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Matthew McGuffin was named the auctioneer grand champion at the 2023 Kentucky State Fair.

McGuffin awarded auctioneer grand champion at State Fair

Matthew McGuffin was not sure if he should compete in the FFA auctioneer contest at the Kentucky State Fair.

It took a little push from his FFA team, but he took to the stage ready to compete.

As McGuffin was introduced, he heard the applause from the crowd. His adrenaline kicked in

and he got to work. He was talking fast and professionally, trying to auction off his competition item to bidders in the room.

After his performance was over and McGuffin slowed to a normal talking speed, the winner of the contest was announced, and McGuffin took home his first-

place trophy.

The competition was held on Aug. 24 and McGuffin competed against multiple students from around Kentucky. He showed exemplary skill, control, and professionalism, which won him statewide recognition and first place in the competition. McGuffin is a 17-year-old Adair

County High School student and traveled with his fellow FFA students to the state fair to compete in a wide range of competitions. His specialization, however, is auctioneering.

Contestants had to appear in front of a panel of judges and were given

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Police investigate after 3-year-old stops breathing

Law enforcement is investigating what has been called suspicious circumstances after EMS responded to a report that CPR was being performed on a 3-year-old boy Tuesday night.

Adair County EMS was called to 240 Jay Wheeler Rd. at 8:36 p.m. with a report that a father returned home to find the child unconscious and not breathing. The child had been with the mother, and when the father arrived, the child was carried to a neighbor's house where CPR was performed. It was reported to EMS that the child could have possibly consumed antifreeze. That was later determined to not be true.

Another ambulance was called to the scene after a report that the mother had several minor self-inflicted injuries. She and the child were transported to T.J.

Health Columbia. The child was later flown by air ambulance to UK Hospital in Lexington in critical condition.

Adair County Sheriff Josh Brockman said a Kentucky State Police unit was in the area when the first call came in and responded to the scene and initiated the investigation. Brockman and his staff assisted on the scene and at the hospital Tuesday night, but KSP is expected to conduct the investigation.

Brockman, who responded to the hospital, said preliminary investigation has found some discrepancies in the details about the case and there are suspicious circumstances. As of Tuesday night, however, no charges had been filed.

The Community Voice will provide updates as they become available. Check out adairvoice.com for updates.

Back-to-school bash is a splashing success

Right, members of the community enjoy the splash pad during Friday's back-to-school bash. Below, Lance Burton performed magic tricks and called children on stage to assist him.



A back-to-school bash that also doubled as a ribbon cutting for the city's new splash pad drew a steady crowd for several hours during a hot August day Friday.

With a heat advisory in place, a lot of people attended just long enough to visit with ven-

dors or enjoy free hamburgers and hot dogs before heading back to air conditioning, but the pavilion remained filled with excited adults and children just after noon as world-famous Lance

Burton took the stage to entertain with his magic. The play area, splash

pad and pavilions had nonstop traffic, as well as a play area covered with inflatables hosted by the Mark Twain Shriners Club, who also hosted the free food and a train ride.

With the event being held at the city park on Fairground St., which

is adjacent to the former fairgrounds, several comments were made by people reflecting on memories of the county fair. It was hot, there was a great crowd, there was food, and the day was a balance of socializing and enjoying the activities that were offered.

Downtown Days festival adds new homecoming opportunity

The list of events for Downtown Days is growing, and the latest announcement is sure to make the festival a special homecoming for locals who have moved away.

"We've always considered Downtown Days weekend is 'a great time to come home' and this event is even more of

a reason to join us on the square in downtown Columbia," said Jada Atwood, one of the event's coordinators. "If you have ties to Adair County and are interested in your family history or Kentucky history this is the perfect opportunity for you to come and

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Denney appears in court

David Denney appeared in Circuit Court via video conference from the Adair County jail on a murder charge Tuesday, but his arraignment has been delayed.

Denney, 44, has been charged with murder stemming from the Nov. 16, 2022 death of Darcey Nadine Albee, 38. Adair EMS was called to a residence at 1972 Little

Cake Rd. around 7:42 p.m. after a caller said a woman fell down the stairs. The caller said she was not breathing and he was starting CPR.

Denney was indicted by an Adair County grand jury on Aug. 17 and arrested a short time later. In addition to the murder charge, he was charged with resisting

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GROUNDBREAKING TODAY FOR NEW SCHOOL 1 p.m. beside high school



A groundbreaking will be held today at 1 p.m. for the new middle school on the Adair County school campus. The public is invited to attend. In the above photo, Derek Phillips, president of Deco Architects, presented a rendering for the project to the school board in June 2022. (Correction, in last week's edition, the date published for the groundbreaking was correct but the day of the week was wrong. The groundbreaking is today (Thursday, at 1 p.m.)

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From smokehouse to landmark



A smokehouse, built in 1900 still stands in its original spot on the Montgomery farm.

Adair County is filled with historical buildings and monuments that tell the history of the town.

Some of these buildings are still in use today while others are being preserved for years to come. They are used as pauses in time to reflect and understand the challenges that towns have faced in order to get where they are today.

More of these buildings are being added every year as a historical landmark, and now several more are on the way. Located near Montpelier and Harlan Brown Road rests what used to be the every active Montgomery family plantation.

This family like so many others, had to live off their land by farming and hunting. The best way to preserve such meats was best done in the smokehouse. The smokehouse was built in the year 1900 by Quientellian Kent “Kint” Montgomery. He would hunt local wildlife and store meats in the smokehouse to provide for the family meals.

Granddaughter Christa Gimbel still remembers the family meals that came when she would visit.

“Any time I visited we would always have country ham from the smokehouse,” she said. Gimbel,

who lives in Georgetown, Ind., is the current owner of the remaining Montgomery farm and is working hard to place four new memorials in Adair County to preserve the family smokehouse and other sites.

The Montgomery farm began in 1805 when the family of Frances Marion Montgomery traveled from Albermarle, Va. on the Wilderness Road to Kentucky. Frances settled on a near 2000-acre piece of land in Adair County known locally near the Ozark and Joppa communities.

From there the Montgomery family lived on their farm producing local products for themselves, such as meats and honey. Many of the family members who settled on the original plantation are now buried in one of the cemeteries located in the community. The last original descendant of the family moved off the property in the 1970s, Gimbel explained.

Gimbel is working to place one memorial at the Montgomery Family Pioneer Cemetery, which would memorialize the family and the contributions it made to the town.

Another memorial would be dedicated to the lives of the slaves

who were part of the Montgomery plantation. This would commemorate their lives and burial site located near the property.

The final memorial would be placed near Shiloh Christian Church, which was started by the Montgomery family who originally helped build the church and provide its first minister in 1875. The location would also feature a sign commemorating Frances Montgomery and his wife, Mary.

Not all historical buildings can be remembered so easily, however. The ol’ smokehouse faces the daunting challenge of needing to be moved off the property in the near future.

The building is currently not located on any main road and will present a challenge for any admirers or preservationists to reach it.

The process of moving such a historical piece must be done very carefully by very skilled individuals. Mike Watson, member Adair County Genealogical Society, explained the best way to preserve the building.

Log buildings like the smokehouse must be carefully taken apart, numbering each log as you go, and then re-assembling the parts in the

correct order in the new location.

For Christa Gimbel, the need to preserve such a building is worth it. The smokehouse provided the needed nutrition for a family to survive so they could contribute to the community around them.

Gimbel intends to sell some of the original Montgomery plantation in order to supply the funds for the establishment of the memorials.

She hopes to find someone who is interested in relocating and preserving the smokehouse.

Anyone interested in

the preservation of the smokehouse should be directed to Christa Gimbel at 812-923-7425 or by mail at 1513 Lakeland Dr. Georgetown, Ind. 47122.

By Brandon Roberts
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David Denney appears via teleconference in front of Circuit Judge Dan Kelly to face a murder charge in the death of Darcey Albee. Denney’s arraignmnet was postponed until Sept. 12.

Denney appears in court

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arrest by Kentucky State Police.

On Tuesday, Denney told Circuit Judge Dan Kelly that he had hired attorney David Cross to represent him. Commonwealth’s attorney Brian Wright respond-


ed, however, that he had spoken with Cross, who said he had not been retained.

Denney asked why he was appearing in court, and he was told he was there for arraignment. He was in District Court on Aug. 21 on the resisting arrest charge.

A pretrial conference is scheduled there for Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.

Judge Kelly rescheduled the arraignment for the murder charge in Adair Circuit Court for Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.


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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.

REVISIT KNIFLEY

Revisit Knifley will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 9**. A variety of activities are planned, including a salute to veterans. Auction items are needed, vendor booth spaces are available, and donations are appreciated. Contact Lisa Greer at 270-469-0376.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child will host a project leader workshop from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on **Saturday, Sept. 9** at the Columbia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall located at 201 Greensburg St.

Individuals may register for the workshop online at samaritanspurse.org. A variety of topics will be discussed. Project leader resources, including go boxes, will be available. For more information contact Mark Fudge at 270-634-2919 or Denise Fudge at 270-634-0246.

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.

DOWNTOWN DAYS

Downtown Days will be held on Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14. The Kentucky Headhunters will be the featured band performing Saturday night at 7 p.m. Many other events are planned. More details will be provided later or follow the event on social media.

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.

**Community Calendar
and Birthday Box items
are due by 10 a.m. on Mondays.**

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What doesn't get written

The Washington Post published a follow-up article Saturday that contained a lot of history about the relationship between the Marion County (Kansas) Record and local people involved in the recent police raid of their offices.

Details in a story like that one are important. When a story gains national attention, the truth often gets diluted as loud, opinionated voices take over the airwaves and social media.

The Post article tells about the relationships before the raid took place and provides some insight into the kind of journalism that takes place in Marion, Kansas.

Two points drew my interest in particular: the continuous use of the term "aggressive" when people discussed the type of news coverage the Marion County Record provides, and the stories they chose not to write.

The first story they didn't write was about the police chief who led the raid on the office. Reporter Deb Gruver had been told that the new police chief, Gideon Cody, left a police department in Kansas City, Mo. because he was threatened with a demotion.

Gruver contacted Cody. He didn't deny nor confirm, at least not then, but it did start the relationship between the police chief and the newspaper on rocky ground. Since the story has gone national, Cody has confirmed that he was facing disciplinary action and demotion at the Kansas City department when he left to take the Marion job.

Gruver never wrote the story. She said people who gave her the tip would not go on the record, and Cody would not confirm that it was true. So, the story died, at least it never moved until after the raid brought it to light.

The second story that wasn't written is the very one the police used to justify raiding the newspaper's office as well as the owner's home. Co-owner Joan Meyer, 98, died the day after her home was raided.

This time, the Record staff got a tip that a restaurant owner who was applying for a license to sell alcohol had been cited for driving under the influence. It was her

They also follow leads when they get them, regardless of where those leads take them.

Sometimes following those leads offends the new police chief or upsets a local business owner.

allegation that the paper illegally accessed her driving record that led Chief Cody to obtain a search warrant (Those type records are public documents in Kentucky. Unless a judge sealed a specific case or the person is a juvenile, I have access to that document within minutes. They are apparently public documents in Kansas, too, and only how the newspaper obtained them was an issue).

The Record did verify the DUI but didn't publish the story. This time, they were not comfortable with how the person who provided them the information obtained it.

Instead, they let the local police chief know that they received information that may have been accessed illicitly and told the chief that the restaurant owner may have been driving without a license.

The chief goes after the newspaper, trying to prove that the paper illegally obtained the restaurant owner's driving record. He gets a search warrant, raids the offices and take electronics from their office and home, an apparent violation of federal law.

One of the computers that was confiscated had details about the person who provided the tip about the chief's troubles at his former job.

From what I have read, I think I could really get along with the Meyer family who owns the Record. It sounds like the term aggressive is well earned, but it sounds like

their coverage is also fair. When you get a possible lead, you follow it. That's the job. Even if you uncover something you believe is true, however, there are other factors to consider before you publish.

They did that. They could have published an article reporting that the new police chief left his old job under a shadow, and the story would have been true. That just wasn't enough. They needed the people who made the accusation to stand behind it, and they wouldn't.

They could have written that the restaurant owner had a DUI and had been driving without a license, but they didn't. The information came from an unsavory motive, and it didn't sit well with them.

I think back on all the articles I have not written. I once showed a former elected official some documents on my computer concerning articles I did not write. This official thought I had a personal vendetta against them. Had that been true, I would have published the articles that didn't get published. They didn't get published because I could not substantiate the accusations at a level that made me comfortable.

Aggressive journalists don't withhold news because they are bullied or threatened. They do withhold articles because the work needed in the background cannot reach a high enough standard. They also follow leads when they get them, regardless of where those leads take them. Sometimes following those leads offends the new police chief or upsets a local business owner. That's what happened in Marion, Kansas, and what happened next should offend all Americans.

Emily Bradbury, executive director of the Kansas Press Association, said it well the day of the raid in an article published by the Kansas Reflector.

"An attack on a newspaper office through an illegal search is not just an infringement on the rights of journalists but an assault on the very foundation of democracy and the public's right to know," Bradbury said. "This can not be allowed to stand."

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Beverly Ann Myers



Beverly Ann Myers, 72, of Columbia, passed away Sunday, August 27, 2023 at her residence with her family by her side. She was born in Columbia on January 18, 1951 to the late Robert Leland and Virginia 'Jenny' Ferguson Grant. She was a member of the Tabernacle Christian Church.

Beverly Myers was the epitome of a matriarch. Her zest for life, love for Jesus and her family were unwavering and unmatched. She could fix any problem with a home-cooked meal or an oatmeal square and could cure any heartache with her infectious smile and distinct laugh. She was known to leave a lipstick stain trail, have popsicles on hand, and loved to read a good bedtime story. She never missed a ballgame, recital, competition, or school function.

There is so much to say, it would take a lifetime to tell all the things Mama Beverly was to so many. You go through life and hear people talk about "a mother's

love" or "a mother's touch," and she embodied those things with every ounce of her being and then some. She absolutely lived for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and her spirit will live on for generations to come because of the values she single-handedly instilled in them day in and day out.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Danny Myers of Columbia; two daughters, Shannon Feese and Kelly Robertson (Kevin) both of Columbia; six grandchildren, Malory Burton (Jacob), Macy Chamness (Chris), Madelyn Feese, Graham Robertson, Grant Robertson, and Bryant Robertson all of Columbia; six great-grandchildren Sophie Terry, Knox Burton, Nora Burton, Dani Chamness, Gunnar Chamness, and Myers Burton; two siblings, Ronnie Grant (Jane) of Columbia and Marsha Wayne of Campbellsville; and several other friends and relatives.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Jeff Feese, and a sister, Jana Hayes. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral home with Bro. John Davis and Bro. Terry officiating and burial in Haven Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Barry Myers, Chad Myers, Josh Myers, Chris Chamness, Jacob Burton and Ross Grant.

Jarrid Decarlo Smith



Jarrid Decarlo Smith was born in Columbia on August 20, 1976. He was the third son born to Ruth Ann Smith and the late Jerry L. Smith. He passed from this life to claim his heavenly reward on Tuesday, August 22 at Norton Hospital, Louisville. As a child, he was given the nickname "Bam," a name that stuck with him all throughout his life. In fact, if anyone referred to him as Jarrid, no one knew who they were talking about.

At an early age Bam dedicated his life to Christ at First Baptist Church, Columbia. He was a graduate of Adair County High School and I.T.T. Technical College, Louisville.

Bam had the biggest heart, and he had a great and abiding love for his family and friends. He was very generous with his time, helping anyone at any time, with whatever they needed and he did so without hesitation. He loved working on cars, spending time with his daughter, going to the Beech Bend racetrack, and working on any electronic device brought to him. He was great at it as evidenced by the number of family

and friends that depended on him to fix their gadgets.

Bam was preceded in death by his father, Jerry L. Smith; three uncles, Charles Hughes, Eugene "Dukie" Hughes and Danny Hughes; one aunt, Brenda Hughes; maternal grandparents, Bill and Bessie Hughes; and paternal grandmother, Ethel Smith.

He leaves to cherish his memories his mother, Ruth Ann Smith, three brothers, Darrin "Speedy" Smith and Aundrae (Fay) Smith of Columbia, and Shayne Smith of Bardstown; a daughter, Reynah Smith of Elizabethtown; three nieces, Vakerria (Nick) Coffey of Columbia, Milana Smith of Radcliff, and Asian Smith of Nashville; two nephews, Daquan Smith of Columbia, and Martel Smith of Radcliff; a great nephew and great niece, Keyari Coffey and Nella Coffey of Columbia. Several aunts, uncles and a host of other relatives and friends also survive.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 27, 2023 at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Darrin "Speedy" Smith, Daquan Smith, Everrick "Moe" Bradshaw, Nick Coffey, Yves White, Ty Smith, Charles "Junie" Hughes and Nathan Lasley.

Honorary pallbearers were Joseph "Tiny" Smith, Shane Hughes, Lynn Hughes, Shawn Johnson and Troy White.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

Harold Pedigo 'Peck' Hill



Harold Pedigo 'Peck' Hill, 95, of Edmonton, passed away Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at The Medical Center in Bowling Green. He was born on December 27, 1927 to the late James Wiley and Etta Edna Carter Hill. In 1954 he married the love of his life, Mary Evelyn 'Dootsie' Viar Hill and was a faithful and loving husband. She preceded him in death in August of 2001.

Mr. Hill was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army and was of the Christian faith. He enjoyed flower gardening, planting trees, photography, participating in car

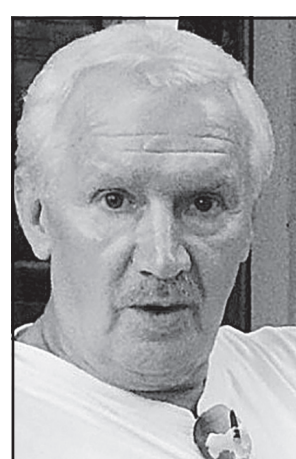
shows with his 1993 Chevy pickup and spending time with his family and friends. Peck always had a friendly smile for everyone.

Survivors include two nieces and a nephew,, Frances Boston (Lloyd) of Edmonton, Danny Hill of Buford, Ga., and Juanita Hill Curry (Glen) of Buford, Ga.; a great-nephew, Bret Wiley Hill; special friends, Mike and Tootsie Wilson of Edmonton, Ruby Smith of Columbia, Kenny and Robin Smith of Columbia and Paige Smith Donnelly of Bowling Green; and several other friends and relatives.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by five siblings, Horace William Hill, J.T. Lawson, Hugh Lawson, Lindso Lawson and Ava Lawson.

Graveside services were held Friday, August 25, 2023 at Metcalfe County Memorial Gardens with Steve Smith officiating. Military honors were provided by VFW Post 6097.

Clark Hansel



Clark Hansel, 74, of Columbia, died Sunday, August 27, 2023 at Summit Manor Nursing Home. He was born August 17, 1949 in Monroe, Mich. to the late L.C. and Margaret Hall Hansel. Clark was a member of the Living Faith Worship Center in Richmond. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in

death by a sister, Elizabeth Gent.

Survivors include one brother, David Hansel (Phyllis) of Columbia; four sisters, Peggy Kruter (Tony) of Georgia, Geraldine Otterson of Columbia, Linda Prochniak of Richmond, and Frances Brennan of Columbia.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Boyce Smith, Bro. Shaun Thomas and Bro. David Hansel officiating. Burial in Haven Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Spencer Hansel, Jonathan Hansel, Gary Hansel, Jon Conover, Anthony Cowan and Jimmy Otterson.

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Adair County defeats Bethlehem in Cooperage Bowl

The stands were filled Saturday afternoon as the Indians earned a coveted victory against Bethlehem, winning 49-21.

As the players took the field it was quite obvious that they were ready to play, as the game had been delayed for hours due to weather.

The Indians came out firing early, scoring on the first possession of the game. On the next possession, Adair County jumped out ahead quickly yet again, boosting the score to 15-6. From there the Indians continued to score and never looked back, as that is the closest the score would be for the remainder of the game.

This blowout was unexpected to say the least, as Bethlehem is seen as a competitor for a possible all A state title this year, but the Indians showed them that they are a new team compared to former years.

The big story of this game is without a doubt junior quarterback Lane Grant. Up until this season,

Grant was a great bell cow running back who headed the Indians' backfield. He dominated throughout last season as a running back, so it was to many fans' surprise when new coach Steve Stonebreaker decided to move him to quarterback.

Going into the season there were question marks about how Grant would do at quarterback due to his lack of experience at the position. It's safe to say through the first two games Grant seems to be right at home as the signal caller.

Although he did have a stellar game in the defeat against rival Russell County to open the season, the Lakers' lack of defense could have contributed to his success. The success story against Bethlehem was all Grant, who boasted a 50 percent completion rate while achieving 145 yards and two touchdowns through the air. Both touchdowns were thrown to junior wide receiver Aiden Smith.

This was seen as a breakout game for Smith as he

lacked the receptions he hoped for the first game. He ended the game Saturday with his pair of touchdowns, 84 yards, and an interception on the defensive side of the ball.

Grant was also able to carry the ball 18 times for a gain of 222 yards and five touchdowns.

When asked about how it felt to consistently be able to make it into the end zone, Grant said, "I'm really blessed to have this excellent team around me that allows me to be in the situation to score. My receivers came down with some tough balls tonight, and most importantly the offensive line was just dominant. It makes it a lot easier to score with a group of guys like that in front of you."

Junior wide receiver/defensive back Soloman Stonbreaker also had a great game. He is known for his quick feet and his ability to catch the ball on offense, but he made it known that he can play on both sides of the ball. He stacked up two intercep-



Photo by Andrea Feese

The Adair County Indians were victorious against Bethlehem at the Kentucky Cooperage Bowl Saturday.

tions and played intense locked down defense for the entirety of the game. He then went back to the other side of the ball and caught five passes for 52 yards. This kid really is fun to watch, and he is a huge


addition to the team this season.

Next up for the Indians is Larue County this Friday. Larue has a record of 0-2 but has played two extremely talented teams to start the year. This will

be a great test to see if Adair County has what it takes to keep it rolling. The game will be played at Larue County and will begin at 7 p.m. (CDT.)

By Trenton Page
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Stay safe during tailgating season



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Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer. Parking lots don't have access to running water so bring your own hand-wash station. Portable water jugs with a spigot can be found in the drinking water aisle

of most grocery stores. Bring along liquid soap, paper towels and a bucket to catch wastewater. Wash your hands before and after preparing food and especially after using the portable restrooms. Always wash your hands before eating and encourage your tailgating friends to wash their hands before eating too.

Keep cold foods cold. Perishable food should be kept at temperatures below 40 degrees F. Use insulated coolers and plenty of ice or frozen gel packs to keep meat, poultry, sandwiches, dairy and deli salads cold. If you plan on grilling, keep the raw meat separated

from ready-to-eat products and drinks. Use two coolers and designate one for raw ingredients and one for ready-to-eat.

Keep hot foods hot. Cooked foods should stay above 140 degrees F. Food can be kept hot in disposable pans on the grill. Insulated containers or Sterno heaters can also be used to keep casseroles and other cooked foods hot. If electricity is available, slow cookers are a great option for keeping foods like chili and homemade dips hot.

When grilling, use a metal-stemmed thermom-

eter to ensure your meats reach the correct internal temperature before taking them off the grill. All poultry should be cooked to 165 degrees F and ground meats like burgers should be cooked to 160 degrees F. Roasts, steaks and chops of beef, pork, lamb and veal should be cooked to 145 degrees F. Hot dogs and bratwurst should be cooked to 165 degrees F. Never use color as an indicator of doneness.

Eat prepared food within two hours. If the outside temperature is higher than 90 degrees, consume the

food within an hour.

Once you're finished with the pre-game celebrations, remember to throw away leftovers in trash cans with plastic liners and lids before heading into the stadium. After returning home, clean and sanitize all your food preparation equipment including coolers, thermometers and utensils.

For more information on food preparation and safety, contact the Adair County Extension Office, 409 Fairground. St. Columbia, or call 270-384-2317.



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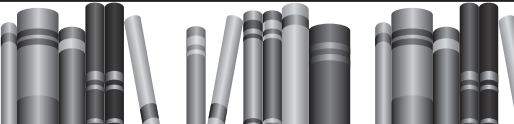
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- November 10 - NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- November 22-24: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
- December 18 - January 1: NO SCHOOL - Christmas

Principal: Debbie Bradshaw
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- September 4: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- September 22: NO SCHOOL
- October 2-6: NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
- November 10 - NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- November 22-24: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
- December 18 - January 1: NO SCHOOL - Christmas

Principal: Sommer Brown
Vice Principal: Jordan Williams
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- September 4: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- September 22: NO SCHOOL
- October 2-6: NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
- November 10 - NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- November 22-24: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
- December 18 - January 1: NO SCHOOL - Christmas

Principal: Keri Willis
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- September 4: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- September 22: NO SCHOOL
- October 2-6: NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
- November 10 - NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
- November 22-24: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
- December 18 - January 1: NO SCHOOL - Christmas

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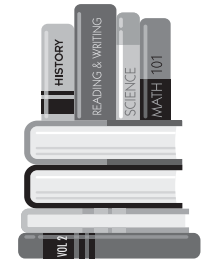


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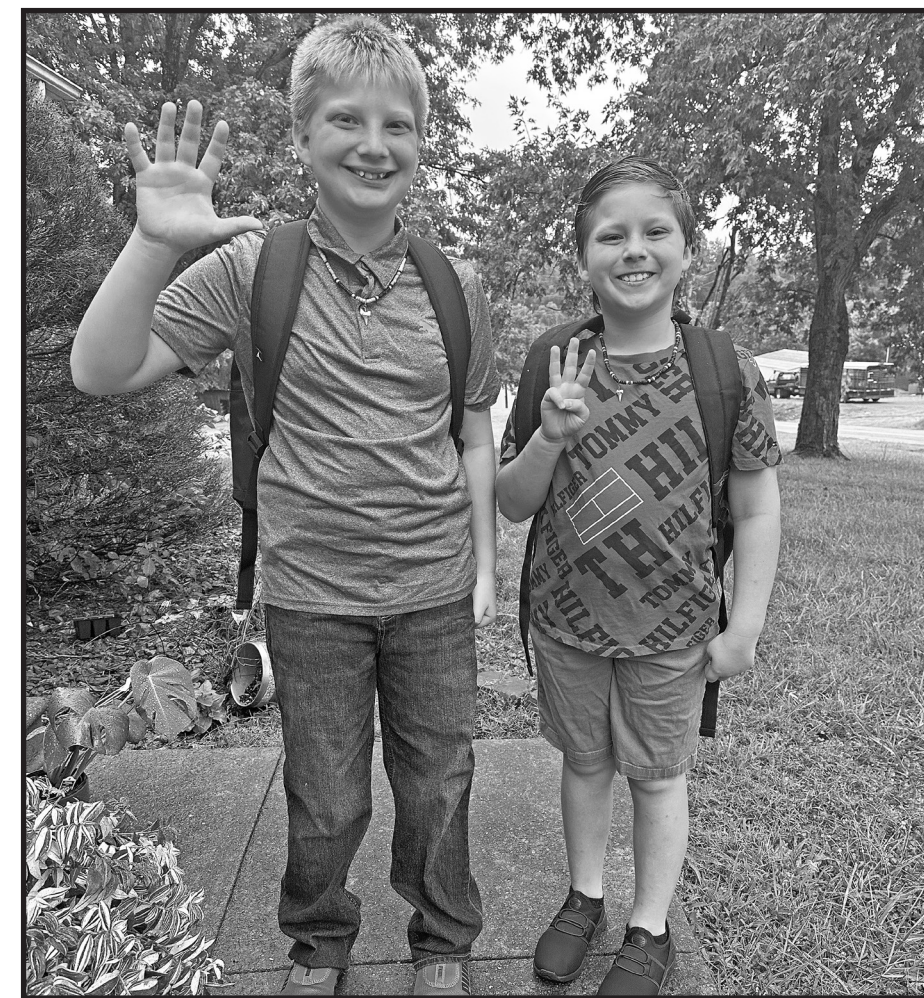
Izzie Mae Bryant, 1st grade.



Paisley Cooper, 2nd grade.



Abel, 3rd grade and Kayden, 6th grade.



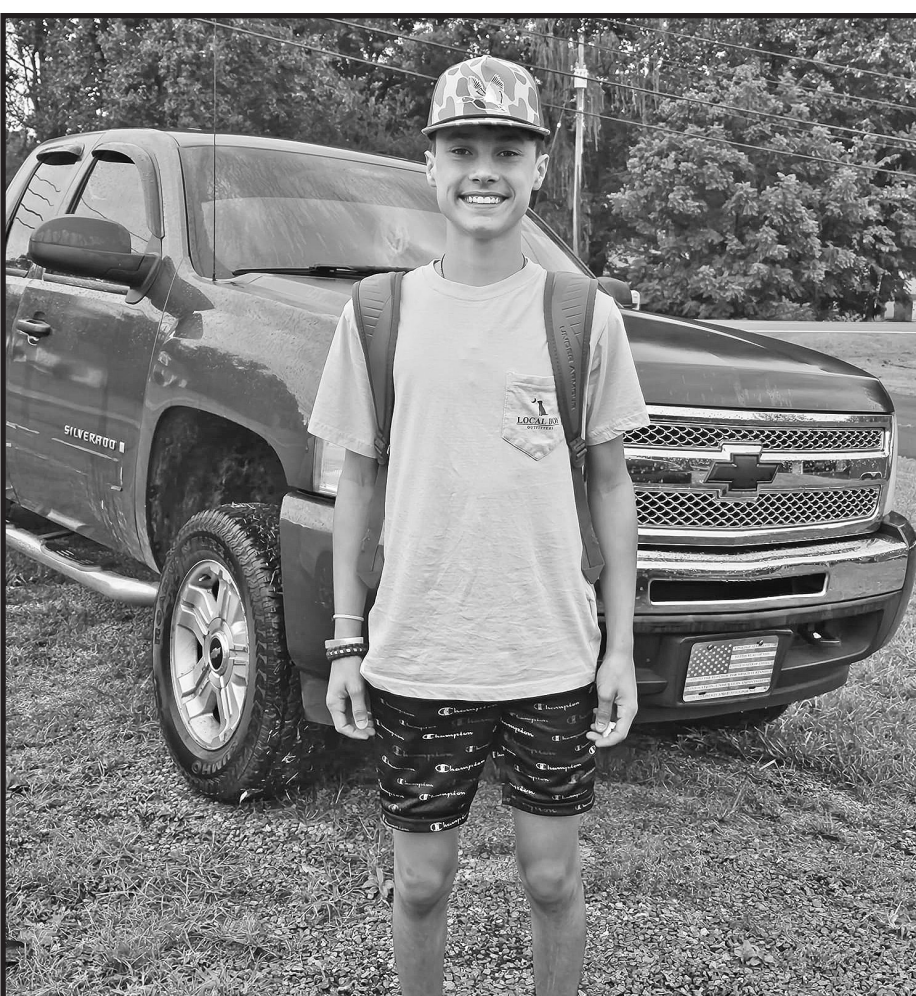
Halen, 5th grade and Hyson, 3rd grade.



Griff Powell, 7th grade.



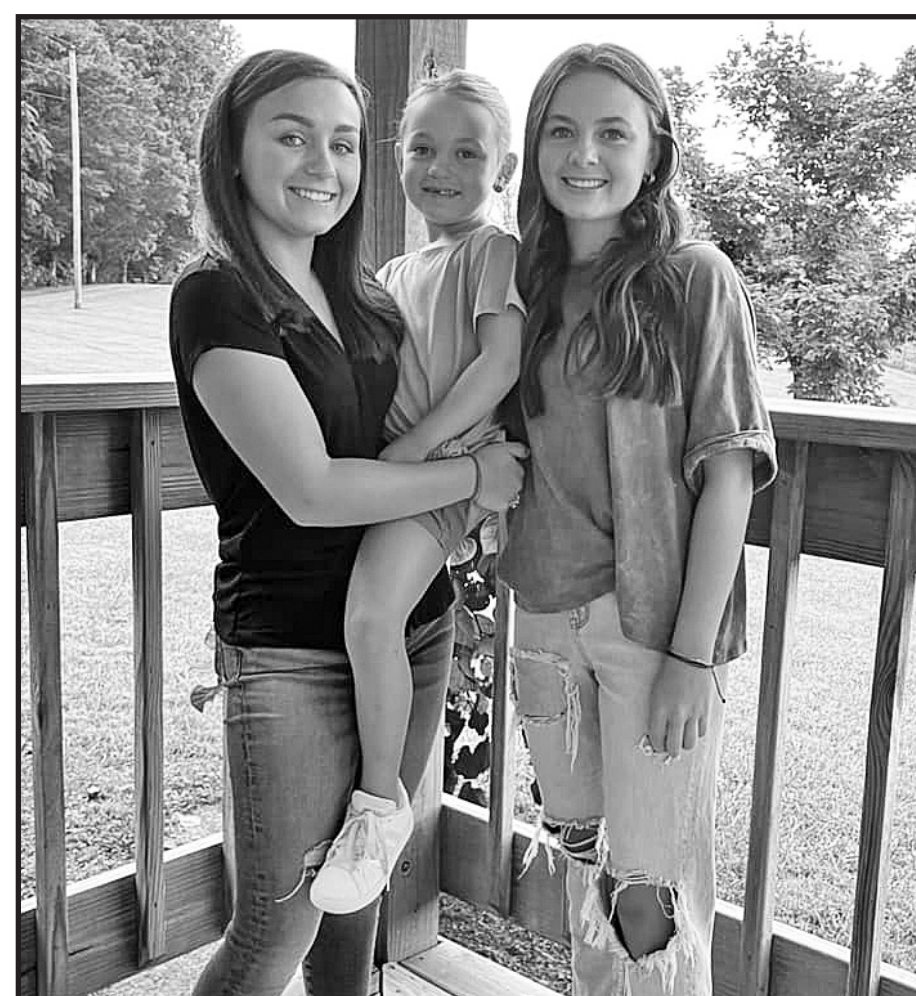
Hudson, 3rd grade and Jax, 8th grade.



Raydin Cash, 9th grade.



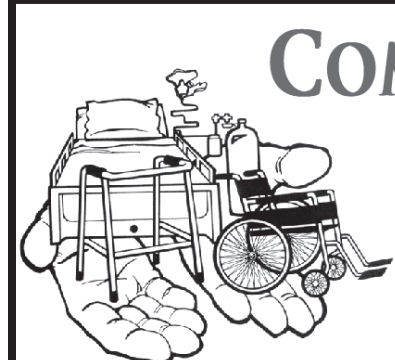
Dillon Godsey, 10th grade.



Piper Kemp, 11th grade, Gabby Kemp, 10th grade and Roni Kemp, 1st grade



Isabella Gonzalez, 12th grade.



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PUBLIC RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

Aug. 28
Judge Michael Loy

Keisha Genoe, 19, burglary, 2nd degree. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Sept. 6 (2023)

Dakota Scott, 22, burglary, 2nd degree; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Sept. 6 (2023)

Alisha M. Stotts, 27, unauthorized parking in a handicapped zone; alcohol intoxication in a public place, first or second offense; wanton endangerment, 1st degree; possession of marijuana; buy/possess drug paraphernalia; possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Sept. 6 (2023)

Jonathan Berryman, 27, tampering with physical evidence; possess matter sex performance by a minor over 12 but under 18, first offense; procure or promote use of minor by electronic means; use of minor under 18 in a sexual performance. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Sept. 6 (2023)

William Spears, 49, fugitive from another state. Defendant states he will sign waiver (2023)

Amanda Lee Quintana, 40, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance, first offense; controlled substance prescription not in original container, first offense; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, first offense, meth-

amphetamine; buy/possess drug paraphernalia; possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Sept. 13 (2023)

Ginger Sue Gray, 44, alcohol intoxication in a public place, first or second offense. Plea of guilty, \$198 (2023)

James Campbell, 59, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Plea of guilty, \$198 (2023)

Joseph R. Chapman, 58, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08, third offense; reckless driving; possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle; driving DUI suspended license, first offense, aggravator. Plea of guilty, sentenced to six months with 30 days to serve and balance suspended for two years (2023)

Thomas L. Tracy, 27, theft by deception, including cold checks \$500 or more but less than \$1,000. Dismiss, paid before court (2022)

Kathleen Elizabeth Hahn, 41, possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, first offense, methamphetamine; buy/possess drug paraphernalia; unauthorized parking in a handicapped zone. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Sept. 13 (2023)

Justin Tyler Hardin, 32, failure to operate boat at idle speed harbor/congestion; operating a boat/watercraft while intoxicated or under the influence, first offense. Amend operating while intoxicated or under the influence to second offense, plea of not guilty, pretrial conference set for Sept. 27 (2023)

Bradley S. Douglas, 20,

possession of marijuana; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Continued to Aug. 30 (2023)

Ethan D. Willett, 19, possession of marijuana; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Bench warrant issued (2023)

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. Hearing conducted, testimony heard, the court finds probable cause, bind over to the grand jury (2023)

Micahel Ray Grant, 63, trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, first offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Hearing conducted, testimony heard, the court finds probable cause, bind over to the grand jury (2023)

Jalen Theresa Rose Luttrell, 18, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol); menacing; resisting arrest; possession of marijuana; two counts of assault of police/probation officer, 3rd degree. Rocket docket order entered (2023)

Jalen Theresa Rose Luttrell, 18, assault of police/probation officer, 3rd degree. Rocket docket order entered (2023)

Allan M. Burton, 23, assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury. Approve work release, report Sept. 2, credit three days (2023)

Derek M. Otterson, 34, falsely reported an incident to law enforcement; public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alco-

hol); fleeing or evading police on foot, 2nd degree; resisting arrest. Pretrial conference set for Oct. 16, jury trial set for Nov. 13 (2023)

Nicki George, 39, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol). Plea of guilty, order entered (2023)

Andrew T. Donahue, 23, operating a boat/watercraft while intoxicated or under the influence, second offense. Continued to Sept. 27 (2023)

LAND TRANSFERS

Dallas S. Cofer, Columbia to Joseph S. and Rebecca S. Miller, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Morrison Rd., containing 0.50 acres. \$80,000.

James M. Leib II and Carol S. Leib, Columbia to Corey Cooper, Goose Creek, S.C. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Weed Sparksville Rd., containing 12.65 acres. \$142,000.

James M. and Sandra T. Stripling, Columbia to Joey M. and Wanda Kean, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on G. Taylor Rd., containing 1.50 acres. \$100,000.

Randall Evan and Cassie Burton, Columbia to Cameron Matthew and Paula Sue Caldwell, Campbells-ville. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Fortune St. \$202,500.

Estate of James C. Hitt, by Holly A. Hofmann, Executrix, Reno, Nevada to Renette Pease and Gary Luning, Columbia. Proper-

ty located in Adair County described as being located on Marion Fudge Rd., containing 11.15 acres more or less. \$200,000.

Gary and Paula Rupert, Columbia to Brian and Christie Tooley, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Richards Hollow Rd., containing 20.18 acres more or less. \$35,000.

Lisa and Tommy Turner, and Jana L. and Stevan K. Brumley, and Jan Brumley, d/b/a 2 sisters and a screwdriver, Dunnville to Cynthia L. Gifford, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being Lot No. 72 in Block C in the Longhunters Subdivision. \$164,900.

Meyer Framing, INC., Columbia to Daniel Adams, Columbia, and Lendell Darren Adams, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Pear Tree Ln., containing 1.754 acres more or less. \$30,800.

Richard and Dwan Kay Butler, Columbia to Michael Wall, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hwy. 900 Rd., containing 40 acres more or less. \$40,000.

Isaiah and Ava Morgan, Columbia to Kevin Cawhorn, Jr., Russell Springs. Property located in Adair County described as being Lots No. 1, 2, and 3 in Block C of the Young Subdivision. \$90,000.

Russell and Nelda Beard, Knifley, and Murrell and Karen Burton, Columbia to Stephen Anderson and Kyra Merdak, Breeding. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Harrods Ford Creek Rd., containing 13 acres more or less.

Patricia Lynn and

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Downtown Days festival adds new homecoming opportunity

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meet with people that are interested in sharing their knowledge.” This Adair County Genealogy Homecoming will take place at the Adair County Public Library on Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14. Everyone is encouraged to bring items related to Adair County history, individual family history or even history about a local church, country store or community. Tables will be set up and copiers and scanners will be available for easy

sharing. “After you are done, make your way two blocks to the square for vendor booths, delicious food trucks, entertainment and more,” Atwood said. “We look forward to seeing old and new faces and we bet you’ll run into someone you know!” Other events that will be returning to Downtown Days are coming together, too. Columbia Baptist Church will again be hosting the Downtown Days Pooch Parade, which was a major success last year.

Details will follow soon, but this will give pooch owners the chance to plan the perfect costume and prepare for the event. Of course, the community is already buzzing about the main event Saturday night, with the Kentucky Headhunters scheduled to take the stage for a free concert on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. The Community Voice will provide more updates as the event draws near. By Sharon Burton snburton@adairvoice.com

McGuffin is champion auctioneer

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specific items to auction off at the fair. Each contestant was scored based on execution, clarity, and presentation. It may sound simple, but auctioneers must put in numerous hours of practice before presenting themselves to the judges. McGuffin has always had interest in auctioneering and has practiced since he was only six years old. He practices for multiple hours a day in preparation of the competitions. He even said one of his practice methods is pretending to be an auctioneer while driving and each telephone pole he passes is a new bidder. McGuffin enjoys being with his FFA team and going to state fair. When he is not competing, you can find him viewing all the competitions and shows involving animals. Being completely self-taught and trained, Matthew said he would hear

auctioneers when he was little and immediately began to practice whenever he could to sound like them. He has since been in multiple auctioneering competitions around Kentucky, but the state fair was certainly a highlight for him. The award for getting grand champion at the fair is certainly not easy. His teachers recognized his incredible talent and gave him the nudge he needed. “We are very proud of him,” said Kirby Hancock, who is an FFA advisor at the high school. Hancock overheard McGuffin in class one day using his auctioneering skills and knew that he needed to compete. McGuffin’s skills truly are unique since a lot of them did not come from a teacher but instead by watching videos and hearing auctioneering in person, said Hancock. McGuffin was nervous

before going on stage but once he began auctioning, he found his rhythm. “I was really honored to be able to do it,” he said. “It was a good feeling to honor my school.” McGuffin encourages his fellow students who will compete in the future to “follow your dreams, and practice as many hours as you can.” Also make sure you ask for advice when you are learning as well, he added. After McGuffin graduates from high school, he plans to join the workforce and continue his auctioneering career by getting his auctioneering license. He also plans to attend Kentucky Auction Academy in Bowling Green, where he will be appearing in public auctions. After he earns his license, McGuffin wants to auctioneer around Kentucky, but especially in his hometown of Columbia. By Brandon Roberts newsroom2@adairvoice.com

Locals can respond to survey to help assess community needs

Results impact Extension Service programs

Do you think your community has a specific need or opportunity for improvement? Do you want to see more community education about a certain topic? If so, the Community Needs Assessment Survey is the place to express just that. The Kentucky Cooperative Extension service invites all Kentucky residents to take part in an assessment survey. This survey is available for all Kentucky residents, ages 18 and older. Information from your survey will be collected across the state but local communities will use the results to develop specialized programs for each area. “It will help us figure out what issues people in our community think are the most important and that will help us prioritize educational programs related to those areas that we can offer,” said Extension Agent Tony Rose. These community needs will then be focused on for the next three to four years.

Rose said previous surveys provided educational programs for better employee communication and interview skills in Adair County. The results of the last survey performed were certainly hampered by the pandemic. However, this year is a chance to see the full results of the survey, said Rose. By using a ratable

scaling, surveyors can express specific needs for their own communities. Surveyors will rate statements such as “access to high-speed internet” or “market support for locally grown foods” as a need. Other questions revolve around agriculture, the environment, youth development, family development, and specific communal and economic developments from his or her area. After the surveys are completed and collected, they can then be localized to specific communities and be reviewed at a statewide level. “We can look at what the top needs are for the county,” said Rose. The success of previous surveys on a state level speaks for themselves, with nearly 38,000 survey completions in the past. These surveys have led to the growth and education for Kentucky residents regarding natural disaster readiness, small

town tourism, addiction prevention, suicide prevention, art revitalization programs and many more. Now the Kentucky Extension community wants your help to make survey completions increase so new programs can be created. The survey is available now and will close in December of this year. Community members can access the survey by going online at psd.ca.uky.edu/communityassessment. The survey can also be accessed from any promotional materials by scanning the QR code or a paper copy is also available at the Adair County Extension Office, which is located on 409 Fairground St. The survey will only take about 10 minutes. Any questions about the survey can be answered by calling 270-384-2317 or in person at the extension office.

By Brandon Roberts newsroom2@adairvoice.com



HOME OF THE BRAVE

In September the Community Voice will feature our local emergency service personnel. Active military personnel will also be recognized if information is submitted by family members. Send a photo of your family member currently serving, in uniform, with details about their service, rank, etc. Email newsroom@adairvoice.com or text 270-634-4164

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It's Back to School for Lindsey Wilson College



It's back to school for the students at LWC. Monday, August 21 was the first day of classes for the 120-year-old liberal arts college following move-in days that began last week. Athletes and upperclassmen began moving back to Columbia in early August. LWC is expecting a record-breaking enrollment for the academic year 2023-24.

Lindsey Wilson College students are back on campus for the 2023-24 academic school year. Monday, August 21 was the first day of classes for the 120-year-old liberal arts college following move-in days that began last week. Athletes and upperclassmen began moving back to Columbia in early August. Freshmen students unpacked their boxes

and bags to move in with help from their families, staff and returning student volunteers.

Nursing student and Bonner Scholar Lindsey Bandy from Edmonton, Kentucky, says she is ready to get the semester started.

"I'm really looking forward to beginning my service with the Camp for Courageous Kids through the Bonner volunteer program," says Bandy. "I'm also excited to get my nursing classes started and see what it's all about."

Bandy's roommate, business administration freshman Pearson Ingram from Somerset, Kentucky, is also ready to get the semester started.

"My sister just graduated from LWC in May, so I'm just following in her footsteps," Ingram said.

As far as advice from her sister about navigating the college experience, Ingram says she has been very helpful.

"She told me to put myself out there, get involved and make new friends," Ingram said. "I'm excited to be on my own for the first time and meet all kinds of new people."

At the welcome ceremony for new students in the Roberta D. Cranmer Dining & Conference Center, incoming Vice President for Academic Affairs Ray Lutgring welcomed the students on behalf of the College faculty.

"I am also a freshman at Lindsey Wilson College," said Lutgring. "I just started here in July and I hope you are as excited to be here as I am. It's a very special place. As the person in

charge of academics let me say we are going to expect a lot out of you. You are going to be pushed and you are going to do things you didn't think you could do and you are going to be supported along that entire journey."

Although official enrollment numbers have not been released, LWC is expecting to surpass last year's record-breaking enrollment totals by more than 25%.

"This year, we will once again have our largest enrollment on record surpassing 3,800 students," said Lindsey Wilson College President William T. Luckey, Jr. "We are seeing students come to us from all over the country and across the globe. It's an exciting time at Lindsey Wilson."

A Special Welcome

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their new "home away from home" year after year and for that, we are so very grateful.

Elise and I often entertain alumni from years past. It is always a delight to hear their stories about LWC and what it was like to attend here in the 40's, 50's, 60's and so on. Of course, they always have stories about their professors, their coaches, their classmates and the lunch-line ladies, but what is also interesting to note is how many of our former students tell stories about people in the local commu-

nity who were good to them during their years at Lindsey. These stories are populated with people who gave them rides to church, or shop-keepers who gave them a job, families who 'adopted' them and fed them meals, or farmers who hired them to work in their dairy barns.

I have been part of the Lindsey Wilson College and the Columbia-Adair County community since 1983. That is over thirty percent of the college's history and well over half of my life! What a joy it has been to be here watching the

college grow and the community embrace and support its growth. Whether it is our celebrated Lindsey Wilson Singers, our talented theatre students or our amazing Blue Raiders Athletic teams, this community comes out to support LWC!

I know this community. They will embrace you during your time here at Lindsey. Whether you are a nursing student getting clinical

hours in a local hospital, a Bonner Scholar volunteering in the local school, or an athlete cheered on not only by your classmates and campus personnel but also by the wonderful people from Adair and surrounding counties - this community will take you in.

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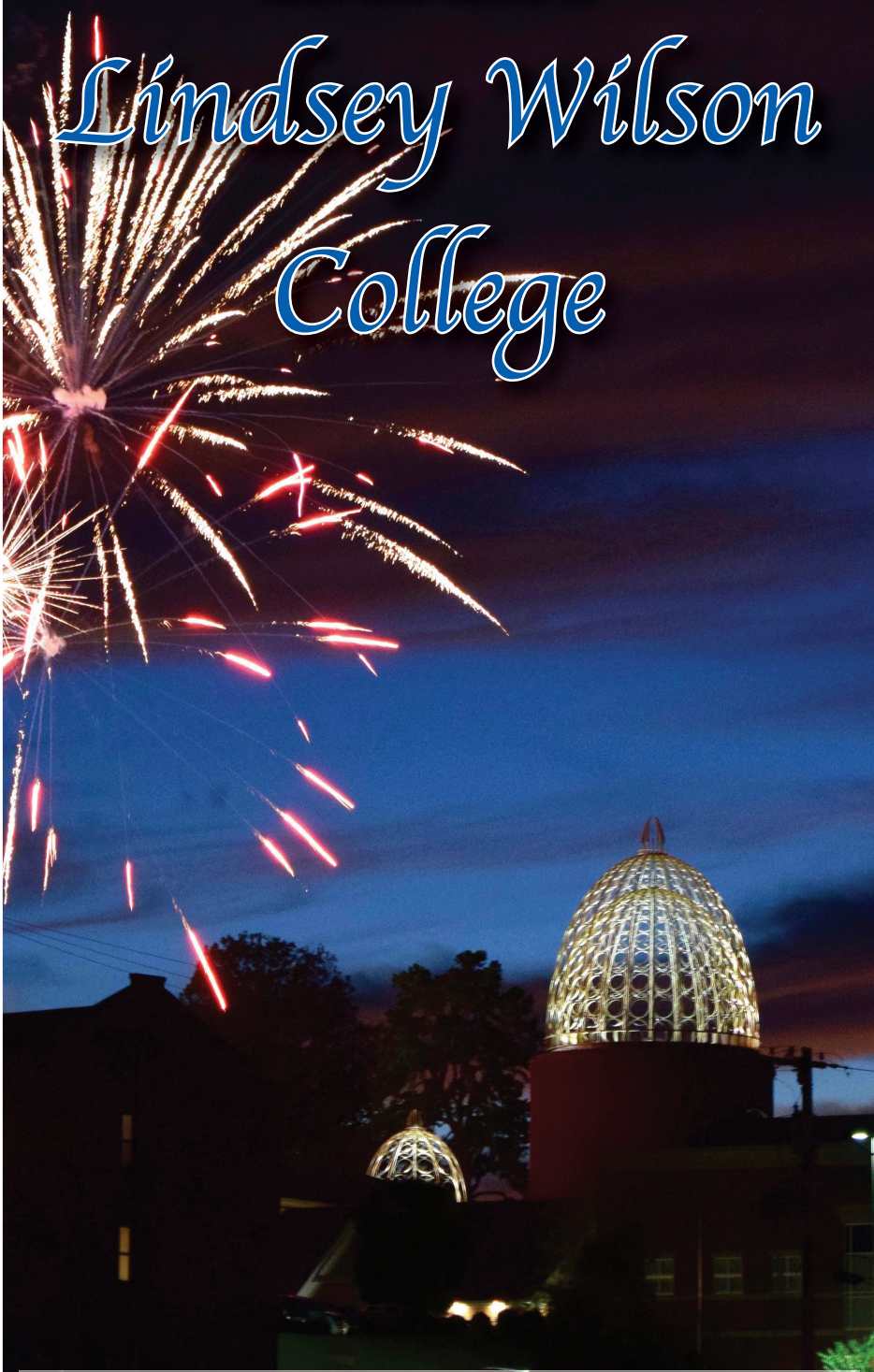


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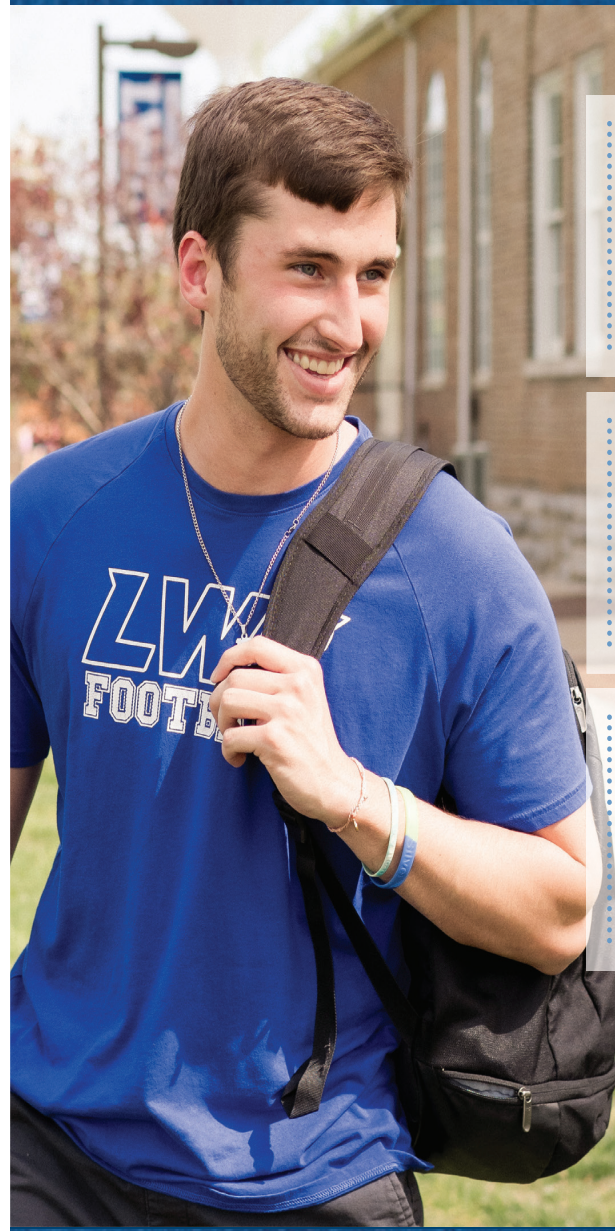
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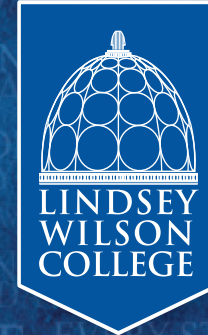
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Jason Janes (right), owner of Janes Masonry, adds brick that came from the historic Hurst-Foust home to the historic courthouse. He is assisted by Austin Miller (bottom) and Jamie Mackenzie.

Bricks going on courthouse have history of their own

Two buildings that are part of the rich history of Adair County are now blended together, as bricks that came from the historic Hurst-Foust house are now part of the historic courthouse.

The bricks were donated by the city of Columbia after the house was destroyed by fire in August 2020.

The city had purchased the house, which was located on 516 Burkesville St., hoping

to preserve its place in history. The property is now expected to become a park.

This week around 100 bricks from the house's chimney are being placed on the historic courthouse by Janes Masonry.

The masonry work is part of a project by the county government that removed wings that were added to the historic building in 1975 and to restore the original structure.

Once the masonry work is completed, windows are replaced and other aspects of the project are complete, the entire building will be painted.

A second phase of the project includes making all needed repairs and upgrades to the interior of the original structure so that it may be put to use by the county.

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Band kicks off season with Mark Twain concert

The Adair County High School Band held its annual Mark Twain concert over the weekend where it hosted performances by nine other bands from the commonwealth of Kentucky. The ACHS Band also kicked off their season as the final performance at the event.

Band director Jordan Humphress is excited for community members to come out and support the band at local events.

"The students are very motivated this year," said Humphress. The first local performance will be at the Adair County High School football home game on Friday, Sept. 22.

Members of the community may also support the band while its away on competition. The first contest will be Saturday, Sept. 9 at Madison Southern High School in Berea. The band will also perform at state championships on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Western Kentucky University.



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