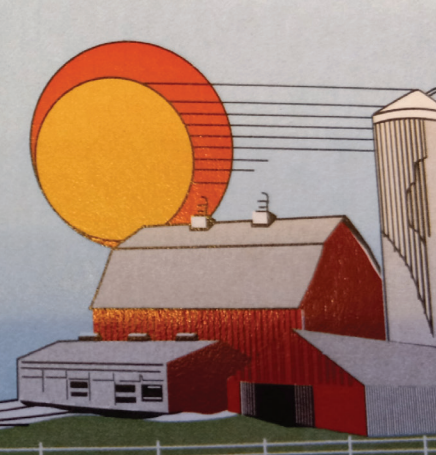
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# Ag Commissioner proclaims June as Dairy Month in Kentucky

Dairy farmers, producers and industry representatives joined Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles recently to sign a proclamation honoring the dairy industry and proclaiming June as Dairy Month in Kentucky.

"In June, we want to celebrate the hard work and resiliency of Kentucky's dairy farmers," Commissioner Quarles said. "With the constant pressure on our agriculture producers to adapt to change, we can look at our dairy partners as a group who has made those needed changes and continues to provide the wholesome and nutritious dairy products we have always enjoyed. June is the perfect time to celebrate Dairy Month and honor the service and the hard work of the Kentucky dairy

farmer."

The dairy cattle industry saw a bump in numbers for 2023. Dairy cows increased by 1,000 head, making 2023 the first Jan. 1 year-over-year increase since 1986. Kentucky's 45,000 dairy cows produce milk – the Official Beverage of Kentucky – along with ice cream, artisan cheeses, and other tasty dairy products. Dairy farmers help provide Kentucky families with the calcium, protein, vitamins, and minerals they need to lead an active and healthy lifestyle.

On average, each dairy cow produces 6.5 gallons of milk a day, meaning Kentucky dairy cows produce more than 107 million gallons of milk each year. Milk ranks eighth as a Kentucky agriculture product with Kentucky dairy producers receiving more than \$244

billion in cash receipts from sales of dairy products. On average each dairy cow generates more than \$13,700 in economic ripple effect each year. Barren County has the most dairy cows, followed by Adair, Logan, Christian, and Todd counties.

"The Kentucky Dairy Development Council represents all dairy farms within the state of Kentucky, and we salute them in their efforts of bringing wholesome milk to the marketplace," said H.H. Barlow, KDDC executive director. "It is a 24/7/365 day a year endeavor and we are proud of all that they do. We also appreciate all consumers of all dairy products – without them we wouldn't have a market for our products. Have yourself an extra bowl of ice cream to cool off this summer and help us cele-



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brate June Dairy Month."

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture helps Kentucky dairy farmers

and processors find new markets for their products and conducts dairy cattle shows across the state. For

more about the department's services to the dairy industry, go to [www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com).

## Maple Spiced Snack Bars

### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 7-ounce container plain Greek yogurt
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup pure maple syrup
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°.

Coat a half-sheet pan or large rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a large mixing bowl combine oats through cinnamon, mix dry ingredients until well combined. Set aside. In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together canned pumpkin, yogurt and remaining wet ingredients, stirring until well combined and smooth. Gradually add wet ingredients to the dry oat and flour mixture, stirring until mixed thoroughly.

Pour batter into prepared sheet pan, spreading out into one even layer. Bake for 20 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned and/or a toothpick comes out clean when inserted into the center. Remove from oven and let cool completely before cutting. Cut into 24 squares.

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Judge Michael Loy

Mark Garren Pearson, 20, assault 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury. Plea of guilty, written order entered (2023)

Malik Harris, 26, menacing; endangering the welfare of a minor. Plea of not guilty, pretrial conference set for July 5 (2023)

Reshandall L. Bridgewater, 41, assault 4th degree, minor injury. Plea of not guilty, pretrial conference set for July 26 (2023)

Jacob Okerosi Atika, 39, alcohol intoxication in a public place, first or second offense. Bench warrant issued (2023)

Kelly Faye Allen, 34, failure to illuminate head lamps; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, first offense; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Dismiss failure to illuminate head lamps, plea of guilt to others, order entered (2022)

Preston Tyler Cappelledo, 22, reckless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, third offense. Plea of guilty, order

entered (2022)

Craig A. Irvin, 34, assault 4th degree, minor injury. Plea of guilty, written order entered (2023)

Tiffany A. Centers, 29, receiving stolen property \$1,000 or more but less than \$10,000. Hearing conducted, testimony heard, the court finds probable cause, bind over to the grand jury (2023)

Dorothy Taylor, 38, two counts of assault on a police/probation officer, 3rd degree. Plea of guilty to amend charges of assault 4th degree, written order entered (2023)

James Tristan Smith, 39, careless driving; fleeing or evading police in a motor vehicle, 2nd degree; resisting arrest; possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. Continued to Aug. 16 (2023)

Dorothy Francene Taylor, 38, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Plea of guilty, \$218 and bond fee (2023)

Terry W. Cosby, 65, possession of marijuana; buy/possess drug paraphernalia; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree, drug unspecified; possession of a controlled substance, 2nd degree, drug unspecified. Plea of guilty, order

entered (2023)

Craig Irvin, 34, assault 4th degree, minor injury. Plea of guilty, 30 days to serve with credit for 30 days (2023)

Keisha Denise Genoe, 18, possession of marijuana; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Plea of guilty, written order entered (2023)

Judy G. Sapp, 42, theft by failure to make required disposition of property. Continued to July 19 (2023)

Riley D. Reynolds, 18, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Diversion agreement entered (2023)

Riley D. Reynolds, 18, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol); disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. Diversion agreement entered (2023)

Jenny T. Nguyen, 28, assault 4th degree child abuse; resisting arrest. Plea of guilty, written order entered (2023)

Cedric Walker, 38, sexual abuse, 3rd degree. Plea of guilty to amended charge of harassment, written order entered (2023)

Derico Johnson, 40, speeding 20 mph over (limited access); operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, first offense; failure to produce insurance

card; rear license not illuminated; possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. Plea of guilty to speeding and possession of open alcohol beverage container, dismiss all others, \$75 fines (2023)

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# Middle school construction bids out of reach

Bids for the construction of a new middle school came in higher than hoped, and the school district will have to rely on additional state funding or start cutting back on the project.

Steven Osborne, project manager with Codell Construction, told the board last week that the base bid for the project came in at \$51.581 million, well over the \$40.236 million approved for bonding.

Osborne said the bid was not a surprise because other projects have also been coming in higher than budgeted. He said they have several plans and there are four alternates that could be deducted from the project.

A gymnasium and an auditorium are included in those alternates, along with a canopy for bus drop-off and additional parking for teachers. Removing those would reduce the cost to \$46.5 million. He said they also can begin negotiating with contractors to get their bids reduced.

Osborne said they recommended approving changes that would be easy to put back in if funding becomes available.

Superintendent Dr.

Pam Stephens said she and others have met with Rep. Bobby McCool, who is co-chair of the subcommittee on education and a member of the appropriations and revenue committee, and have been given a commitment of at least \$5 million toward the project.

“That \$5 million isn’t plugged in anywhere. So don’t get down in the dumps about this...I really feel we may lose the canopy, but that’s not a biggie.”

Stephens said she would join the new superintendent, Jason Faulkner, to fight for the funds during the next legislative session and voiced her optimism that the project would be funded. No action was taken at this time.

**Board approves human sexuality policy**

Also during the meeting, the board approved the KSBA annual policy and procedure updates with one modification.

The modification pertained to language concerning teaching about sexuality. The legislature passed a bill this year that bans any instruction on human sexuality for students in grade 5 or below. It also forbids any instruction at any

age that explores gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation.

In a memo to schools, the Kentucky Department of Education highlighted the word “or” that separated the language, suggesting that school districts had a choice in the instruction.

Sen. Max Wise, who was the chief sponsor of the bill, said KDE Commissioner Jason Glass was attempting to undermine the law. Gov. Andy Beshear had vetoed the bill but Republicans were able to override it.

During last week’s meeting, the school board approved using the word “and” instead of “or” in the district’s policy, making it clear that the new policy should be followed in its entirety.

Director of Pupil Personnel Robbie Harmon, who presented the policy to the board, said the Kentucky Association of School Councils provided guidance that “goes with the intent of the law” and recommended using the word “and.”

Board member Troy Grider said he is thankful to parents who have been concerned about these issues and said the district has been dealing with some of the issues

addressed in the bill. He asked Harmon how the district will know that each school will be following the new law.

Harmon said they have already communicated with principals, who will

be working with councils at the school level.

In other business, the board approved the strategic leadership plan, which has been led by Sarah Hatton and Susan Pfefferman and includ-

ed multiple community meetings.

The board heard comparisons for two insurance policies and chose EMC, whose bid was \$72,000 lower than Liberty Mutual.



Dr. Pam Stephens was honored during her final regular school board meeting as superintendent in Adair County last week. With Stephens, from left, are board members Troy Grider, Destiny Greer, Terry Harvey and Dana King.

## Letterwinners club started in Adair

An organization has been formed for former Adair County student-athletes, coaches, cheerleaders, dance team members, student trainers and managers, and those who are awarded honorary membership status.

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- The annual Letterwinners Club homecoming dinner / Hall of Fame Inductions
- Hospitality areas for members at all Indian home football, men’s basketball and women’s basketball games
- Sponsorship of annual Athlete of the Year awards for male and female student-ath-

letes

Randy Burns serves as the president of the organization, with Kim Goodin serving as president-elect. Craig Biggs is secretary and Steve Martin is treasurer.

Other board members are Scott Bennett, Anthony Darnell, Seth Dunbar, Kim Rodgers Keltner, Dr. Ronald Rogers, Mike Sneed and Yves White.

An application is available at [adairvoice.com](http://adairvoice.com).

# Giles case questions legality of checkpoints

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roadblock in literally every piece of it, from the inception to the actual roadblock itself being administered,” Simms told Judge Loy as he sought to suppress any evidence obtained during the checkpoint.

The Supreme Court has outlined what constitutes a legal checkpoint and states that it must be organized by a supervisor, there must be specific guidelines on how cars will be stopped (such as every fourth car, etc.), it must be readily visible for oncoming drivers, and vehicles must only be stopped for a short period of time. Media announcements must be made of planned checkpoints.

Several KSP officers testified during the hearing and answered questions about how the checkpoint was established. Trooper Levi Scott served as the officer in charge and was at the checkpoint and checked vehicles with three other officers. Sgt. Rufus Shearer approved the checkpoint just prior to it starting.

KSP issues press releases stating that checkpoints are planned each month and provides a link to their website that lists locations for planned checkpoints. They do not provide a specific time for each checkpoint.

KSP officers testified that they were stopping all vehicles unless traffic became congested then they would allow vehicles to go through to assure ample traffic flow.

A checkpoint should be clearly seen by approaching vehicles, and its advised that warning signs be set up before the checkpoint. While KSP did not have warning signs set up, they did have vehicles set strategically with flashing lights, and officers were in uniform and wearing reflective vests.

Simms argued that several procedures were violated with the checkpoint.

“A roadblock has to be for a specific purpose. And in addition, that purpose has to be formulated by a higher officer, and that has to be communicated to the officers who will actually be in field. None of those things happened, and every one of them testified that they were there for general police investigation, which is per se, unconstitutional,” he said. “So, if you take each piece of significant case law on this area, they violated nearly every single case.”

County Attorney Jennifer Hutchison-Corbin responded to the allegations, saying they believe the commonwealth met the burden for properly conducting a checkpoint.

“Sgt. Shearer approved the location, which is commonly done. It was done prior to any officers showing up on the scene,” she said, noting that there is no case law stating it has to be organized days or weeks ahead of time.

She added there is no case law stating the officer in charge cannot actively work the roadblock. There also is no requirement that signs be posted, she noted. Officers followed policy, she argued, with a plan to stop every vehicle unless there was congestion.

**The Case Against Giles**

While officers testified about how procedures were followed during the checkpoint, they also testified about what happened prior to Giles being arrested.

Trooper Matthew Lee was the first officer to interact with Giles and was listed as arresting officer. Lee testified he saw Giles’ vehicle stop at the stop sign before reaching the check-

point. When the vehicle did move forward, Lee said Giles stopped and opened his door, explaining that the window would not come down.

Lee said Giles presented him with an expired insurance card, and when he told Giles it was expired, Giles retrieved another card, which was also expired. Next, Giles handed him a handful of papers “for me to look through,” Lee said. Simms asked Lee if Giles told him he is unable to read and Lee said no.

Lee said he asked Giles to pull to the side of the road while he verified his insurance status. He said Giles became agitated and he tried to calm him down. At that point, Scott and Trooper Jake Smith took over interacting with Giles since Lee was being field trained and had only been on the job since November 2022.

Scott testified that Smith told Giles he would be free to leave once his insurance was verified, but Giles said he was going to leave and attempted to start the vehicle.

Giles was forcibly removed from his vehicle and arrested.

The arrest has garnered attention in the community because Giles is known in the Knifley area as a lifelong resident who frequents the local stores, lives a quiet life and has never caused trouble. He told the Community Voice that KSP officers were mean to him and scared him at the checkpoint, and he was not trying to do anything wrong.

Simms questioned officers about the moment Giles was taken to the ground and handcuffed. Officers said Giles resisted arrest by refusing to pull his hands from under his torso so that he could be handcuffed.

Trooper Trevor Blane Sharp testified that he placed his left hand on

the middle of Giles’ back while Giles was on the ground. Simms asked him if he thought that would keep Giles from pulling his hands out


from under him and Sharp said he did not.

Judge Loy said he will make a decision on the motion concerning the legality of the checkpoint



by Aug. 7. Giles is scheduled for trial on Aug. 14.

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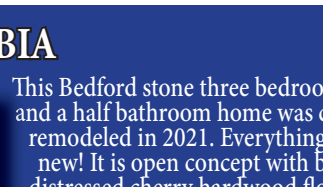


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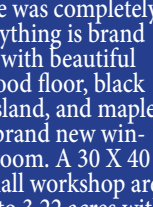
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# Camp Safari summer school students meet members of the community

ACES Summer school students and teachers recently completed two awesome weeks of Camp Safari.

We had many visitors graciously volunteer their time to help educate our future.

During the first week students learned from the Adair County Sheriff's Department, Adair County Ambulance Service, Columbia - Adair County Fire Department and Adair County Emergency Management.

We are so thankful for Sheriff Josh Brockman, Emergency Management Director Mike Keltner, and Firefighter Charles Esch. We also appreciate the following Adair County Ambulance staff

who visited: Daryl Flatt (Director), EMT Tracy McCarol, and Paramedic Ashley Harvey.

Students took a field trip to the Adair County Public Library where Mrs. Leeann Jesse explained all the great resources that are available.

Students checked out books and were treated with an ice cream party. We thank all of the library staff for welcoming ACES not once but twice! We encourage families to go by the public library and check out the summer reading program and challenge.

Charlene Martin with the KY Department of Agriculture Mobile Science Center visited

ACES for three days with special guest Miss Kentucky Hannah Edelen.

The mobile center holds interactive workstations where students conduct activities and investigations related to agriculture and the environment. While utilizing Ky. Proud products, students made ice cream in a bag, glue and soybean lip balm.

We wrapped up week two with a visit from local retired forester, Billy Joe Fudge.

ACES students took a walking field trip to the Adair County School's Arboretum where Mr. Fudge taught students how to identify trees by their leaves.

Students learned about

the Kentucky state tree and they also learned Columbia is home to the state record Southern Catalpa tree!

We want to thank all the visitors, presenters, teachers, staff, students and parents for an amazing start to summer

camp.  
By Beth Wethington  
Adair County Schools



Students created art with magazines and glue.



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