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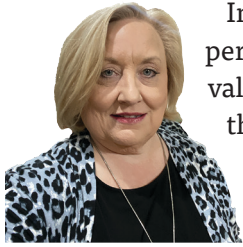


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# Discover what Adair County has to offer



In my early years as a newspaper publisher/owner, I learned a valuable lesson about community that has stayed with me.

This company started more than three decades ago with a statewide agriculture newspaper, the Farmer's Pride.

My team and I were working very hard to prove ourselves in the industry. We were having tremendous success. One of our supporters, an auction company in western Kentucky, advertised with us a great deal. After holding a sale, the owner let us know that he noticed one of his customers was from Adair County. He asked that man about our publication, and the local man said something very critical. We lost the support of that business and had to work hard to regain his trust.

It really hurt at the time, but it taught me something and made me a better person. You won't find me out criticizing my community as I travel the state. I realized then and have always remembered that we are all ambassadors for our hometown.

I know my hometown is not perfect. As a local newspaper publisher/editor, I have an obligation to focus a spotlight on our shortcomings and encourage our leaders to make improvements.

I do that, however, because I love Columbia and Adair County. This really is a great place to call home.

I treasure the opportunity to publish this Discover Adair County magazine because it puts the spotlight on the many wonderful assets of our community. Of course, our most valuable asset is our people. Our community is filled with givers, successful entrepreneurs, and great neighbors.

We have seen some great momentum in recent years in our economic development, with new businesses and a general optimism about our future. Positive attitude is contagious, and it's definitely spreading in Columbia and Adair County.

Whether you live here or are visiting, there's plenty of good news around you. We hope you will take the time to discover all our community has to offer!

*Sharon Burton*

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**FRONT COVER:** Thomas and Anna Dean at Downtown Days under the Lookin' Good sign. Photo by Sarah Dean. Rogers Trucking, third generation business, is featured on page 32 (staff photo). Sophia Stargel and Maylee Stone enjoy a day at Holmes Bend (photo also on page 15). Photo submitted by Amber Stargel.

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Welcome From

## Adair County Judge Executive Gale Cowan



Welcome to Adair County!

We are home to almost 20,000 residents and happy to have you if you are just passing through or if you are considering locating here. We are home to Green River Lake and Holmes Bend Marina and only a short distance to Lake Cumberland and Dale Hollow State Parks.

Located in south central

Kentucky, the Louie B. Nunn Parkway, soon to be a spur of Interstate 65, runs through Adair County and we are situated directly between I-65 and I-75.

We are also in the final stages of completing the Heartland Parkway, which will connect us to the Bluegrass Parkway. We are within two hours of Nashville, Louisville, Lexington, and the capital of our Commonwealth, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Our proximity puts us in a prime location for economic growth and development. At the same time, we have the principles and work ethic of the small rural community we are.

We have seen tremendous growth over the last few years. Our school campus is one of the most beautiful in the state. Our high school offers state of the art nursing and welding programs, so our students are career ready when they graduate.

We have an award-winning marching band program, our FBLA group just placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation, and our FFA program is constantly placing in state and national competitions.

We are in the process of updating our Jim Blair Recreation Center and Park. We have recently added new bleachers to our softball field, added a new floor for the gymnasium and indoor basketball court, and added two new outdoor basketball courts and a pickleball court.

Our next project is updating the playground and hopefully by winter we will have a state of the art, handicapped accessible, inclusive playground that anyone can enjoy.

If you are passing through, we hope you enjoy your stay here. If you are looking for a place to relocate, we would be glad to have you here in our beautiful county.

I think you will find the residents of Adair County friendly and welcoming.

Welcome From

## Columbia Mayor Pamela Hoots



Welcome to Columbia, our hometown. We are so very proud of the historical makeup of our community. Columbia is located in south central Kentucky and has access from two exit ramps of the Louie B. Nunn Parkway – named after the former Kentucky governor who was a neighbor to us from Barren County.

As a rural community, we are extremely grateful and excited about the opportunities being given by the local technical programs at the Adair County High School.

Their welding, farming, and nursing assistant programs are an asset to our community. Lindsey Wilson College is located just off the town square and has around 2,000 students representing over 100 countries. The college is known for their premier sports programs and the dedicated commitment of the students to our community in furthering their education.

We are continuing to grow. In the past couple of years, we have added around 12 new businesses, including Dairy Queen, Cookout, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and more.

We, as a community, are working to improve our parks and recreation for all children and families. We realize that recreational opportunities are important for the future health of our residents as well as for the recruitment of economic development.

We have several events throughout the year, including “Truck It Up,” when several food trucks visit our community; “Paint The Town,” when area businesses, organizations, and individuals paint the sidewalks; “Downtown Days,” a festival in the fall; and the annual book fair, when authors from throughout Kentucky come to town.

We are 220 years old this year. Yes, 220 years old! It is hard to believe. But, our assets as a community remain the same. We have a beautiful downtown area filled with history; our friends and neighbors are friendly and happy to lend a hand. Most of all, we have pride in our community.

I invite you to visit our hometown, walk around the square, visit the shops (shop local), and just “sit a spell.” You will meet new friends. Learn about Columbia.

If you get time, drop by City Hall.



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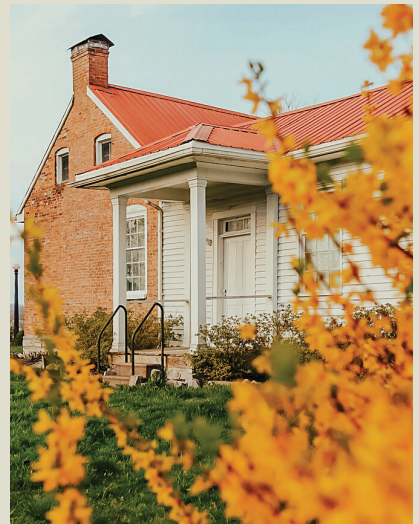


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# What is there to love about Adair County?

## Hear it from the locals:

‘Adair County is such a happy place. I love the people here; everyone is always so nice and generous. My favorite parts of Adair County are most certainly Moore’s Pool Room and Anderson’s Pizzeria!’

**Jack Fishback**



Locals have informal jam sessions at Anderson’s Pizzeria. Jack Fishback is shown here on the keyboard (far left) with his talented friends. (Photo by Cara Fishback)



‘What I love about Adair County .. too much to list. We aren’t from here. We moved to Columbia, Ky. sight unseen. We bought our home over the internet. We are a military family and my husband is stationed at Ft. Knox. He drives almost 2 hours each way home. We didn’t know what to expect moving here from Texas and being a Puerto Rican family. We fell in love with the kindness of the people of Columbia. We love the greenery, the scenic views, the farmland...but mostly the people. We have never felt unwelcome. I always say we are never leaving...why? Because our kids are home.’

**Lilly Howell (on right), shown with best friend Migdalia Miranda**

‘The giving nature of our citizens. So generous to everyone in need. Good people live here. They truly care for one another. Its beautiful scenery and the cleanness of our little town.’

**Patricia Cheatham Blair**



‘How everyone comes together when something happens.’

**Martha Lacy**

‘The love and support of our community when there is a need.’

**Fredia Melton**



‘Gardeners giving out garden food! Sometimes the in-laws grow too many tomatoes, squash and others.’ **Carolyn Knifley**



‘The lake!’  
**Julie McQueary**

‘Our bonds of friendship with others and the beautiful country lifestyle brings people together for many admirable purposes.’

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Columbia, Kentucky is perfectly positioned to provide scenic beauty and rural living without giving up your favorite amenities.

The rolling hills and picturesque surroundings add to the friendly hometown atmosphere.

Find yourself a baby farm to enjoy the early morning sounds of nature or choose from a number of subdivisions in the city limits or within the

county.

Enjoy a relaxed lifestyle knowing you will have quick access to regional markets for shopping, medical care and transportation. Columbia is conveniently situated on the Louie B. Nunn Expressway, which gives you access to Interstate 75 to the east and 65 to the west.

Newcomers are always impressed with the affordable city and county

tax rates and affordable homes. The sale price of homes in Adair County is significantly below the national median.

If you are interested in building a new home, there are experienced residential contractors who can help you design and build your dream house. Local real estate agents are also ready to help you find your perfect house or business location.



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# GREEN RIVER LAKE



Captain Maddox  
enjoys travels at Mt.  
Carmel on Green River  
Lake. Photo by Kay  
Pendleton



## Opportunity abounds at Green River Lake

Stretching across 8,200 acres is one of Adair County's most popular spots – Green River Lake.

This body of water was formed when the Army Corps of Engineers constructed a dam in 1964 and is home to bass, bluegill, catfish and crappie. Along the 1,331 acres of land surrounding the lake is the Green River Lake State Park, which opened in 1969.

Holmes Bend Marina Resort in Adair County is known as the lake's premier marina, featuring a beach, cabins, houseboat and fishing boat rentals, and picnic areas, and is located near private and Corps of Engineers campgrounds. A lodge provides rentals for suites and meeting rooms. The marina also hosts a restaurant and gift shop with lake essentials. Fishing, trail hiking, and an array of summer fun await visitors at Green River Lake and Holmes Bend Marina Resort.

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A woman wearing a red cap and a green shirt is standing on a sandy bank, fishing with a red rod. The lake is in the background, surrounded by a dense forest of green trees under a clear sky.

Farrah Pendleton relaxes with some bankside fishing at Green River Lake. Photo by Amy Phillips.

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a floral tank top, is crouching on asphalt. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. In front of her is a large, colorful drawing of a flower made with chalk. The drawing has a yellow center and pink and purple petals. The words "MOTHERS DAY" are written in blue chalk around the flower. A box of chalk is visible in the bottom right corner.

Arianna Strode enjoys a day of camping.





## BOAT RAMPS

**Butler Creek Ramp:** KY 55 north of Columbia; right on KY 682; left on Bridge Water Road; left at sign. Any light trailerable recreational boat. Paved ramp. Unpaved parking. Picnic area. No ramp fee.

(The following directions begin at KY 55 north of Columbia, then right on KY 551.)

**Arnold's Landing Ramp:** Right on Casey Creek Road, right on Arnold's Landing Road. Ramp style: Any light trailerable recreational boat. Paved ramp. Unpaved parking. No ramp fee.

**Holmes Bend Ramp:** Left on Holmes Bend Road. Any trailerable recreational boat. Paved ramp. Paved parking. Multiple lanes. Courtesy dock. Lodging. Picnic area. Camping. Restrooms. Marina. Ramp fee.

**Snake Creek Ramp:** Right on Snake Creek Road (2 miles); left on gravel road. Any light trailerable recreational boat. Paved ramp. Unpaved parking. No ramp fee.

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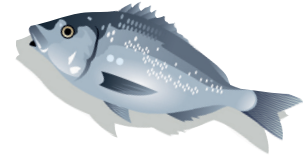
Asher Brockman shows off a discovery while hanging out at Russell Creek with his family. The creek is a popular destination for kayakers. Photo by Emilee Brockman.

## Fishing License Locations

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Kentucky's license year begins March 1 and continues through the last day of February. New licenses are required annually. Resident and nonresident youth younger than age 12 are not required to purchase licenses or permits to hunt (except the elk lottery application).

Resident and nonresident youth ages 15 and younger are not required to purchase licenses or permits to fish.

All Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses and permits can be purchased through the secured Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Online License Sales site [ps://app.fw.ky.gov/solar/](https://app.fw.ky.gov/solar/). Replacement licenses can be printed online for free.

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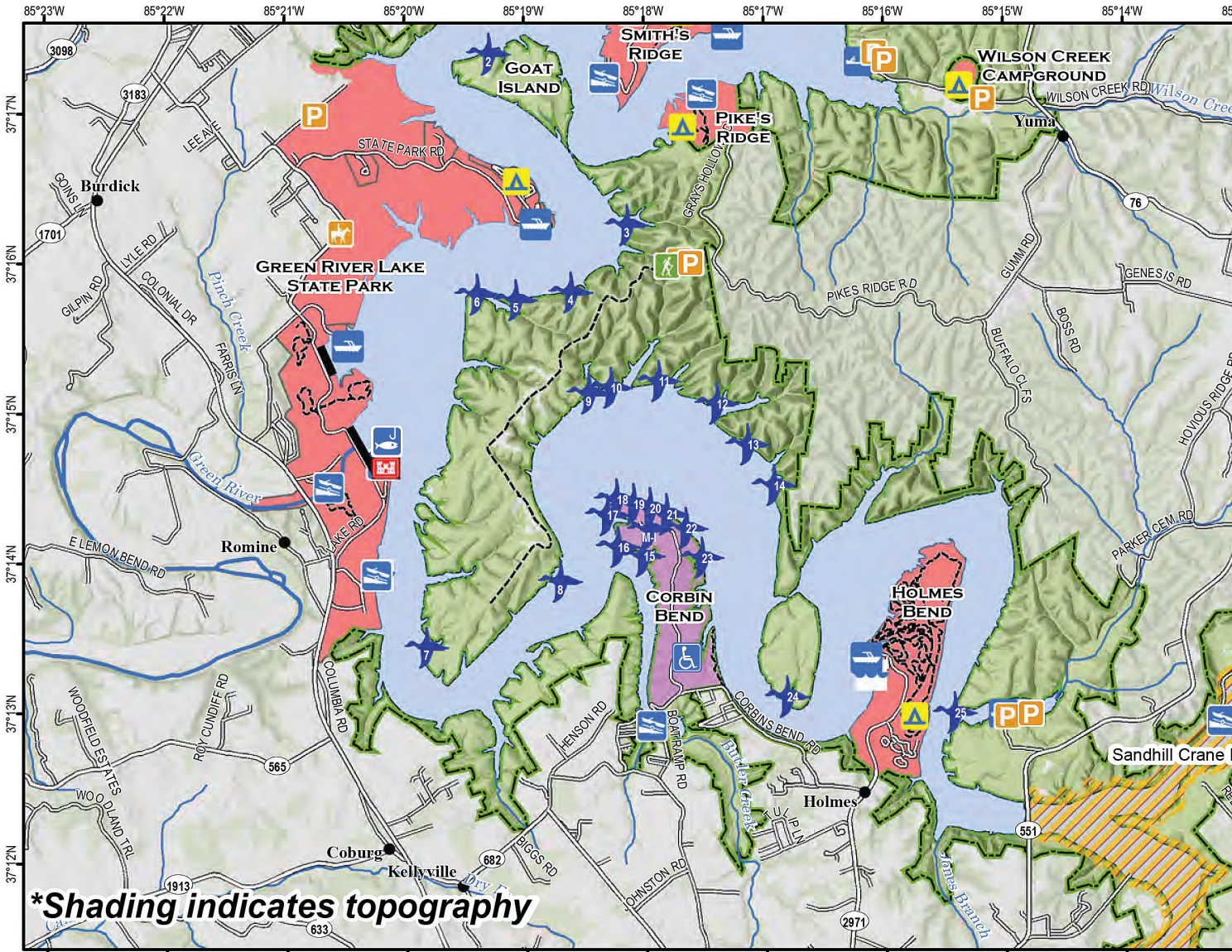


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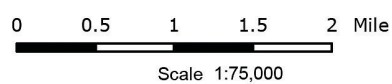




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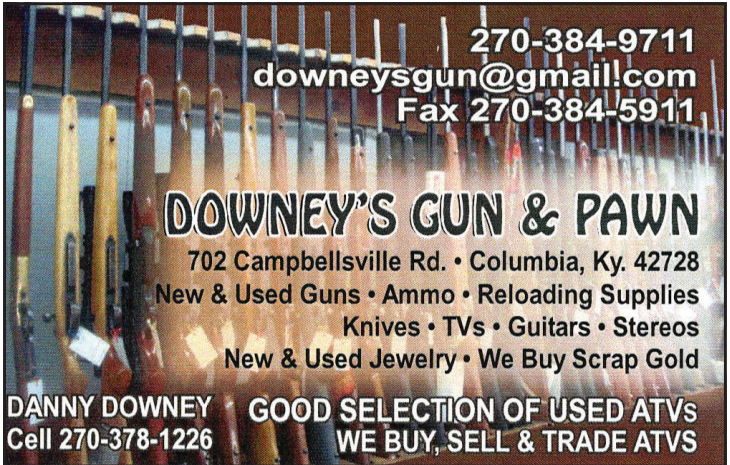




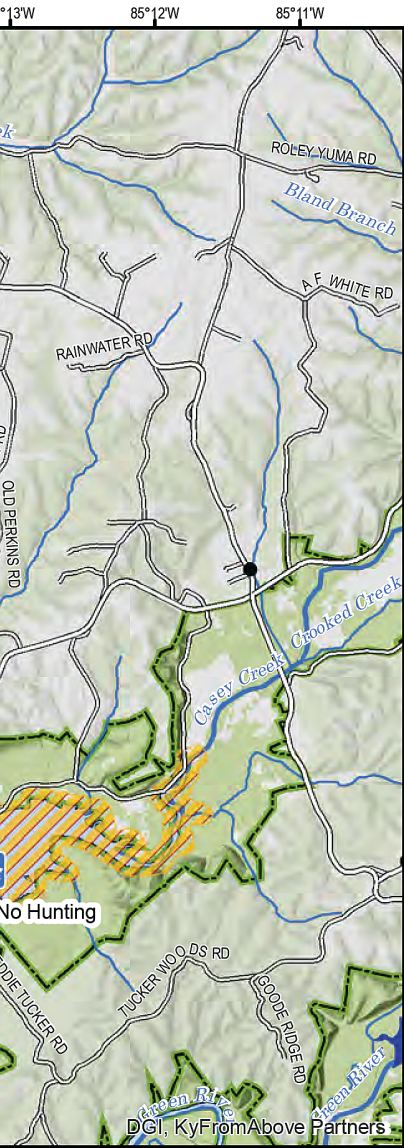
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The Green River Lake Wildlife Management Area covers 21,000 acres around the lake and is home to a number of game and nongame species, including deer, turkey, rabbit, quail, squirrel, dove and waterfowl.

Managed for conservation and recreation, the area offers public hunting in designated areas under statewide regulations.

Many trophy buck deer and large turkeys are annually harvested from this area, making it a popular site for hunting enthusiasts.

Information about Green River Wildlife Management Area is available at 270-465-5039.

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Spotted Bass...Statewide regulations apply  
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Black crappie...Must be 9 inches or over, statewide creel limits apply  
White crappie...Must be 9 inches or over, statewide creel limits apply  
White Bass...Statewide regulations apply (15 daily, 30 possession limit,  
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Special events draw people to the Janice Holt Giles historic log house in the Knifley community.



Adair County is home to a number of popular annual events that combine a touch of the past with the wonders of today.

## Downtown Days

Perhaps the most popular and most anxiously awaited day of the year in Columbia is the second Saturday of October, when downtown Columbia comes to life with concerts, children's activities, a food court, booths and arts and crafts.

The full day of festivities culminates with a free music concert on the public square that has featured nationally known recording artists such as Earl Thomas Conley, Trick Pony, Diamond Rio and Sammy Kershaw.

The historic downtown courthouse is surrounded with plenty of fun for the entire family.

The 2022 event is scheduled for Oct. 7 and Oct. 8 and will feature McBride & the Ride and Doug Stone.

## Revisit Knifley

Knifley is not the town seat of Adair County, but it certainly is part of the heart of the county. The small community in northern Adair usually reunites on the second Saturday of September, bringing together local residents as well as serving as a family reunion for Knifley natives who have moved away. The 2022 event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10.

Contact Lisa Greer at [deputyalisa@live.com](mailto:deputyalisa@live.com) or call 270-469-0376.

## Christmas in Columbia

The great parade brings smiles all around as Santa rides a fire truck through town as part of Christmas in Columbia.

The event is held the first Saturday in December and includes a children's carnival on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College and other popular events.



Downtown Days



## Fall Heritage Festival

Homeplace on Green River brings together agriculture and community year round, but a favorite day on the farm is the Fall Heritage Festival, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022.

Arts and crafts, great food, wagon rides, demonstrations, and children's activities are all part of the day. Add to that a raptor exhibit, hay rides and live music. The working farm is a great place to explore, with trails, barns and historical buildings. It is located at 5807 New Columbia Rd., Campbellsville.

## Arts and Crafts Day

Janice Holt Giles let the beauty of her Knifley home and the Green River area inspire her as she wrote an array of novels that are still popular today.

The local Giles Society was founded to preserve her legacy and the literary legacy she and other local authors left behind.

On the first Saturday of October, the Giles Society hosts an annual Arts and Crafts day at the Giles' log home, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The property is located 17 miles from Columbia on 380 Spout Springs Road and the home is open from

June - October on Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

A membership in the Giles Society is \$35 annually and can be sent to 380 Spout Springs Rd. Knifley, Ky. 42753.



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There are a lot of new or improved park facilities in Columbia and Adair County with more to come.

New basketball/pickleball courts were recently added at the Jim Blair Community Recreation Center and county government has approved a massive new all-inclusive playground that will be easily accessible for everyone. They hope to have the playground in place this fall.

The park is owned by the Adair County Fiscal Court and serves the community in a multitude of ways.

Located at 901 Hudson St., an outdoor walking track is a common place that locals visit for exercise and to take in nature. A softball field can host community softball leagues, and the picnic shelter overlooks it all.

Indoors, a portion of the facility is home to the Adair County Senior Center. The majority of the facility includes a basketball court, which recently received a new hardwood floor. That portion of the facility is available for rent for events such as birthday parties.



**MaKenna Bell, 4, plays T-ball at the Adair County Little League Park. Photo by Savanna Bell.**





**The Columbia City Park** has been under constant updates in the last year. The park's playground now holds handicap accessible equipment after the community came together to raise funds for the project. Its basketball court, picnic area and restrooms have undergone new paint and maintenance. A nearby pavilion serves as a great place for barbecues and family reunions. A children's splash pad is now planned as part of several improvements at the park, which is located on Fairground Street.

**Columbia Veterans Memorial Park**, formerly known as the roadside park, is yet another popular place for gatherings or just a relaxing day. Surrounded by tall trees, this park offers a playground and a picnic pavilion that a group of any size can enjoy. Owned by the City of Columbia, it is located 2.4 miles from Columbia on Hwy. 55 south of town.

The **Joe Johnson Little League Park** has served the young athletes of Adair County for decades and has undergone a number of improvements by the City of Columbia. Located at 167 Doc Walker Rd., the park provides four fields, press boxes, restrooms and a concession stand for athletes age 3 to 12.



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## Local business shuffles steel across the country

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StateLine Steel was created in 2009 when an investor offered Shannon Sexton the opportunity to develop a full-service steel distribution company. Starting the business from her home, she began building a business that, as Sexton describes it, now "shuffles around almost 100 loads of steel a month."

StateLine Steel purchases steel coils from mills then processes them for customers with a multitude of needs.

"You will find our steel in RVs, roll-off containers, water trucks, drums, barrels, farm and ag equipment, even wind turbines," Sexton said.

Sexton and her staff are ready to work with customers to "sling steel," as she calls it, by providing a semi-load of steel straight from the mill or customized for specific products.

"We also take those master coils and we split them up into smaller coils and sell those to roll formers, tube mills, places of that nature, or we take those coils and we cut them up into sheets. So, you took a round coil and now it's a flat sheet, used for sheet metal," Sexton explains.

While the business now has nine

staff members, which includes her, her investor, and an outside sales person, Sexton remembers the early years of starting the business from her house.

"I was the only employee. I would get dressed up to go to Walmart because I never saw the light of day outside of my house," she laughed.

In 2011, the company leased a building in Russell Springs. In 2016, Sexton moved the business to a leased building in Columbia until she found the right property. A year later she purchased and moved into the location at 912 Greensburg St.

The company continues to grow in spite of an economic downturn,





which Sexton is no stranger to.

“We opened StateLine Steel in the biggest recession most of us had ever looked at, right in the middle of it, in 2009. The steel market was crazy and people said we would never make it – you can’t open a steel business in this mess, it’s too volatile,” Sexton recalls. “Not only did we open it, we thrived then and somehow, we thrived through it, and we thrived through Covid. When everybody else was working from home, we did three weeks from home then we brought all the staff back. We sat 20 ft. apart minimum, we locked the front door and we went back to work.”

Sexton has recently added staff positions and is always on the lookout for potential growth. She recognizes the opportunity she was offered by an investor more than a decade ago and looks for ways to offer opportunity to others.

“It’s like he saw something in me and he afforded me an opportunity. It was on me for my potential to meet that opportunity,” she said. “When I hire people, I like to do the same thing. I like to find people who are under-utilized, sometimes under-employed, sometimes they don’t understand their value or their potential. I like to see potential in people and pluck them out and give them an opportunity and watch them rise up, watch their potential rise up to meet that opportunity, and when they do, it’s like sparks fly. When it finally lines up, it’s beautiful,” she said.

Sexton is also a part owner in local businesses Adair County Kwik Lube and Virginia Outfitters, and is part owner of 35 Lines, an online outdoor sporting and recreation retailer that also provides product procurement for third parties.

**(Facing page, from left) Jenny Dawson, Britnee Sexton, Amanda Greer, Shannon Sexton, Cheyenne Greer, Jennifer Walters and Whitney McGuffin. Above Shannon Sexton.**

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# Second entrance one of several moves by EDA to increase value of commerce park

A second entrance will soon double the opportunity for growth at the Green River Commerce Park, and a new relationship between the Columbia-Adair County Economic Development Authority and a company known for business development has the community excited about the future.

Significant amounts of dirt are being moved as a road, around one-half mile long, reaches from Hwy. 55 toward the back portion of the property.

“I have been involved in a lot of management training and I often say you have to conceive it, visualize it, plan for it, organize it and execute it,” said Bobby Morrison, EDA chairman. “We are executing it and we are well down the road.”



**Bobby Morrison, chairman of the Economic Development Authority, stands at the development of a new entrance to the Green River Commerce Park.**

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EDA did a land swap last year with Rob Wilkerson of ATS, who owns property in the park. The move allowed EDA to avoid an issue with TC Energy Pipeline about the location of pipelines in the park and gave a good starting point to the construction of the second entrance.

Morrison said “complete” for the second entrance would mean the road would have stone and gravel. He said he believes once a company locates at the site, the state will pay for blacktopping.

The next step in the process is to get industry located in Columbia. Morrison said some companies want to see an existing building when they visit the location, and some just want to get moved in. He said when a company wants to do something, they’re usually in a hurry.

The EDA has taken a big step forward in making that process a little easier. In June, the board signed an agreement with K&M Services of Glasgow and Franklin to serve as partners in the recruiting process.

“In 10 years, the commerce park should have several manufacturing facilities in it,” Morrison said. “That is what we all want. K&M will help us find clients for the park.”

## About the park...

The 300-acre Green River Commerce Park is located 4.6 miles from the Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Expressway. EDA has added a number of improvements in recent years, including an expansion of the sewer system and extending the current roadway. The park already has access to natural gas, water and electricity.

EDA works closely with the city and county to welcome potential clients for the park or any other location that might be fitting. Adair County has a lot to offer, including the recognition as a Work Ready Community. The community also has a relationship in place with a workforce center that offers training in transportation, advanced manufacturing, health science, technology, and construction trades. The center is also equipped to customize a training program in coordination with a

local industry.

While access to the Green River Commerce Park is already great and getting even better, its close access to the Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Expressway is certainly a bonus. The highway, which links Somerset (close to I-75 in eastern Kentucky) to Interstate 65 in the west, just recently received the distinction of being an expressway. Kentucky’s legislature renamed the highway and Kentucky’s U.S. senators are working to increase federal resources for the roadway and emphasize its importance as an interstate spur.

In addition, the commerce park is adjacent to Ky. 55, which is being adapted into the Heartland Parkway, extending from Columbia north to the Bluegrass Parkway in Washington County, passing through four counties.



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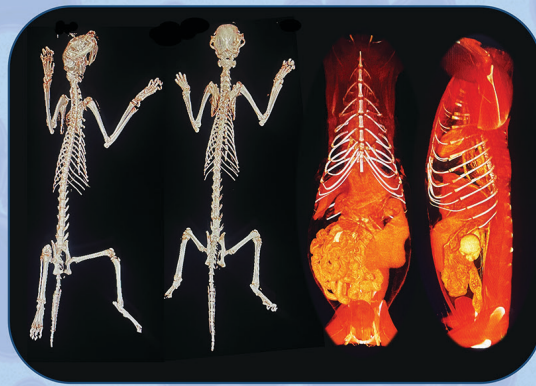
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# ***'Everybody is Somebody'***

## **Third generation prepared to take family business to next level**

A photo hangs on the wall in Lesha Breeding's house that depicts her father standing beside a trailer loaded with walnut logs. It represents the beginning of a family journey that now continues into the third generation and has led to the creation of a successful trucking company known for innovation and reliability.

Breeding remembers her father, Tommy Rogers, saying when he was a child he would see a semi-truck pass on the roadway and would tell himself that he would one day own one of those. He owned several prior to his death in 1999, and today his childhood dream has led to a business that is most likely beyond his wildest imagination.

The early years were a struggle, Breeding, recalls, and she remembers her dad's "junky trucks."

"I remember riding in a truck with a blanket covering the window because it wouldn't roll up," she said. That was a long time ago, however, and Rogers Trucking just had seven new Peterbilts hit the lot to add to







**Left: Tommy Rogers with a load of logs.**

**Facing page, top, from left, Alex Young, Charles Breeding, Lesha Breeding and Kristeena Breeding, second and third generations at Rogers Trucking.**

*rogerstruckingky.com*

their fleet of shiny green semis.

Breeding's father and her mother, Phyllis, were both very much involved in the company during those early years. Tommy dropped out of school after the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to help his father in the log woods. He was an excellent student, his daughter said, but poverty caused a need as it did for many families of that generation.

As an adult Tommy began hauling lumber, cement and tobacco, and found a friend in "Mr. Hill" at the Bank of Columbia, who supported him through tough financial times while he built his business. Rogers Trucking was officially incorporated in 1974.

It has always been a family business. The list of family members who are involved in the business today is a long one, and there are other employees who have been with the company now for more than 20 years. Breeding is quick to mention her aunt, Marsha VanArsdale, who has been with the business for 42 years.

"There would be no Rogers Trucking today had it not been for her," Lesha said.

Lesha relied heavily on Marsha when her mother retired in 1998 and her father died the following year. She found herself the leader of a growing company and a mother to two children.

"I remember telling my father, 'If I have it all and fail as a mother, then I've failed in life,'" she recalled.

Lesha found herself taking over a company that had acquired debt as her father had purchased equipment to expand operations. She sought out new customers and products for their trucks to haul, and she credits those customers for the foundation of the business they have today.

While Lesha recalls that her father "made me take accounting," she and other family members have been in-

involved in all aspects of the business, from washing trucks to driving them, to scheduling hauls. Among others, her husband, Glenn, is involved in the business as well as her sister, Carla Baker; children, Charles and Kristeena Breeding; Charles' wife, Kate; and Lesha's nephew, Alex Young.

They have never been big on titles, but it's apparent that Kristeena will be the next generation to follow in her mother's footsteps and lead the company. She works in contract procurement and handles a number of financial decisions on a daily basis, among other duties.

Kristeena got involved in the company following college and a stint as a financial analyst for a pharmaceutical company. Her passion for Rogers Trucking is obvious, and she is determined to debunk any stigma that comes with being the third generation to operate a family business.

Under Kristeena's guidance, the company's direction has shifted and they have successfully built relationships in the spirits industry. Kristeena says they are developing partnerships instead of simply working with customers for which they haul goods.

"In five years our business is completely different," Kristeena said.



**Rogers Trucking held a banquet earlier this year and gave nearly \$100,000 to drivers who reached various safe mile goals. The company has also established a "Rogers Gives Back" program to invest time and finances into worthy causes.**



Her proudest moment since taking a leadership role in the company came when she secured business with Brown-Forman. Brown-Forman is known for its excellent company culture and considered one of the best places in the nation to work.

“It’s kind of a joke in Louisville that if you go to work there, you don’t leave. You retire,” Kristeena said. Company values apparently continue as they do business with other companies and Kristeena said, “They want to keep us as much as we want to keep them.”

Brown-Forman rarely takes on new carriers, and Kristeena said she was in the right place at the right time. She followed that opportunity up with hard work, however, and earned her success.

“I met somebody that worked for Brown-Forman on the diversity side. I was at a lecture, and she put me in contact with somebody and I just chased it, for like two years. Call after call. I just kept being pushy and finally got the opportunity to bid freight,” she said.

Rogers Trucking is certified as a female-owned business, and that helped open the door.

“We started out with one lane. Now we’ve grown quite a bit with them.”

They also haul for Sazerac, perhaps best known for Van Winkle bourbons but also owners of Buffalo Trace and Barton 1792 distilleries in Kentucky. Just recently, they also started hauling for Jack Daniels in Lynchburg, Tenn.

Kristeena watches the market and has focused on freight that is steady throughout the year and not relying as much on seasonal freight, such as hauling tobacco. The crop that was once dominant in Kentucky was a major part of business for Rogers Trucking, and they still continue to haul it some, Kristeena said, but not like they once did. She has also worked to develop direct relationships with customers in areas where they drop freight for return runs so they are not relying on outside brokers to pay their way back home.

They also haul for Manchester Tank in Campbellsville, a niche market that could prove to be a major client in the future.

Kristeena said hauling the huge tanks requires a crane, so they mount a boom on the back of a semi. They’ve only converted one so far and are planning for a second one. While the market is there for more, she said they are moving slowly due to the expense of the equipment and the specific requirements for drivers.

“It’s a different beast,” she said. “It’s like a crane operator and a truck driver. You have to be able to do both.”

Rogers Trucking is now running more than 80 trucks. While they have enjoyed growth in recent years, Kristeena said they are planning the future carefully given the



current economic forecast. She said she relies heavily on her mother, who experienced running the company during a difficult economy in the 1980s.

Kristeena said she and her brother have been raised with the knowledge of what the generations before them went through to build the family business. Her mother did not let them draw large paychecks and they had to establish themselves in the business. Charles, her brother, started out washing trucks and currently dispatches and is in charge of outbound freight. At the time of this interview, Kristeena was in charge of the “night phone,” getting calls at all hours when there was a problem or issue that needed to be addressed.

“We are blessed with the fact that she (Lesha) did not let us just come in and make big salaries. Because she didn’t. I took a pay cut to come back from Louisville. My brother will tell you he worked in the shop washing trucks,” Kristeena said.

She attributes the company’s success to their dedicated team and the family philosophy that has been handed down through her mother. She credits her mother with a special way of caring about employees and customers.

“My grandfather said, ‘Everybody is somebody.’ Mom has always instilled that, too. It doesn’t matter if it’s the CEO of Brown-Forman or someone working with us or whoever it is, treat everyone with respect,” she said.

Kristeena said her family story – from her grandfather’s beginnings of a man in poverty with a big dream to her mother’s hard work and years of experience – encourage her as she moves forward.

“I am mindful of that. I’ve not seen the rough times or put near the work in that my grandfather did or my mom,” she said. “So, I am mindful of that and cautious going forward of what it took to get where we are.”





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## Land prices attract newcomers, growth

Adair County property values continue to increase as the community enjoys economic growth and new housing development.

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The price of a building lot has also increased in recent years and is dependent on location. For instance, a lot in the lake area sells for \$15,000 to \$50,000. Building lots throughout the county have also increased to around \$4,000 to \$15,000. Farms have also increased in value to an average of \$2,500 to \$12,000 per acre, depending on location and terrain.

Commercial sales are consistent with 2021 prices, while building costs have increased drastically to \$100-\$200 per square. The price of construction materials

has climbed substantially in the last couple of years. The National Association of Home Builders says lumber prices have added \$39,000 to the average cost of a new home since April 2021.

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Commercial lots at the Pinewood Shopping Center are some of the highest land sales the county has ever seen. Lots in this area range from \$50,000 to \$375,000 per acre, depending on location and adjoining landowners. The lake area of the county continues to be a hot spot for prospective buyers.

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Cousins Levi and Will operate their own rock quarry in Gradyville. They are the grandsons of Neal and Tammy Coomer. Great-Grandsons of Richie and Sue Coomer. Photo by Neal Coomer.



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 Evening: 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
 Service 6 p.m.



### Melson Ridge United Baptist

3082 Melson Ridge Rd  
 Pastor: Bro. Mitchell Eggers

**SUNDAY:**  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Worship 11 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

## BAPTIST



### Columbia Baptist Church

201 Greensburg St.  
 Pastor: Dr. Randy Johnson

**SUNDAY:**  
 Sunday School 9 a.m.  
 Bible Study: 10 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
 Bible Study: 5:30 p.m.  
 Something for everyone!



### Gradyville Baptist Church

159 Old Gradyville Church Rd.  
 Pastor: Bro. Adam Pruitt

**SUNDAY:**  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship 10:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
 Night Bible Study  
 Youth 6:30 p.m.

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL



### Kelleyville Community Church

77 Kellyville Rd  
 Pastor: Stanley Watson

**SUNDAY:**  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
 Service and Youth 6 p.m.



### Berean Community Fellowship

107 N. Reed St.  
 Pastor: Kellis Booth

**SUNDAY:**  
 Service: 10:15 a.m.

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 Chapter by Chapter"



# PUBLIC OFFICIALS



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Max Wise



STATE REP. - ELECT  
Amy Neighbors



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EXECUTIVE  
Gale Cowan



MAYOR  
Pam Hoots



SHERIFF  
Josh Brockman



PVA  
Landon Edwards



COUNTY ATTORNEY  
Jennifer  
Hutchison-Corbin



COUNTY CLERK  
Lisa Greer



CIRCUIT CLERK  
Dennis Loy



CIRCUIT JUDGE  
Judy Vance-Murphy



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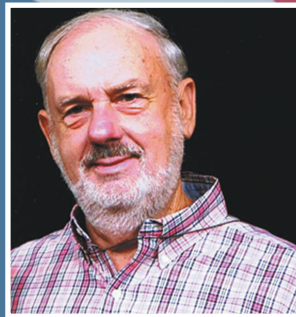




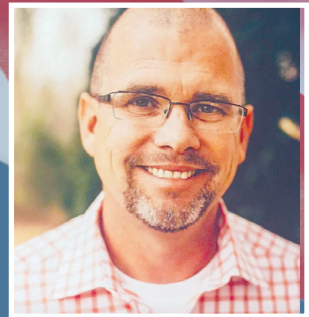
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Sharon Payne



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Sammy Baker



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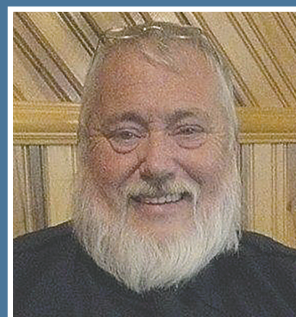
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# Local government offices, meetings are open to public

## ADAIR COUNTY FISCAL COURT

### Elected Officials:

**Adair County Judge Executive Gale Cowan  
Magistrates Harold Burton, Daryl Flatt, Sammy Baker, Chris Reeder, Billy Coffey, Greg Caldwell, Terry Hadley**

The Fiscal Court operates the public's business for all of Adair County. The court maintains county roadways, operates 911 emergency services, oversees the Green River Animal Shelter, and maintains the Jim Blair Recreation Center.

The fiscal court has the authority to pass ordinances that establish taxes and set the enforcement of regulations for the benefit of the community.

The county oversees the Adair County Mid-State Transfer Station, located at 877 L. Willis Road, where non-hazardous waste may be delivered. Several private businesses provide trash collection in the county. Trash pickup is mandatory in the city limits and the service is provided by the city government.

County government offices are located at 424 Public Square, Suite 1.

270-384-4703

## ADAIR COUNTY CLERK

**Elected Official: Adair County Clerk Lisa Greer**

One of the most visited offices in county government is the Adair County Clerk's office.

The clerk and her staff of deputies provide a variety of services, including transferring, paying taxes and licensing of vehicles.

The office oversees all elections, voter registration, absentee ballots and hiring election poll workers. Election days are extremely busy days at the county clerk's office. Greer has excelled at keeping the public informed about important deadlines, such as filing for office or registering to vote. Anyone who moves and needs to change where they vote should contact the clerk's office.

The county clerk's office is home to property deeds, marriage licenses and several other public documents. Some records date back to the early 1800s.

Offices are located at 424 Public Square, Suite 3 and are open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon.

270-384-2801

## How to attend a public meeting:

The Adair County Fiscal Court meets on the second Monday at 6

p.m. and the last Monday of each month at 4 p.m.

Meetings are held in the basement of the annex, located at 424 Public Sq. Enter the front doors, and nearby steps or elevator will

take you to the basement, where meetings are held.

There is a public seating area and the public is offered the opportunity to speak to the court toward the end of each meeting.



**Adair County Fiscal Court meetings are held in the basement of the annex, 424 Public Sq. From left are magistrates Chris Reeder, Sammy Baker, Daryl Flatt, and Harold Burton; County Judge Gale Cowan; Court Secretary Bridget Compton; County Attorney Jennifer Hutchison-Corbin; and magistrates Billy Coffey, Greg Caldwell and Terry Hadley.**



## **ADAIR COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Elected Official: Sheriff Josh Brockman**

Adair County Sheriff Josh Brockman and his deputies provide law enforcement services across the entire county. While the department operates with a small staff, at least one deputy is on duty at all times and the goal is to have two officers available if possible.

The sheriff's department also provides prisoner transport services for the courts and provides court security.

The office conducts vehicle inspections for any vehicle that has been rebuilt or purchased out of the state of Kentucky.

The office is fee based and receives revenue from serving court papers, and vehicle inspections.

In addition, the sheriff's office sends out and collects property tax bills.

Offices are located in the courthouse annex at 424 Public Square, Suite 20 (upstairs).

270-384-2776

## **ADAIR COUNTY PVA**

**Elected Official: Property Valuation Administrator  
Landon Edwards**

The Property Valuation Administrator is responsible for fairly setting the property assessment for all parcels in Adair County, which is now totaling more than 14,036.

While this does affect taxes, the PVA does not set the tax rates. To get the assessment they set, PVA deputies go to every area of the county once every four years and inspect all property in that area, but they do not go inside homes.

A taxpayer can go to the PVA office to get an adjustment on vehicle taxes if they have changes or problems with their car.

Taxpayers may also sign up for Homestead Exemption, which allows those with disability, military disability or those who are 65 or older to have \$40,500 taken off their property's assessed value, therefore lowering the property tax.

A website, [www.adairpva.com](http://www.adairpva.com), links to basic information provided by the PVAs office for free, with additional information provided by subscription. The public can visit the PVA office to get maps or printouts of property.

The Adair County PVA office is located in the courthouse annex at 424 Public Square, Suite 2.

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# Judge Executive Gale Cowan and the Adair County Fiscal Court are honored to serve the people of Adair County.

WE SERVE AS ADMINISTRATORS OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **County Road Department - 270-384-3738**
- **Recycling Center - 270-378-0782**
- **911 operations - 270-384-4760 (admin)**
- **Green River Animal Shelter - 270-385-9655**
- **Emergency Management - 270-384-4760**
- **Maintenance of Jim Blair Center**
- **Maintenance of the Adair County Judicial Center and courthouse**

## **MAGISTRATES**

- District 1 – Harold Burton**
- District 2 – Daryl Flatt**
- District 3 – Sammy Baker**
- District 4 – Chris Reeder**
- District 5 – Billy Coffey**
- District 6 – Greg Caldwell**
- District 7 – Terry Hadley**

Judge Executive: Gale Cowan  
Treasurer: Melinda Quinn  
Finance Officer: Benisha Johnson  
Executive Secretary/Human Resource Manager: Bridget Compton

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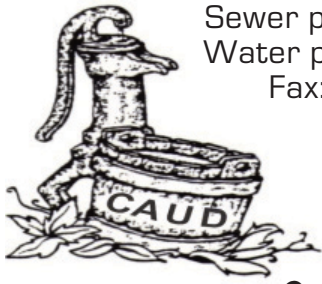


# Columbia/Adair Utilities District

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Sewer plant: 270-384-3371  
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**Columbia, KY 42728**

## Tax Rates from 2021

County = .011350

A parcel of land that is assessed at \$100,000 would cost the owner approximately \$1,150.00 yearly in property taxes. This includes all taxing districts in the county.

City = .00217

A parcel of land that is assessed at \$100,000 would cost the owner approximately \$217.00 yearly in city property taxes. The city of Columbia also has an occupational tax and insurance premium tax.

The city has an occupational tax of 1 percent and an insurance tax of 10 percent.

### Taxing district rates:

County .....	14.50	Library .....	5.30
Hospital .....	10.00	Extension .....	6.30
Ambulance .....	7.10	School District .....	53.60
Public Health .....	3.00	Soil Conservation ...	1.80

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# EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS

## Adair County Sheriff's Department

**Sheriff Josh Brockman**  
424 Public Sq., Suite 20  
270-384-2776

## Columbia Police Department Chief Jr. Murphy

116 Campbellsville St.  
270-384-4119

## Kentucky State Police Post 15 Post Commander

**Captain Bradley Stotts**  
1118 Jamestown St.  
270-384-4796

## Columbia-Adair County Fire Department

**County Chief Dennis Loy**  
**City Chief Tyler Solum**  
200 Merchant St.  
270-384-3278

## Knifley Fire Department Chief C.R. Drake

6130 Elkhorn Rd., Knifley  
270-849-2255

## Breeding Fire Department Chief Terry Harvey

1022 Independence Ridge Rd.,  
Breeding  
270-378-5700

## Adair County EMS Director Daryl Flatt

906 Westlake Dr.  
270-384-4706

## Emergency Management Director Mike Keltner

107 North High St.  
Phone: 270-384-4760

## Adair County Dispatch Director Danna Burton

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## CITY OF COLUMBIA

**Elected Officials: Mayor Pamela Hoots  
Councilors Craig Dean, Robert Flowers,  
Mark Harris, Sharon Payne, Dr. Ronald  
Rogers, and Linda Waggener**

The city stays busy with the various departments.

The street department works to build and provide maintenance to all streets and sidewalks in the city.

Parks and recreation ensures that the city-owned parks, City Park, Joe Johnson Little League Park, and Columbia Veterans Memorial Park remain in excellent shape. The sanitation department automatically serves all property, including homes, within the city limits through garbage pick-up.

The natural gas department provides optional natural

gas wherever available inside or outside the city limits.

The Columbia Police Department provides law enforcement to the city and is located inside the same building in City Hall. The Columbia Police Chief is Jr. Murphy.

City Hall is located at 116 Campbellsville Street.

City Hall: 270-384-2501

City Police: 270-280-1446



### How to attend a public meeting:

The Columbia City Council meets on the first Monday of every

month at 6 p.m.

Meetings are held on the main level of city hall at 116 Campbellsville St.

Parking is available on Campbellsville St. and in a public park-

ing lot behind City Hall.

Enter the front or back doors.

There is a public seating area and the public is offered the opportunity to speak to the council early in the meeting.

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## The courts

The Adair County Judicial Center has been home to the courts of Adair County for more than a decade.

The historic Adair County Courthouse was closed in 2010 and the Judicial Center was erected just down the road at 201 Campbellville St.

Inside is the Adair County Circuit Clerk's office, where residents pay court fees and view public record documents. Dennis Loy is the elected Circuit Clerk serving Adair County.

The first floor courtroom hosts District Court under Judge Michael Loy and the second floor courtroom hosts Circuit Court with Judge Judy Vance-Murphy.

Brian Wright is elected as the commonwealth's attorney. Wright serves Adair and Casey counties, prosecuting felony cases in both counties. His office is housed in Casey County.

Jennifer Hutchison-Corbin serves as the County Attorney. Elected by voters in Adair County, Corbin serves multiple roles. She serves as the legal arm of the county government and she prosecutes misdemeanors on behalf of the commonwealth.

Corbin's office helps change guardianship for someone over the age of 18 but cannot make medical or legal decisions for themselves.

The county attorney works out payment agreements with citizens who have written cold checks or have delinquent taxes. Her office offers victim advocacy, and child support payments are often made through her office.

The Adair County Attorney's Office is located in the courthouse annex at 424 Public Square, Suite 22 (upstairs) and can be reached by phone at 270-384-3216.

## Adair serves as a regional REAL ID licensing center

Local residents may apply for a REAL ID without leaving Columbia, with a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Regional Driver Licensing Office located at 363 Office Park Dr., Suite 2, which is the lower level of Family First Health Care.

Residents of counties making the transition may renew or apply for a REAL ID or new standard card version of driver licenses, permits, commercial driver licenses (CDLs) and ID cards at any KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Office.

Appointments may be made online at [drive.ky.gov](http://drive.ky.gov). A limited number of workstations will be available to serve walk-ins.





## COLUMBIA - ADAIR UTILITIES DISTRICT

**Appointed Board: Junior Brown, Richard Grant,  
David Jones, Joseph Pyles, and Terry Partin  
Manager Lenny Stone**

The Columbia - Adair Utilities District continuously oversees new projects to provide city and county residents and businesses with safe, ample water and sewer services.

The district is governed by a five-person board of commissioners who are appointed by the county government.

CAUD serves more than 8,000 water meters across the county. A water plant, which was completed in 2008, has a 5 million gallon supply capacity, providing much opportunity for growth.

The plant is located on the edge of Green River on Griffin Springs Road on the edge of Taylor County.

CAUD's business offices are located at 109 Grant Lane.  
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## Animals find forever home through shelter

Strays have a place to stay until they find their forever home at the Green River Animal Shelter.

Several hundred animals are adopted by loving families each year through the shelter, which is owned by the county government.

When Tammy Campbell took over operating the shelter, everyone knew there was a new boss at the helm. No animal that could be homed would be left behind. She and her staff have developed relationships across the country in an effort to make sure the dogs and cats turned over to them get the best outcome possible.

The shelter gladly welcomes donations from the community, such as food and cleaning supplies. The most needed items are pet food, leashes and collars, dish soap, Lysol and bleach.

The Green River Animal Shelter is located at 455 Appleby Dr. in Columbia. Hours and days of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The shelter's phone number is 270-385-9655.



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270-250-7100



# History fills pages at research center

Columbia has become a well-known haven for genealogical researchers, striving to find nuggets of information on family members from Adair County, but also from around the state.

The Adair County Public Library opened the state-of-the-art Genealogy and History Research Center last year and people come from all over the country to dig into their family's background.

The new facility was constructed adjacent to the library and is located at 307 Greensburg Street. Reach the center at 270-380-1024 or email [adairgenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:adairgenealogy@gmail.com).

Hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday.

[adaircountypubliclibrary.com/genealogy](http://adaircountypubliclibrary.com/genealogy)



## Town's history preserved at historic Trabue-Russell House

A historic property in the center of Columbia is the Trabue-Russell House, the former home of one of Columbia's founders, Daniel Trabue.

He built his home to overlook the town square in 1823. It was later purchased by James Montgomery Russell.

Today, it preserves the history of Adair County as a museum.

It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is owned by the City of Columbia and is available for private or community events.

Beautiful greenery, flowers and views can be observed outside the home, which are tended to by the Adair County Garden Club. A rose garden is cared for in memory of Julia Miller Horton, the great-granddaughter of

James Russell.

Call the City of Columbia for tours or rental at 270-384-2501.



Landon Edwards, Kevin Shepherd,  
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# Lake Cumberland Area Development District

**Lake Cumberland Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living  
Lake Cumberland Aging and Disabilities Resource Center**

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### **Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC):**

The ADRC is a resource to help the elderly and disabled, as well as their families and caregivers, to find services and resources to keep them living well and independently.

### **Aging and Independent Living Programs Include: In-Home services**

such as home management, personal care, respite, home delivered meals, home repair, chore and escort.

### **Homecare and Title III services**

which include assessment and case management.

### **Community services**

include the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center, Ombudsman, Legal Services, SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) and Benefits Counseling, Senior Center Services and the Caregiver Program.

### **Participant Directed Services (PDS)**

A program which allows a Medicaid waiver member to make choices on how some of their non-medical waiver services are provided which may include Home and Community Supports (personal care, homemaking, attendant care) and Non-Specialized Respite.

### **Traditional Case Management and Attendant Care**

A service for Home and Community Based Waiver recipients to assist in creating the Person-Centered Plan and ensuring approved services are provided. The case manager provides monthly contact to both ensure satisfaction and verify compliance with care.

Attendant Care services can be provided to Home and Community Based Waiver recipients by agency staff to satisfy goals and objectives noted on the approved Person-Centered Plan.

### **Veteran-Directed Care (VDC)**

The Veteran-Directed Care (VDC) program offers Veterans and their caregivers better choice and control over the long-term services and supports that help Veterans live at home and remain part of their community.

Veterans enrolled in VDC can decide for themselves what mix of goods and services best meet their needs. This includes the ability to hire, schedule and supervise their workers while managing them as an employer.

The VDC program was developed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living in 2008 and is currently offered at several VA Medical Centers across the country.

All Veterans, regardless of age, who are enrolled in the VA health care system and meet the clinical need for the service, are eligible to participate in VDC if it is offered at a local VA Medical Center.

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*This information is made possible by state and/or federal funding provided by the Department for Aging and Independent Living.*





# Medical community is second to none

Health care options in Adair County draw people from throughout the region, and local residents might sometimes be surprised when they realize they don't have to leave town to receive specialized care.

T.J. Health Columbia is a local hospital that is part of T.J. Regional Health in Glasgow. Specialists bring their services to the local community through the hospital's local primary care facility and various medical offices.

Columbia is also home to urgent care options as well as a number of family practice doctors and other specialists. Several dentists and other health care professionals also provide services right here at home. In addition, the community has an abundance of pharmacies to choose from, several of which are locally owned. From home health care to

medical supplies, hearing assistance, to eye care, you can discover

great services being offered in these pages of Discover Adair County.



**Columbia has great health care options for members of the community. Above, some T.J. Health Columbia staffers are, from left, Courtney Kimbler, RN; Judy Hale, MA; Kandace Webster, ARPN; and Alicia Pierce, LPN.**



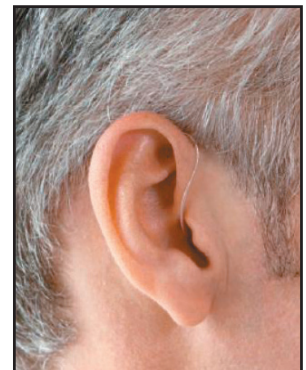
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Olmstead Program  
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First Episode of Psychosis  
Day Training  
Case Management  
Crisis Services  
Veteran Support**

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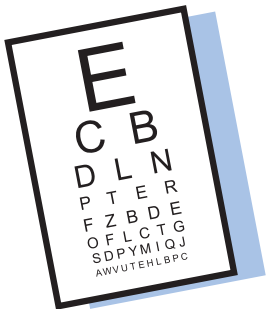
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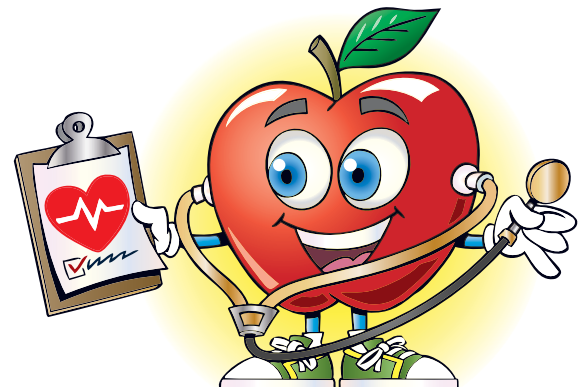
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Adair County farmers produced \$69.3 million in agriculture commodities, according to the USDA 2017 agricultural census. There are 1,816 producers involved in producing food and fiber products.

More than 39,000 cattle graze the countryside of Adair County and the county ranks in the top 20 in the state for cattle and calves every year. Adair is the second largest milk producing county in Kentucky, according to 2021 Dairy Alliance data.

Beef and dairy sales both rounded out at \$13.2 million, according to the latest census.

The variety of agricultural commodities produced in the county has expanded in recent years. There has been an increase of poultry farms, which has become the largest source of agriculture income in Kentucky. The poultry industry experienced a \$10 million increase in receipts in 2017 alone.

Adair County farmers have also increased their acreage of row crops in recent years. According to 2020 crop estimates from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Adair County farmers yielded 181.4 bushels per acre on 10,400 acres of corn and 56.1 bushels per acre on 10,700 acres of soybeans.

Adair County farmers have been involved in state extension service testing plots. Most recently, fields in the county were tested to see if drone fungicide application is suitable for farmers and if drone application helps offset reduced yields due to disease.

The Adair County agribusiness sector continues to grow to support the local, regional and state agriculture industry. These businesses are not only essential to farmers but allow for job opportunities to our citizens.



**Doug and Vaughn Cowan look over equipment at a farm auction.**

**18-month-old Avery Nelson picks a pumpkin in Adair County last fall.**







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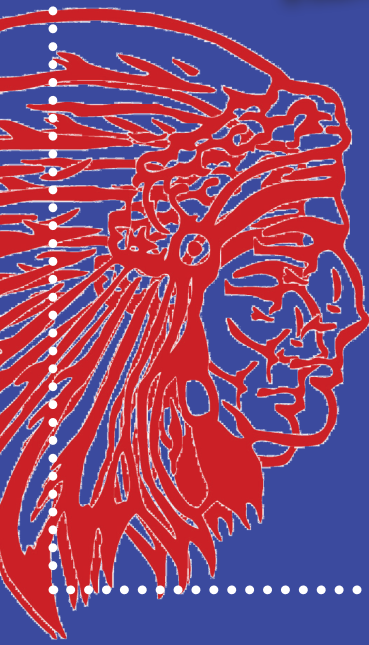
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# College or Career:

## Adair County grads are ready for the next step

As Justin Powell prepared for high school graduation, he knew his career path had already been welded together.

The son of Heather and Brian Powell had long since focused his work on welding and, with the help of Adair County High School welding instructor Barney Taylor, strengthened his skills in class.

The hard work sure paid off. Powell, 18, is working full time as a welder at Manchester Tank in Campbellsville, making \$20 an hour.

“The whole school thing wasn’t really for me,” said Powell. “Sitting in a classroom, I just couldn’t stand it. I must keep moving, I can’t sit still, so I knew right away that college wasn’t for me.”

Powell and his family moved to the area from Florida and Justin was a student in Taylor’s classes. Once he got under his welder’s hood and started working with a torch, he caught the bug.

“I got into Barney Taylor’s classes, and he started showing us how to do it. That’s probably when I started to fall in love with welding,” Powell said. “That’s when I realized it was what I wanted to do with my life.

“I really liked the hands-on part of welding. And it is an important job out in the real world (considering what is involved). Just being this close to something that hot (torch), is something special.”

Powell said Taylor taught his students that hands-on experience is hard to beat. He said the lessons he learned in Taylor’s class have had a huge impact on him and played a role in him getting his job.

“I am very grateful for the opportunity Mr. Taylor gave me,” Powell



**Justin Powell graduated from Adair County High School and went straight into a full-time job welding, thanks partly to a career-ready program at ACHS.**

said. “I wouldn’t be doing what I am doing without him, and the way he taught definitely made me fall in love with welding.

“I also think I have worked very hard to have gotten where I am right now. I was dedicated in the welding class and always tried to get out there and learn. I love welding so it is not really work to me.”

Powell is one of many students who graduate from Adair County High School prepared for their next step, whether they plan to head straight into the workforce or seek a college degree. ACHS offers 20

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Lindsey Wilson's spring commencement, held Saturday, April 30, 2022 in Parnell Family Stadium, 828 Russell Rd., was the second time LWC held commencement exercises at the college's football stadium.

A total of 296 degrees were conferred for the 2022 spring class. That number includes 216 undergraduate degrees and 80 graduate degrees. Combined with the 409 degrees awarded at LWC's winter commencement ceremony, the Lindsey Wilson Class of 2022 recognized a record 705 graduates - the most in the 119-year history of the United Methodist-affiliated college. The college awarded a record 688 degrees in 2017.

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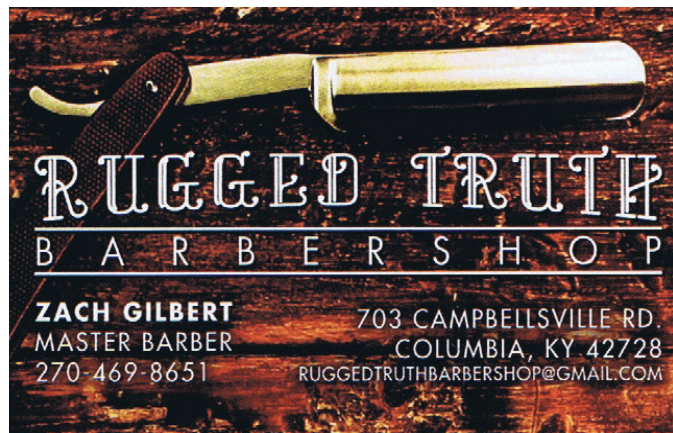
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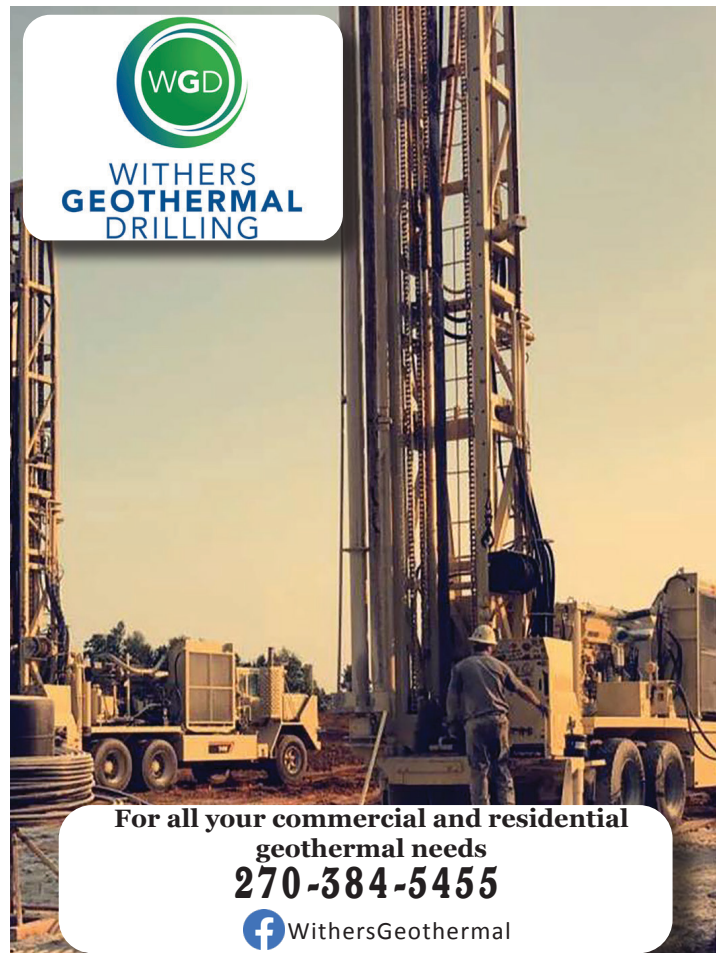
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