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Donnie Curry, lead transportation mechanic, and his team have been working hard on getting buses ready for the school year.

As the anticipation for a new school year builds, the transportation department for the Adair County school district has taken proactive steps to ensure a safe and smooth semester for students.

In an effort to prioritize the safety of students who board their buses, the maintenance department has been hard at work inspecting and preparing the school bus fleet, and drivers have been training and preparing for

a smooth opening on Monday, Aug. 28.

Bus drivers have completed a multitude of training programs, including first aid/CPR, and this week they are driving their routes, carefully checking for any potential obstructions or hazards that might impede the safe passage of their young passengers.

Donnie Curry is the lead transportation mechanic, and he and his team, Chad Price and Mark Foster, inspect

every bus once a month. Curry, who is a certified inspector, signs off on all inspections or any work completed on the fleet.

The school year will start with three new buses on the road, a continuing effort by the district to keep the fleet in top condition by replacing several buses a year. Steve Burton, maintenance and transportation director for the school district, said previous years saw the

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Walker appointed chairman of EDA

Larry Walker has been appointed the chairman of the Columbia-Adair Economic Development Authority.

During a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, members of the board of directors discussed current board position appointments

and terms that are about to expire. Outgoing board chairman Bobby Morrison remains on the board, but he has served the maximum term allowed for the chairman position.

The board voted to create a new position of engineering project

manager and appointed Morrison to that position. Morrison has been instrumental in road and other infrastructure projects at the Green River Commerce Park and the board voiced their interest in keeping Morrison

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School Resource Officer Jimmy Luttrell and Mayor Pam Hoots show off the new mobile unit designed to help youth understand the hazards of substance abuse.

City unveils new substance abuse mobile unit

After a number of unavoidable delays, a mobile unit designed to educate Adair County's youth about the hazards of substance abuse is ready to roll.

Mayor Pam Hoots received a \$50,000 USDA grant more than two years ago to help pay for up to 75 percent of the cost for a truck, trailer and contents for the mobile unit, and the Columbia City Police Department has been working on the project since.

Police Chief Jr Murphy

said the project has been a challenge to complete, starting with a supply issue during the Covid-19 pandemic. They then struggled for awhile before finding the right partners who had experience in similar projects and were able to successfully outfit the mobile unit and get it ready to use.

"The end goal is to be able to serve the public and try to provide them some education and to serve our children," Murphy said.

School Resource Offi-

cers will be trained to use the unit and Murphy said they may also bring in additional programs that will include officers specializing in narcotics investigations.

The unit offers a variety of materials, including packaging used for drugs but are packaged to look like candy. There's a shelf covered with vaping items that SRO Jimmy Luttrell said were all confiscated at the Adair County Middle

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The next two weekends will be filled with fun at city's new splash pad located at 413 Fairgrounds St.

Special events are planned at the new city splash pad

This Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 a.m. there will be special sensory hours for special needs children to have the opportunity to use the splash pad.

On Friday, Aug. 25, the City of Columbia and the Mark Train Shriners Club have teamed up to host a ribbon cutting and back-to-school bash.

Magician Lance Burton will entertain adults

and children alike with his illusions. Booths will be set up with school supplies, snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy, and, all types of items for children.

The Shriners Club will sponsor several types of inflatables and a train for children to enjoy. They will also be preparing hot dogs and hamburgers for the crowd.

The event will be held

from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"We're going to have all kinds of people set up. We've got some people from the school that are going to be here to answer questions. So, I think it's going to be a real good day for everyone," Mayor Pam Hoots said.

For further information, contact City Hall at 270-384-2501.



Hot Prints just recently added a new printer for custom banners (shown in back) that allows them to get banners ready more quickly. The company is celebrating 25 years this weekend with an open house. From left are Marianne Grant, owners Connie and Daryl Kemp, and daughter Stacy Giles.

Hot Prints celebrates 25 years

Hot Prints Screen Printing and Embroidery is celebrating 25 years as a family-owned business in Columbia with an open house this weekend.

Connie Kemp remem-

bers the early days when her husband Daryl told Elaine Bennett if she ever decided to sell her small business, the Kemps were interested. The call came and they set up shop where Ben-

nett left off.

We bought it in August," Connie recalls. When they opened the shop, the screens for the local fair were still in the

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Court denies staff training request

A request by Adair County Judge Executive Larry Russell Bryant to hire a temporary employee for his office so staff could attend training at the Governor's Local Issues Conference failed to pass at a special called fiscal court meeting last week.

Bryant said that Sheila Blair, a former county clerk who currently works part time in the

clerk's office, agreed to keep the office open while the staff attended training from Wednesday through Friday this week.

Magistrate Daryl Flatt said it was not in the budget for an extra conference or for a temporary worker. He added that he thought Bryant's appointment of Bridget Compton as deputy judge executive was

done to ensure that one of them could be in town if the other were gone.

Compton, who was already employed at the judge's office, was not given a pay increase with the additional duties when Bryant made the appointment. The judge has the authority to appoint the position but the fiscal court sets sala-

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Indians take down Barren County 25-19 in last pre-season game

Last Friday Adair County hosted Barren County at home in a pre-season showdown. The Trojans ended last season with a 4-7 record and posed a great challenge for the Indians, but the Tribe brought home a 25-19 win.

Coming off an excellent outing against Garrard County, Adair County came out firing early against the Trojans. Junior running back Dakota Morris put on a first half clinic. He had two touchdowns for over 70 yards and proved himself as the bell cow running back in this Indian offense.

Morris wasn't the only one lighting it up on offense, as the duo of quarterback Lane Grant and wide receiver Solomon Stonebreaker were back at it again. They started off the game

slow, only connecting on one pass in the first half, but that quickly changed as Grant would connect over the top to Solomon for his first passing touchdown for the game. This is a duo to keep an eye on for the upcoming season. Grant also had the bleachers on their feet as he had an electric rushing touchdown in the first half. Putting these rushing abilities on display really should give Indian fans something to be excited for.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior defensive back Jakeb Lacy put the Trojans on absolute lockdown. He started out the game with an interception, which put the offense in a position to easily score. Soon after a pass was thrown over the middle, and junior defensive back Aiden Smith deflected it

in the air. Lacy was there one again. He made a great catch and dodged through traffic in order to give the Indians excellent field position. This once again led to an Indians' touchdown.

By far the biggest take away from the win against Barren County is the massive improvement from the offensive line. Going into the pre-season it was not certain if our line could hold up against tough teams, but they proved themselves against the Trojans. It was obvious to all watching the game that this young Indian line was flawless, as they allowed Grant to have plenty of time in pass protection situations and even allowed great blocking for Morris on both of his touchdown runs. If they are able to keep this up for the reg-

ular season, the Indians will be a tough team to beat.

This Friday, the Indians will face their rivals, the Russell County Lakers, to begin the season. The Lakers delivered Adair County an early loss last season, and the Indians are seeking vengeance this time around. Russell County's high flying offense should put the Indians defense to a test and show the fans if the pre-season hype around the Indians is true. Although the Lak-

ers have lost many key pieces to their offense, this will certainly be a great game.

Earlier two of Adair County's star players, Lane Grant, and Aiden Smith, share their feelings going into the season, and they had both had very strong words for the Lakers. When asked how they planned to get past the Lakers' offense, Grant said "They have no clue how much depth we have this season. Every position on our offense is

filled by elite level guys, and this year's going to be completely different than last."

When asked about concerns on the defensive side of the ball, Smith said, "We may be a young team, but we have so many guys who are complete game changers. Anyone could step up at any time and make a huge difference, and that provides us so many options as a team."

By Trenton Page
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Indian golf takes down Washington County

The Indian golf team won in an excellent match. Top scores for the match were a 46 by Ila Loy in the girls' match, and a 40 by Jagger Kemp in the boys'.

The Indians won 217-219, and performed very well as a team.

Top 5 Individual results for girls- Ila Loy, 46. Lily Loy, 55. Ashley Loy, 55. Allee Campbell

61. Gracie Gist, 62.
Top 5 individual results for boys- Jagger Kemp, 40. Kaden Burton, 41. Bode Richard, 44. JT Loy, 46. Graham Robertson, 47.

Buses are ready to roll

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acquisition of two, four, four, and now three new buses.

Burton said the new buses are Thomas buses, and they hope to continue to replace old buses with that brand.

"The drivers like them better, the kids like the look better, and the mechanics like working on them - it's a lot easier," he said.

The new buses include two 66-passenger buses and one 30-passenger bus. The 30-passenger bus includes air conditioning and will be used for routes as well as activities. It has already been used to transport the boys' and girls' golf teams to competition.

The other two buses have some extra features that will add safety mea-

sures, especially when driving rural routes with turn-arounds.

"On the 66 passenger, we did get a camera system on the bus. We're trying to get every new bus we have now with the camera system on it. And then the newest thing, both of them have backup cameras, because what one of the biggest complaints and issues that we had is when you're out there in the morning and you really don't have any lights on the back of these buses to see backing up, it's a guess," Burton said.

The new buses will be placed on routes where buses with the most miles will be removed. Miles add up quickly, with bus drivers collectively traversing between 500,000 and

600,000 miles annually, Burton said. The district has 39 drivers on the road each school day. Some of the drivers run two separate shorter routes in town for a total of 41 routes.

While other districts have been making the news due to a driver shortage, Burton said Adair County is blessed with a full team of drivers and a group of substitutes ready to fill in as needed. When asked why they are able to maintain staff during a national worker shortage, Burton said, "I will tell you the last six (new hires), it's because my bus drivers went out and recruited," he said. "One guy has got me three bus drivers through church. It's word of mouth."

School Superintendent Jason Faulkner said

he has been impressed by the positive working environment within the transportation department.

"I was able to go over and talk with the bus drivers during one of their trainings last week, and the morale in that room is good. They've got a really good attitude," he said.

Part of the training included a presentation about having a positive attitude with students, Faulkner said.

"That's the very first person they see in the mornings. That driver sets the tone. Just watching the bus drivers interact with (the trainer), it was a really positive energy in the room," Faulkner said. "It's a very, very impressive group."

The school district

will receive state funding that will fund 55 percent of the purchase of buses and the district will finance the remaining cost. Crusade for Children is always instrumental in funding special need buses, Burton said.

Burton and Faulkner said the district is being strategic as new buses are being purchased because a group of 15 buses that were purchased at one time in the past are now needing to be replaced. Buses normally last around 12 years, Burton added. He also credits the maintenance crew for giving the buses additional time on the roads.

"Our mechanics are doing what they should do," Burton said. "If you stay on (maintenance schedules), you stay

away from the big ticket items. If they're getting their checks, you are still going to have stuff, that's just life. But you stay away from the problem that's been going on for six weeks that nobody knew about, and now the engine's blown. That's where you get into big ticket items."

Faulkner and Burton said the transportation department will be ready for opening day for students. While it usually takes longer at the beginning of the year as drivers become familiar with their students and their routes, Burton said the first student is expected to be picked up in the morning at 5:55 a.m. and the last student should be dropped off by 4 p.m.

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Community Calendar

BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL

The Adair County High School cheerleaders will host a back to school carnival on **Saturday, Aug. 19** from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is a \$5 entry per child. There will be games, petting zoo, bouncy house, obstacle course, corn hole, face painting and vendors.

SPLASH PAD RIBBON CUTTING

The City of Columbia in partnership with the Mark Twain Shriners Club is hosting an event at the city park on Fairgrounds Street on **Friday, Aug. 25** from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The event will have booths set up offering school supplies, snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy, and all types of items for children. Inflatables and a train will be available. Magician Lance Burton will be making an appearance, and there will be a ribbon-cutting at the splash pad. The event will be from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Food will be provided for children who attend, while supplies last. For further information, contact City Hall at 270-384-2501.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Casey Creek Lodge # 536, 14730 Knifley Rd., Knifley, will host its 150th anniversary celebration **Saturday, Aug. 26** starting at 11 a.m., with a meal at noon. All Masons and their families are invited. Activities provided.

GOSPEL SINGING

Gold City will be at Egypt Christian Church, Hwy. 551. **Monday, Aug. 28** at 6:30 p.m. Bro. Paul Patton and congregation invite everyone to attend.

BOARD MEETING

The Lake Cumberland District Board of Health will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, Sept. 5** at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Russell County Health Department located at 211 Fruit of the Loom Dr., Jamestown. This meeting is open to the public.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MEETINGS

Lake Cumberland District Health Department will offer SMART Recovery **every Wednesday at noon** in the Adair County Health Department Basement, 801 Westlake Dr. "A Fresh Approach to Addiction Recovery." Contact Steffani Miller, 859-667-2292 or the Adair County Health Department at 270-384-2286.

ARMED WOMEN OF AMERICA

The Adair County chapter of the Armed Women of America meets the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Adair County Sportsman Club. For more information, contact Sue Phelps at awa.adaircounty@gmail.com.

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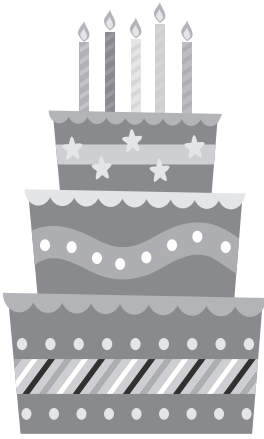
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Sharon Burton

The value of learning

Sometimes the more I learn, the more confused I become. That was the case with the discussion about training for the staff in the county judge's office this past week.

County Judge Executive Larry Russell Bryant wanted to hire a temporary employee and allow the office staff of three (four, counting him) to attend a Governor's Local Issues Conference.

Magistrates did not vote to do so, saying the money wasn't in the budget for the travel nor for temporary staff.

I get the concern about taking all staff at one time for training, although I have done that for my staff before and found it to be a valuable investment.

That may be a whole new concept for the county, but I think it's worthy of a conversation.

Now, depending on who you talk to, the training we are discussing here is either of great value or considered a 'free vacation.' Ironically, when the people I have discussed it with are talking about their own training, they tend to find it a value. When they are being critical of someone else, they accuse them of going to enjoy the free hotel stay and free meals.

Magistrates must consider the conference valuable, however, because they are provided with \$26,000 collectively for their travel and registration expenses, and they frequent these meetings.

Some of that allocation is used for other business expenses, but looking over budgets from the past three years, it's obvious that some magistrates spend multiple nights away from home to take part in various conferences, including the Governor's Local Issues Conference.

Anyone who has ever been involved in conferences knows that part of the attraction is the hotel stay, the dining out, and the networking. People who put together conferences know how to get

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people to attend.

It's fun.

There's no law against government employees or elected officials having fun while they work, but attending the actual conference part of the conference should be mandated. Ten minutes in a session here and there is just not enough.

I would suggest that every time tax dollars are spent on a conference or some other educational component, that the person or people who go provide a written summary to the court so everyone can share in the new knowledge they received.

I would think magistrates would attend different sessions and share that information with one another. Maybe they do that over dinner following the session, but wouldn't it be great if the entire fiscal court and the staff all got to hear what they learned? I'd like to know.

There are some timely topics on the agenda this week at the governor's conference. There's several sessions on potential grants and funding opportunities. Judge Bryant wants a higher occupational tax than magistrates, and one of the reasons he says the county needs it is to match potential grant opportunities. I would think at least one magistrate would spend time trying to see if he is correct on that.

There's cybersecurity - something the county just recently spent

money on with very little research or knowledge. There's a session on jail funding - how important is that!

There's a session on the opioid epidemic. The county is receiving thousands of dollars due to some state and federal lawsuits, and so much needs to be learned for us to be able to use that funding wisely.

Aside from the sessions, again, if you ever attended a conference, you know the most important part is networking. The elected officials who get state funding or special projects don't get it because they work hard at home (I know, it's shocking), they get it because they network with the right people and they are at the right place at the right time. And, a lot of times it's not from knowing the guy in a suit with a fancy title, it's knowing the person at the front desk who can stop you from seeing the guy in the fancy suit.

Of all the things you can do in this world, what really helps get something accomplished is the ability to network, the ability to build relationships, and the ability to get others to share your vision.

Sadly, I don't think the fiscal court conversation was about staff training at all. It was more likely just another example of an unwillingness to work as a team.

I don't expect Bryant and the magistrates to become best buddies any time soon. I do, however, think they should all be able to set aside personal conflict and deal with each issue that comes before the court at the level it deserves. Their employees deserve their respect, and they deserve a serious conversation about the training opportunities they are offered. I don't think that happened, and it's just another black mark for the way our fiscal court is doing business.

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OBITUARIES

Jeffrey Lynn 'Jeff' Feese



Jeffrey Lynn 'Jeff' Feese was called home at the age of 56 on Sunday, August 13, 2023. Jeff was born in Adair County on February 27, 1967 to Willie Matt Feese Jr., and Donna Ellis Feese of Columbia who survive. He was a member of the Tabernacle Christian Church in Adair County.

If you asked a hundred people who Jeff Feese was, they would all give you a different story. A hunter, a fisherman, an outdoorsman, the BBQ man, hard-headed, the life of the party, the black sheep, a papa, a husband, a dad, a son, a friend, and so much more. He was a fairly simple man who loved a good tune, turned up a little too loud, loved to tell a story that sounded way too crazy to ever possibly be true, and was uniquely himself no matter where he was.

Jeff was a fighter to the very end, and his family is

so proud of how he finished his race here on earth.

Survivors include his wife, Shannon Myers Feese of Columbia; three daughters, Malory Burton (Jacob), Macy Chamness (Chris) and Madelyn Feese all of Columbia; six grandchildren, Sophie Terry, Knox Burton, Nora Burton, Dani Chamness, Gunnar Chamness and Myers Burton; one brother, Craig Feese (Stephanie); one sister, Tonya Feese; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Orville and Bobbie McLean Ellis and Willie Matt and Grace Davis Feese.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home with Bro. Barney Taylor and Kevin Robertson officiating and burial in Haven Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Rick Keltner, Mills, Foster, Brad Keltner, Chris Coomer, Mark Wooten, Victor Vaughn, Tyron VanArsdale and Timmy Ellis.

Honorary pallbearers were Matt Jackson, Britt Jackson, Braxton Coomer, Hayden VanArsdale, Jacob Keltner, Garrett Sandusky, Darren Henson, Brandon Henson, Matt Antle and Easton Ellis.

Jimmie Rose Elliott Garrett



Jimmie Rose Elliott Garrett, 90, passed away Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at her home in Columbia.

She was born in Corbin on June 19, 1933 to her parents, Charles Elliott and Mary Elizabeth Powell Elliott. After her mother's passing from her birth, she was raised by her aunts, Rhoda Elliott and Rachel Miller.

Jimmie Rose was raised and baptized into Christ at the First Baptist Church of Corbin, where she sang in the choir and played piano.

Jimmie Rose valued education, she was a graduate of Corbin High School and Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing class of 1955. As a registered nurse, she spent her life taking care of others. In 1974, she and her family moved to Columbia and after being invited by Pastor Doug Moseley, they became members of Trinity Church.

At that time, she became the nursing director of Summit Manor Nursing Home. She also worked for the health department and was a state nursing home auditor, until after 40 years of nursing, she retired.

She enjoyed her morning coffee and winters in Florida. She was an avid reader, loved the color pink, playing the piano, flowers, especially roses, the lake, camping and her pets.

She treasured her children and grandchildren and embraced every moment spent with her family.

Jimmie Rose was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Mary Elizabeth Elliott; and her siblings, Thomas Elliott, Christine Elliott Gibbs and Phyllis Elliott Trammel, who meant everything to her.

She was a devoted wife to her husband of 66 years, Jack Burns Garrett of Columbia; loving mother to her children, John Patrick Garrett and wife Jean of Tompkinsville and Jacqueline Rose Garrett Burton and husband Steve of Columbia; adored mamaw to her three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Rose Burton White and husband Joey of Columbia and their children Carter and Makayla Rose White, Stacey Ward of Glasgow and her daughter, Raven Davis, Sarah Garrett Young and husband Daniel of Summer Shade and their children, Eliza and Elam Young; a cherished sisters of Gary Kay Elliott of Corbin; a precious aunt to many nieces and nephews who she dearly loved; and a special friend to Bob and Judie Rice of Columbia.

She chose cremation and her family will hold a private celebration of life at Green River Lake.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to her favorite charities, the Galilean Children's Home, the Arbor Day Foundation or Green River Animal Shelter.

Jimmie Rose was a beautiful lady inside and out and she will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Arlena Cape



Arlena Cape, 81, of Columbia, died Friday, August 11, 2023 at 6:10 a.m. at her home.

She was born April 1, 1942 in Russell County to the late William and Elva Morgan Kimbler. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandchild, Kayla Sneed.

She was a member of Melson Ridge Separate Baptist Church and a former sewing factory working, working at Russell Sportswear and Osh Kosh B'Gosh.

Survivors include her

husband, James Cape of Columbia; one son, Ricky Cape (Angela) of Shepherdsville; one daughter, Karen Sneed (Mike) of Columbia; one brother, Roy Kimbler of Russell Springs; one sister, Brenda Channey of Adair County; five grandchildren, Amanda Terrell (Matt), Samantha Cape, Isabella Cape, Ashley Pointer (Dustin) and Landon Sneed; seven great-grandchildren, Harper Terrell, Lexi, Isaiah, Evelyn, Myla, Quinton and Jasper Pointer; and several other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 13, 2023 at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Michael Helm officiating and burial in Haven Hill Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Roy Kimbler, Brandon Petty, Richie Melson, Tony Grant, Stacy Huff and Billy Helm.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Candace Rhiannon Sneed



Candace Rhiannon Sneed, aka Sport, 40, of Columbia, died Friday, August 4, 2023 at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville.

She was born February 22, 1983 in Campbellsville. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Bobby and Jerri Moore and Hobert and Mary 'Pete' Coffey.

Candace excelled in lots of things in her short life. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, but mostly sitting at home. She lit up any room she walked in. She was fast with her witty words and could make the gloomiest day bright. She graduated from Adair County High School in 2001 with a Who's Who Award, won multiple awards for horticulture and then graduated from PJ School of Cosmetology in 2013. Candace also worked in the family business, Moore's Pool Room.

Survivors include her husband, Craig Sneed of Columbia; her father, Roger Coffey (Susan) of Jamestown; her mother, Kay Moore Coffey of Columbia; five sons, Gaven Bernard (Katlyn Stotts), Greysen Bernard (Lyndsi Marcum), Gage Bernard, Gunnar Sneed and Prestin

Sneed, all of Columbia; one daughter, Jocelyn Sneed (Tanner Rooks) of Columbia; two brothers, Brandon Coffey and Lucas Coffey (Brandy), all of Columbia; five nieces; three nephews and one on the way; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, JR and Dee Sneed of Columbia; her sister-in-law, Ashley McGinnis (Jason) of Columbia; several aunts, uncles, cousins that she loved dearly; and a special close friend, Amanda Pepper, and several more.

She was well loved and is going to be greatly missed by so many in life. She was special to everyone and if you ever had a 'Sport' experience you already know how kind, loving and giving she was. She would open her home to anyone who needed it. She ended her journey with giving life to others.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 11, 2023 at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Withers officiating and burial in Jones Chapel Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Wesley Thomas, Stephen 'Petie' Burton, Brandon Blair, Dennis Gilbert, Camdon Harvey and Donnie Curry.

Honorary casket bearers were Gaven, Greysen and Gage Bernard and Gunnar Sneed.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to a fund established at Bank of Columbia for school supplies for the boys. The donation can be left at the funeral home.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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PUBLIC RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

Aug. 9
Judge Michael Loy

Samantha G. Wilson, 31, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, second offense, aggravating circumstance; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, first offense, methamphetamine; possession of marijuana. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Aug. 28 (2023)

Jared Robert Rowland, 24, fugitive from another state. Waiver entered, review set for Sept. 13 (2023)

Derek M. Otterson, 34, falsely reporting an incident to law enforcement; public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol); fleeing or evading police on foot, 2nd degree; resisting arrest. Plea of not guilty, pretrial conference set for Aug. 28 (2023)

Gregory Dee Salyer, 48, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol). \$218 (2023)

Nicki George, 39, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Plea of not guilty, pretrial conference set for Aug. 28 (2023)

Randall Ernest Dishman, Jr, 35, careless driving; failure to produce insurance card; failure to notify address change to department of transportation; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08, first offense. Plea of not guilty, pretrial conference set for Nov. 1 (2023)

Amber Marie Haggerty, 25, possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, first offense, methamphetamine; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Waived to the grand jury (2023)

Michael Ray Grant, 63, trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, first offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Review set (2023)

Brandy L. Emerson, 31, harassing communications. Jury trial set for Oct. 23 (2023)

Brandy Lanaeann Emerson, 31, assault 4th degree, minor injury; violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO. Jury trial set for Oct. 23 (2023)

Dennis E. Hargis, 39, criminal trespass, 1st degree; indecent exposure, 1st degree, first offense. Continued to Oct. 11 (2023)

Jayla R. Harmon, 21, assault 4th degree, minor injury. Plea of guilty, five days to serve, credit for one, review Aug. 28 (2023)

Paul Abrell, Jr, 44, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Continued to Aug. 16 (2023)

Paul J. Abrell, 44, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Continued to Aug. 16 (2023)

Chris A. Bernard, 47, license to be in possession; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance, first offense. Bench warrant issued (2023)

Aug. 14
Judge Michael Loy

Jason W. Antle, 45, vehicle headlamp/tail light color violations; failure to or improper signal; convicted felon in possession of a handgun; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, first offense, methamphetamine; 1st degree possession of a controlled

substance/cocaine, first offense; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance/heroin, first offense. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Aug. 21 (2023)

Jordan Durham, 35, fugitive from another state. Continued to Aug. 16 (2023)

Kyle M. Riggs, 45, failure to display registration/certificate numbers availability; non approved/insufficient number/no personal float; operating boat/watercraft under the influence of alcohol, first offense. Plea of guilty to operating under the influence of alcohol, dismiss others with proof, \$200 (2023)

Justin Tyler Hardin, 32, failure to operate boat at idle speed harbor; operating boat/watercraft while intoxicated or under the influence, first offense. Continued to Aug. 28 (2023)

Larry Gene Curry, 43, disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. Plea of guilty, order entered (2023)

Randy Lee Curry, 56, disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. Pretrial diversion order entered (2023)

Davie Dale Green, 46, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Plea of not guilty, pretrial conference set for Sept. 13 (2023)

Joshua A. Burton, 27, buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Written plea entered (2022)

Michael Ray Grant, 63, trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, first offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Continued to Aug. 28 (2023)

Allan M. Burton, 23, assault 4th degree dating violence, minor injury. Continued to Aug. 28 (2023)

Howard Loy, 62, cruelty to animals, 2nd degree. Plea of guilty, order entered (2023)

James B. Whitlow, 38, criminal trespass, 2nd degree; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance, third offense. Jury trial continued to Dec. 11 (2022)

LAND TRANSFERS

Margaret L. Dixon, Columbia to Charles G. Rodgers, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hwy. 61, containing, 0.629 acres more or less. \$115,610.

John M. and Ellen H. Miller, Columbia to Jason and Autumn Miller, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Campbell Rd., containing 2.43 acres. \$25,000.

Ronald A. and Deborah P. Watkins, Knoxville to Rodney Lee and Evelyn Jean Butcher, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Fairplay Rd., containing 12.04 acres. \$215,000.

Daniel Fusselman and Eva Bernardwicz-Fusselman, Groveland, Florida to Eladio and Alba Echevarria, Breeding. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Greenbriar Ridge Rd., containing 20.98 acres. \$83,000.

Mack Lyndon and Carol Ann Wilkerson, Columbia to Vincent Lang and Lisa Vale, Camarillo, California. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Little Cake Rd., containing 29.951 acres more or less. \$469,000.

Rodney and Regina

Wright, Russell Springs to Johnathan A. and Jessica L. Gaskins, Russell Springs. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hwy. 76, containing 14.882 acres more or less. \$75,000.

Matthew and Jamie Thorn, Russell Springs to Brandon and Karen Rodriguez, Libertyville, Ill. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Gentry Mill Rd., containing 0.0341 acres more or less. \$290,000.

Estate of Nellie Karnes, by and through its executrix, Linda Pendleton, Columbia to Linda Pendleton, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Bull Run Rd., containing 54.75 acres more or less. That for no consideration.

Steven and Heather Cape, Columbia to Brian Neal and Natasha Lee Mcelroy, Russell Springs. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Melson Ridge Rd, containing 25.22 acres. \$90,000.

Charles G. Rogers, Columbia to Mose and Edna W. Miller, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hwy. 55 South, containing 2.69 acres. \$75,000.

James M. Leib II and Carol S. Leib, Murfreesboro to Dana Brown, Edmon-ton, and Stephen Reliford, Breeding. Property located in Adair County described as being located on D. Reliford Rd., containing 8.45 acres. \$21,125.

Brian Finn, Columbia to James Earl Curry, Columbia, and Jessica Jane Russell, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Oak Grove Rd., containing 0.38 acres. \$20,000.

Donald R. Bault, Columbia, and Donald Kevin and Tammy Bault, Louisville, and Melissa R. and Mark Franklin, by and through Melissa Franklin, Guardian, Columbia to Sparksville Nazarene Church, by and through Robert C. Adkins, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Burkesville Rd., containing 0.064 acres. \$500.

Joshua Douglas and Bethany Bruce, Columbia, and Melissa Ann and Patrick Allen Mckalvia, Calhoun, Georgia to Paige Lynn-Jones, Knifley. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Tennie Cundiff Rd., containing 0.56 acres more or less. \$130,000.

Clinton Tate and Julie Katherine Claywood, Columbia to Mark A. and Heather Pearson, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Marshall St., containing a lot. \$70,000.

James S. and Janet Troutman, Jacksonville, Florida to Tia and Brandon White, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hwy. 704, containing 0.29 acres more or less. \$2,000.

Russell and Barbara McGaha, Columbia to Teresa Macintosh, Tompkinsville. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Bryant Cemetery Ln., containing 0.172 acres more or less. \$17,000.

Eric Van and Jessa Richard, Greensburg to Mipenico Holding, LLC., Louisville. Property located in Adair County described as being Tracts 1, 10, 15, and 16 of the J.E. and Jeanette Taylor Farm Division. \$519,000.

Josh and LeAnna Frank-

lin, Columbia to Scott Andrew Caldwell, Melbourne, Florida, and Casey John Caldwell, Melbourne, Florida. Property located in Adair County described as being Tract nos. 27 and 28 of the Flatwood Properties. \$165,000.

The Estate of Floyd Lee Roy, by and through its co-administrators, Floyd Dale and Christy Roy, Dunnville, and Carla Marie and Howard W. Luttrell, Russell Springs, and Dwight Lee Roy, Dunnville to Jeffery Dale Roy, Dunnville. Property located in Adair County described as being Tract no. 5, containing 1.26 acres. For no consideration, but as a gift.

Kyle Curry, Columbia, and Katherine Curry, Columbia to DTW Investments, LLC., by and through its member, Dillon T. Wilkerson, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Short Ln., containing 0.58 acres. \$200,000.

Jewell Kimbler, Columbia, by and through her attorney-in-fact to Douglas Kimbler, Alvaton, and Pamela Baker, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Allen Schoolhouse Rd., containing 0.67 acres. That for and in consideration of love and affection.

Margie Marie Lee, Butler County, Ohio to Brian Nelson Caudill, Casey County. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Robertson Rd., containing 1.37 acres more or less. \$90,000.

Robert A. and Elizabeth Salvador, Venice, Florida to Donna Mcelwain, Glasgow, and Scott Sheesley, Glasgow. Property located

in Adair County described as being located on Chestnut Grove Rd., containing 15.02 acres. \$36,000.

Meyer Framing, Inc., Columbia to James R. Saulpaw, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being Lot No. 1 of the H. H. Harvey Addition No. 3. \$160,000.

William Earl Cowan, by and through Sharon Turner, Power of Attorney, Columbia to Robert A. Montgomery, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Lee St., containing 0.20 acres. \$5,000.

Wanda Joyce Mauk f/k/a Wanda Joyce Holmes and Larry Wayne Mauk, Columbia to Beth Holmes, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hemlock St., containing .39 acres. That for and in consideration of love and affection.

Cattle Empire, LLC., by and through Cody Coffey, Member, Russell Springs to Gregory Earl and Traci Alison Coffman, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Brock Burris Rd., containing 31.4 acres more or less. \$265,000.

Gregory Earl and Traci Alison Coffman, Columbia to Cheerful Acres, LLC., by and through Jamie Gatz, Member, and Jennifer Matteson, Member, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Cooper Ridge Rd., containing 43.87 acres more or less. \$515,000.

Enos E. Gingerich, Elkhorn to Somerset Rental Properties, LLC., Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Montgomery St., containing

0.271 acres. \$120,000.

Tristan Chase Reece, Columbia to Wilkerson Investments, LLC., by and through Robin R. Wilkerson, Manager, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being all of Lot No. 10 of the High Bluff Apartments Subdivision. \$200,000.

Charlotte Lewis, Columbia to Michael L. amd Rita A. Turner, Sherpherdsville. Property located in Adair County described as being Lot No. 1 in the Meadow Acres Subdivision, containing 1.03 acres more or less. \$10,000.

Gregory L. and Pamela K. Hardin, Columbia to James Steve and April Lynn Breiner, Nicholasville. Property located in Adair County described as being Tract No. 29 and 30 of the Holmes Bend Hideaway Subdivision. \$53,500.

Dorothy Holt, Columbia to Matthew B. and Laura K. Keltner, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hwy. 92, containing 7.30 acres more or less. \$18,500.

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The new substance abuse awareness mobile unit will be used at the local schools but also local events to warn of the dangers of substance abuse issues.

City unveils new substance abuse mobile unit

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School. “We are going to use this to educate kids on what to look for,” Luttrell said. “There’s a lot of drugs that are being sold now that’s marketed under commonly used names of candy and stuff that kids use. So we can educate the kids and they can know what there are looking at. We hope it

will make them more aware of the dangers of the products that are out there.”

Mayor Hoots said the mobile unit will be available for use in the schools but it will also be made available as needed in the community. The unit will be set up during events such as Downtown Days, she added.

“I think it’s going to

be very beneficial to our community, to our school systems, we’ve got a college here, it’s going to be very beneficial to the whole community,” Hoots said.

For more information about the mobile unit, contact the Columbia City Police department at 270-384-4119.

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Walker appointed chairman of EDA

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as the contact person as those projects are completed.

Board members heard from consultant Heather Spoon about several initiatives, including ways to help existing businesses in Adair County that are interested in expansion or have other needs.

Kyle Mann, who represents the area for the Small Business Development Center, gave a brief overview of some of the services the center provides, including assistance with writing business plans and seeking financing.

The board voted to retain Anne-Tyler Morgan, an attorney with McBrayer PLLC in Lexington, to develop a Tax Increment Financing structure for the Green River Commerce Park. A TIF earmarks future tax revenue growth for a specific district to be reinvested into the district itself.

EDA and the Tourism Commission are developing videos promoting the community, and they will be unveiled to the community soon. Spoon said they plan to take a current slogan used for the community – it’s a great place to call home

– and play on that for all promotions, such as “it’s a great place to...”

Richard Phelps reported that everything is complete to move a cemetery from the commerce park but he was told it needs to be approved by the county. He plans to make that request at the next fiscal court meeting.

In addition to Morrison, Walker and Phelps, board members at Tuesday’s meeting were Kenzie Rowe, Doyle Lloyd, Mark Dykes and Roger Meadows, and ex officio County Judge Executive Larry Russell Bryant.

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Court denies staff training request

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ries.

Magistrate Chris Reeder said his concern is that they are increasing taxes at the same time they are considering something that is not in the budget.

Bryant said he believed it would benefit the county for Compton to attend some of the sessions listed on the agenda.

After the lack of a motion, Bryant said he would stay so Compton could go and Compton said she would stay so Bryant could go.

According to staff, treasurer Melinda Quinn and finance officer Carrie Fletcher attended. Compton did not.

According to the county’s budget documents, \$14,000 is budgeted for magistrates for registrations and another \$12,000 for travel expenses. Travel expenses for magistrates were increased this year from \$10,000 last year.

A total of \$2,500 is budgeted annually for the judge’s registration fees and \$3,500 for travel expenses. The budgeted amount for registrations

was reduced from \$2,700 the previous year.

Another \$1,000 is allocated for registration fees and \$2,500 for travel for the treasurer. Registration dropped from \$2,600 the previous year.

Also during the meeting, the court revisited tax rates after realizing their past vote did not include personal, motorcraft or vehicle tax rates. The court voted to keep the rates the same as last year.

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Hot Prints celebrates 25 years

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workshop.

“We went in completely blind; I mean completely blind. We had never seen it done. We had no idea at all,” she said.

They caught on quickly, however, and it wasn’t long before they were searching for more space. They moved into a larger location on Jamestown Street and shared space with Movie Warehouse.

Then 11 years ago, they relocated to their current location at 1655 KY-55, which provides the business with an ample retail space where they sell shirts and other products promoting local sports teams.

While screenprinting is a major service they provide the community, they also offer embroidery, engraving, and lots of signage, such as banners. With daughter Stacy Giles taking the


lead on screenprinting projects, the business includes the second generation for the family business. Marianne Grant has worked full-time at Hot Prints since 2017, and her daughter, Kaylee, works part time.

The open house will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and will include food, goodie bags for the first 50 people, and a giveaway a of Blackstone grill.

Fire department responds to house fire on Buck Watson Rd.




Columbia-Adair County Fire Department was dispatched at 5:14 p.m. to 25 Buck Watson Rd. on a report of a house fire. Upon arrival firefighters found a double wide mobile home with smoke showing. Firefighters made entry into the residence and quickly extinguished the fire. There was a total of 11 firefighters on scene for approximately 1.5 hours



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