

## City expects splash pad bill to surpass \$20,000 annually

The city's new splash pad is closed and secured for the winter, and the city council now knows what to expect when it comes to the annual cost of bringing the popular summer entertainment to local residents.

The city's first water bill for the splash pad arrived toward the end of August, showing a cost of more than \$16,305.79. The following month, the second bill had a total cost of \$7,510.84. The final bill totaled \$1,497.16, making the total cost for the summer just over \$25,300.

The first – and highest – bill covered usage from July 11 through

Aug. 4, but Mayor Pam Hoots said it actually covered a seven-week period as the pad was being installed and tested. The pad opened to the public on July 13. It was closed for a four-day period in July for some final work to be completed.

The first bill shows usage of more than 1 million gallons of water, and that number dropped to 490,000 the following month, reflected on a bill covering usage from Aug. 4 through Sept. 5. The splash pad hours changed beginning Sept. 11 and was only opened on the week-

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## Theater project moving

### But in slow motion

Even though the Columbian Theater has sat unused for years, it continues to draw the attention of locals whose memories take them back to the smell of fresh, buttered popcorn and the blaring sound of movies they watched from plush red chairs in downtown Columbia.

It's been two years since the local school district announced the signing of a lease agreement to operate the facility and one year since it took ownership of the property. Expectations of using the old movie theater for student art displays and theatrical performances have never



Photo by Sharon Burton

While a lot of work is complete, there is still much to be done before students and the community can enjoy the use of the Columbian Theater. This photo was taken last week. The stage will soon be covered with hardwood flooring and (left) a small elevator makes the stage handicap accessible. Major renovations are still needed for bathrooms, and electrical work is also required.

become reality, and it appears that a premiere event could still be far into the future.

Jason Faulkner came

on board as school superintendent in July. He quickly learned that the district's budgeted \$250,000 had already

been spent on building repairs and renovations. The district had hoped

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## High school students host festival for primary center



The Adair County High School Cadet Corps helped Adair County Primary Center students get moving with exercise challenges during a fall festival.

Adair County High School students and staff helped put together a fall-themed festival with endless activities for students from the Adair County Primary Center. Groups of children rotated between activities and even got to the chance to pick out their very own pumpkin.

The children's faces were bright with smiles as they visited each station of activities, which were located just by the primary center on Friday. Students could walk through the hay bale maze trying to find the mini pumpkins hidden within by high school students. There were also plenty of exercise and learning opportunities when the Cadet Corps from ACHS encouraged students with fun push-up challenges and races.

Children were also able to put



Jameson McCowm turned into a spidey-hero with his facepaint by Natalie Bardin.

together a skeleton prop, learning how each bone in the human body connects to one another. Past the anatomy lessons and story time, students could pet lots of the animals at the farm-style petting zoo, complete with horses, goats and dogs.

At the end of the day, kids could go through the pumpkin patch and pick out their very own pumpkin to take home with them.

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## Early in-person voting starts today

Voters can head to the polls for early-in-person, "no excuse," voting, which starts today and will go until Saturday.

Voters can go to the Adair County courthouse annex basement, 424 Public Square, to vote.

Voting time for Thursday and Friday will be 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. while Saturday will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Voters need to bring proof of identification to vote.

The General Election is set for Tuesday. Voters can go to their respective precinct to cast a ballot from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

If you are unsure of your precinct, go to [lect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Polling-Locations.aspx](http://lect.ky.gov/Voters/Pages/Polling-Locations.aspx) or contact the county clerk's office, 270-384-

2801.

The ballots will include the names of candidates running for the position and a "write in" option. There is also the option to select a "straight party" at the top of the ballot, which will select all Democratic or Republican candidates respectively when marked.



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## Kynect enrollment underway

Kentuckians can now shop and enroll for health and dental coverage on the state-based marketplace, kynect.

Enrollment opened Wednesday and will continue through Jan. 16, 2024. Kentuckians who sign up on or before Dec. 15, 2023, will have a coverage start date of Jan. 1, 2024. Those who sign up on Dec. 16 through the last day of enrollment will be eligible for coverage that starts on Feb. 1, 2024.

Kentuckians who don't have coverage through another source, such as through an employer, Medicaid, the Kentucky Chil-

dren's Health Insurance Program, Medicare or TRICARE, can start shopping for individual coverage on kynect. All plans offered on the marketplace cover 10 essential health benefits, including emergency services, hospitalization, lab services and prescription drugs. All plan types also cover certain preventive services at no cost, and no one can be dropped from coverage or have their premiums increased because of health issues.

In 2020, Gov. Beshear relaunched kynect to help ensure more Kentucky families have access to the best

information about their health plans and benefits.

"Health care is a basic human right – and every Kentucky family deserves to be able to see a doctor and receive treatment when they are sick," Gov. Beshear said. "By removing barriers to care, we are helping Kentuckians not only stay healthy and live their best life, but we are also supporting our workforce. We know that when people don't feel good, it hinders their ability to seek and maintain a job."

Four carriers will offer health plans:

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## Halloween Fun

Annie Brockman (Woody), Carson Brockman (Cute Cow) and Tobin Brockman (Mario) enjoyed dressing up on Halloween night. See more Halloween photos on page 10.



# City splash pad

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ends through the end of the month, which is reflected on the final bill, which covered Sept. 5 through closing.

Hoots said she believes the splash pad will cost around \$20,000 to \$25,000 a season for water usage, adding that the cost is a little more than she expected. The city only budgeted \$8,000 total for utilities for parks and recreation, leaving the line over budget on the first month the pad opened.

The majority of the cost actually comes from the sewer portion of the utility bill. The water currently runs into a sewer system once owned by the city but now owned by the Columbia-Adair Utilities District.

More than \$10,000 of the original \$16,000 bill went toward sewer charges and \$5,700 went toward water charges.

Hoots said she looked into adding equipment that would recirculate the water when the splash pad was proposed, but she believes the current system is safer.

Recirculation equipment could cost up to \$150,000, she said, and that does not include the cost of treatment chemicals and the staffing required for the numerous water tests required every day the splash pad is open.

“This is a safer way

and it’s more health conscious, I think, for everybody involved. And we talked to two other towns; they both did the same thing we did,” Hoots said.

Hoots said the other communities are getting either a break on their water bill or sewer bill, but that is not the case here. Those communities either own the utility company or are in partnership with them on the project, she added.

Hoots wrote a letter to the local utility district asking the board to remove the sewer cost on the bill, saying they are charged “even though we do not use sewer.”

CAUD director Lenny Stone brought the issue before the board on Oct. 17, saying the letter was dropped in the district’s overnight box the previous evening but was dated Sept. 21.

Stone said the mayor was mistaken because the water does in fact go into the sewer system. He checked with the superintendent of the sewer system to make sure that had not changed, he said.

“Under the Public Service Commission, therefore, there is nothing we can do,” Stone said.

Stone said the splash pad is a great thing for the community, but they must also charge other things throughout the community that offer a benefit.

“I don’t have a choice,” he said. The board voted to send the city a letter explaining the state law that requires them to charge for the service.

When asked why the

letter was backdated, Hoots told the Community Voice that she did not backdate it, but had written it earlier and failed to deliver it, adding that she should have updated the date before it was taken to CAUD. The letter was dropped off several hours after the city received an open records request from the Community Voice for data concerning the cost of operating the splash pad.

Hoots said she is looking at every option that might help cut costs for the splash pad, including having conversations with state officials about possible options. They are able to control the water distribution and could consider lowering the pressure, she added.

The splash pad is set up so that a button is pushed and the water runs for two minutes. The button has to be pushed again to restart the water.

The button was obviously pushed a lot during hot days this summer, and Hoots said that is a clear indication of the splash pad’s popularity. She said she had some families tell her that using the splash pad was their only vacation this summer.

“They’re thrilled to death. That’s a great thing when you think about it,” she said. “It was heavily used. It’s a good thing for the community.”

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# Theater project moving

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to be able to use federal emergency relief funding to complete what was expected to be a \$500,000 project, but the funding was not approved by the Kentucky Department of Education, Faulkner said. Now, the district will have to rely on some outside help or dip further into the general fund to complete repairs and renovations.

At the blessing of board members, Faulkner said he chose to take a step back and completely evaluate the project before asking for additional funding. He is continuing with small steps in the renovation – mainly improvements where funding was already committed or needed repairs such as replacing tiles outside the theater entrance. They are in the process of installing a hardwood floor on the stage and replacing broken glass on the front door.

After reviewing the budget and realizing that \$280,000 had already been spent on the project, he asked DECO Architects, who is overseeing the construction of a new middle school, to evaluate the building.

“They went over it with a fine-tooth comb,” Faulkner said, “and at the end of it told us that we were about halfway done at \$280,000 on what

they felt like we needed to complete.”

Some of the improvements are required for the building to be used by students during official school functions, Faulkner said. A small elevator has already been installed that will make the stage handicap accessible.

“There’s still a lot of wiring that needs to be completed. The old projector needs to come out. The bathrooms have barely been touched. They have to be compliant per state regs for students to be able to use them. There’s a whole lot of work in the front of the theater that’s left to be completed,” Faulkner said.

One reason the project has turned out to be more expensive than expected is because the roof had to be replaced. The roof that existed when the district took ownership of the building was not old, but it leaked and could not be repaired to meet state specifications.

## In Search of a Partner

Faulkner said he wants to stress to the community that the project has not stopped, and some work will continue, but it will be a slow process. As he prioritizes the budget, he wants to focus on improving academic performance. He also notes that the district’s budget contingency was \$3.2 million this time last year with a 12 percent contingency and has now dropped to \$1.1 million with a 6 percent contingency.

“That kind of leads you to evaluate whether or not that expenditure, that \$200,000 – is it feasible right now?” he said.

The current strategy is to continue with small projects, and more than \$300,000 has now been invested into the building. Faulkner said he hopes to find an outside partner that would team up with the district to complete the project. A fundraising effort that started when the district took ownership of the building has led to \$15,000 in donations, he added.

While Faulkner looks for a partner in the project, he is also considering how the school district would use the facility. The theater will hold just over 200 people. In contrast, a new auditorium being built on the school campus as part of the new middle school will have 400 seats.

A lot must be done before students can even use it, Faulkner noted, including state requirements to follow the BG-1 project application process. It will be ADA compliant, Faulkner said, but it will be used for extended school services use, meaning for after school hours.

As the district looks for ways to finish the project, Faulkner said they will continue, slowly but surely, with improvements.

“The progress has not been stopped. We are still working on it,” he said.

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# Kynect sign up

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Anthem, CareSource, Passport by Molina Healthcare and Well-Care of Kentucky. Passport by Molina Healthcare will expand by 22 counties, and

WellCare will expand by 26 counties. Anthem and Best Life will offer dental plans. An expanded number of plans have been certified for 2024 and all counties have at least two carrier choices, with most having three choices and many now having four choices.

Carrie Banahan, deputy secretary for the Cabinet for Health

and Family Services, encouraged consumers to visit kynect.ky.gov for plan details. “There’s more to plans than the monthly premium,” she said. “Make sure your doctors and other clinicians are in their network. Check out whether your favorite pharmacy is among their preferred.”

Not all plans are the same, Banahan said.

In 2024, some plans offered have added features or benefits, including enhanced diabetes coverage, fitness memberships and vision benefits. Telehealth is covered by all plans at differing out-of-pocket costs. Kentuckians still

have access to the more generous financial assistance originally made available as part of the American Rescue Plan. More plans are available, and this continued financial assistance keeps costs to families lower.

For kynect enrollment assistance, visit kynect.ky.gov or call 855-459-6328. You may also get help at your local Department for Community-Based Services office, from a kynector or a licensed health insurance agent.

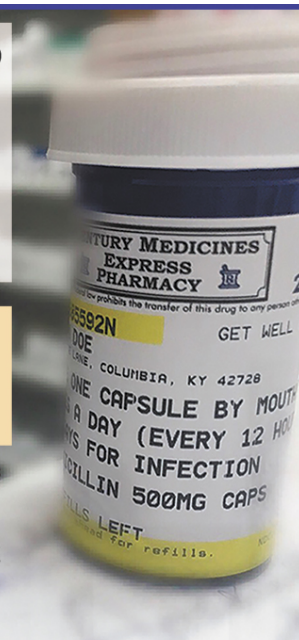
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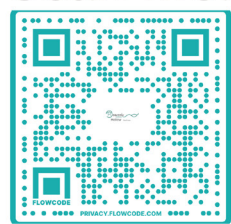
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The ninth annual Adair County Book Fair will be held at Wheel Fellowship Hall at Columbia Nazarene Church, 1208 Jamestown St., from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on **Saturday, Nov. 4**. The fair will include regional and local authors who will be present to sign their works. Information booths from various organizations will also be on display. For more information, contact Mike Watson at [watson.kentucky@gmail.com](mailto:watson.kentucky@gmail.com) or call 270-380-1024.

## BLISS CLUB MEETING

The Bliss Club will meet at Zaxby's, 301 Dohoney Trace, on **Thursday, Nov. 9** at 11:30 a.m. The topic of the meeting will be about estate planning. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## GOSPEL SINGING AND AUCTION

The Breeding Area Volunteer Fire Department will host a chili supper, gospel singing and auction on **Saturday, Nov. 4** at 4 p.m. The Blakeys will sing from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. An auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. Chili, hot dog, dessert and drink will be available for \$7. Children 6 and under eat free. Anyone wishing to donate an item for the auction can bring it the day of the auction or call Terry Harvey at 270-378-1807.

## SINGING

The Blakey Quartet will sing at Sparksville Nazarene Church, 9562 Burkesville Rd., in Columbia, on **Sunday, Nov. 5** at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Robert Adkins and congregation welcomes you.

## VETERANS PROGRAM

A Veterans Day Program will be held at the Adair County High School gym on **Thursday, Nov. 9** at 9 a.m. Veterans are encouraged to come at 8 a.m. and enjoy coffee, juice, donuts and snacks and fellowship with ACHS Cadet Corps before the program. For more information call Krystal Redmon at 270-384-2751, extension 6124 or email [krystal.redmon@adair.kyschools.us](mailto:krystal.redmon@adair.kyschools.us).

## FALL REVIVAL

Charity Baptist Church will have a fall revival beginning **Monday, Nov. 13** at 6:30 p.m. nightly. Brother Larry Wisdom will bring the messages and special singing nightly. Everyone is welcome. Charity Baptist Church is located at 4072 Holmes Bend Rd, Columbia. Contact David Karnes for additional information at 270-250-2991.

## E-SCRAP

The Adair County Fiscal Court will host an E-Scrap (Electronic Waste) event Nov. 13 - Nov. 17. Bins will be set out at the recycling building, Service Rd., for you to drop off your electronic waste. This is a reputable company used the past several years that destroys the hard drives so you do not have to worry about secure information being obtained by others. Acceptable items include computers/monitors, cameras, printers, scanners and copiers, fax machines, servers, cell phones and iPods, shredders, television, VCRs, Blu Ray, DVD, and CD players, speakers, TV cable boxes, telephones, power

supplies, video game equipment, circuit boards, media tapes and disks, hard drives, routers/hubs, and modems.

For additional information or questions, contact the Adair County Judge Executive's office at 270-384-4703.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Fiscal Court will hold a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 8 a.m. until noon at the county road department, 62 Service Rd.

Items that will be accepted include aerosol cans, anti-freeze, batteries, corrosives, oil (used motor oil), gasoline, paint, pesticides, insecticides, propane tanks, bulbs, pool chemicals, bleach, drain cleaners, fire extinguishers, mercury, roofing tar, driveway sealant, moth balls, household cleaners, floor cleaners, ammonia, and metal polish. No appliances, fertilizer, medications, tires, explosives, asbestos, household trash. For more information contact Bridget Compton at 270-384-4703.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child will be hosted by Columbia First Church of the Nazarene in the Wheel Fellowship Building, 1200 Jamestown St. Collection dates are Monday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Friday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Sunday, Nov. 19, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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## One Voice

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## A positive ranking for Columbia

The Louisville Courier Journal analyzed data from the U.S. Census' five-year American Community Survey and determined the top 45 cities in the state with the highest median income.

Columbia was there, listed as number 35, ahead of Bowling Green, Paducah, Ashland, and several others that, frankly, surprised me.

Of course, you have to be careful when you compare data, but I think this recognition will be an eye-opener for many of us.

A couple of months ago I tried to describe our economic situation by saying we are on the western border of Appalachia, which contains some of the poorest counties in the nation.

I went on to say we don't receive a lot of "Appalachia money" because we look pretty good when mixed in with the poorest counties in the state and nation. It turns out, we look pretty good mixed in with the rest of the state, too.

Do you consider yourself being from a poor county? Maybe it's time to rethink that.

Yes, we know we have poverty in this county. Ask any school teacher how many children in our district are not getting enough to eat or have the clothing they need. They will tell you

The health and wealth of our community is improving, and we need to keep that in mind. It's an exciting time, and future generations can benefit if we stay on course.

that the number continues to grow, not decline.

But keep in mind, this number the Courier Journal is comparing is the "median household income," it represents the midpoint of the data.

According to the data, Columbia has a median household income of \$45,414.

The C-J does not indicate what year the data came from, but the 2021 Adair County profile from the Census Bureau shows an increase to \$46,652. That is still below the state number of \$59,341, but not surprising when the top three cities in the state

top \$100,000.

There is a lot of other data available in the Adair County profile and in other places.

One number recently thrown around is the fact that more than 4,000 people go outside the county for work. That number is quite appealing to a company searching for a community where it can locate new jobs.

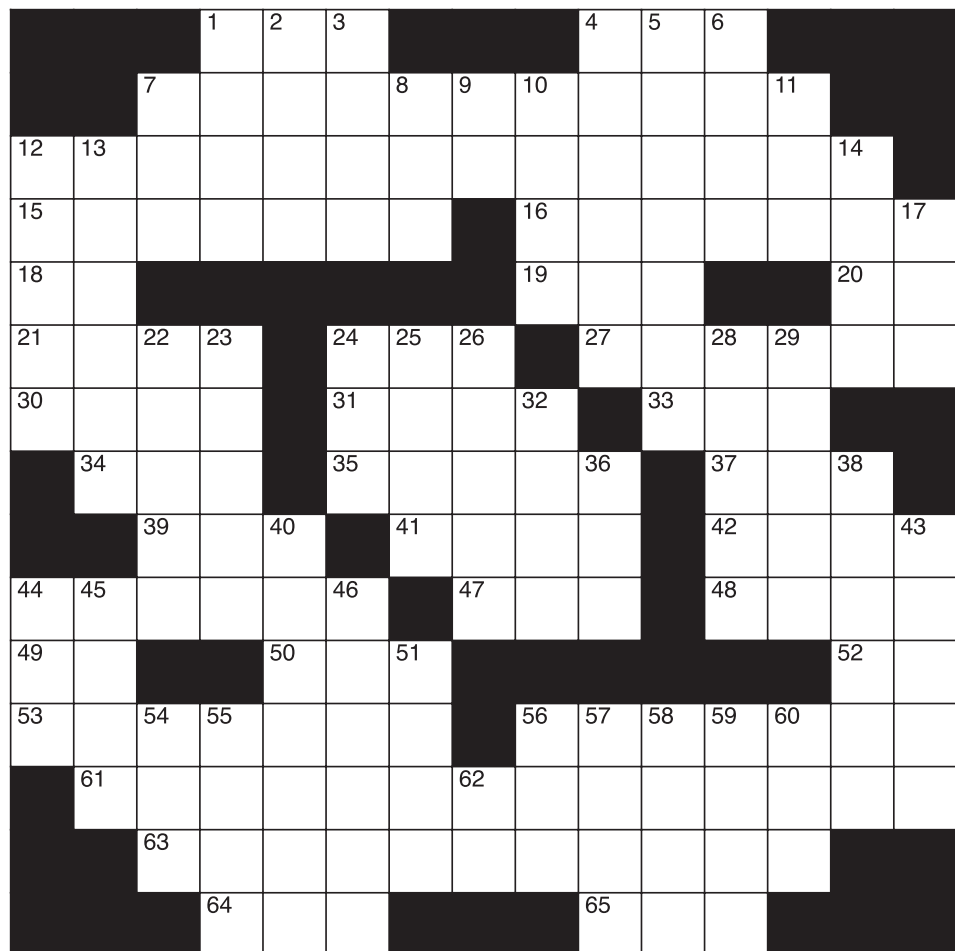
For me, the Courier Journal comparison was a reminder to look at all the good things going on in our community. Even with the slowing economy and the increased interest rates, we are seeing growth in our little town.

New buildings are sprouting up providing retail shops, downtown buildings are being renovated, and new business is coming to our commerce park.

The health and wealth of our community is improving, and we need to keep that in mind. It's an exciting time, and future generations can benefit if we stay on course.

Just think about it – a positive statewide ranking and we came out in the top third. Not a ranking of the worst of the worst. A ranking of the best of the best.

We may not be the flashiest town in Kentucky, but we have a lot to be proud of.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to drop
4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to drench
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy \_\_: Broadway actress
37. Jump
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!
48. Used to treat Parkinson's

### disease

49. \_\_ route
50. Ed Murrow's home
52. Lethal dose
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
63. In an incisive way
64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
65. Criticize

### CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state
10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada

13. Honor as holy
14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to "oohed"
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized
45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. \_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

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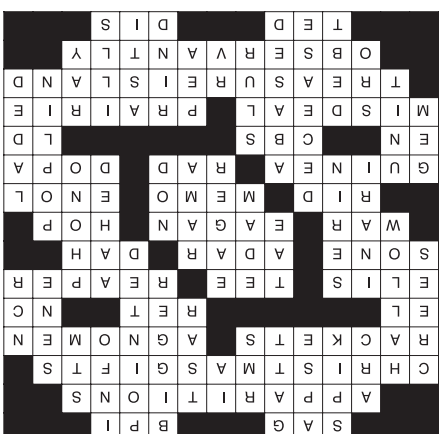
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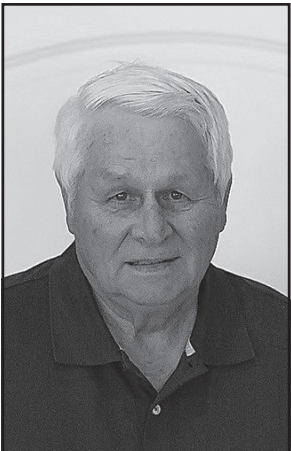
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.





# OBITUARIES

## James Randall Lawson



James Randall Lawson, 80, of Lebanon, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Landmark Nursing and Rehab surrounded by his family.

He was born on July 11, 1943 in Lebanon to the late James Foster Lawson and Margaret Christine Hays Lawson. As an avid farmer, Randall toiled from dawn until dark, day in and day out. His farming wisdom was unparalleled and he shared his knowledge generously. Not only was he a steward of the land, but he was also an exceptional salesman. However, it was his role as a loving father and grandfather that truly defined him. As a grandfather, he showered his grandchildren with affec-

tion, creating cherished memories and teaching life lessons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, David Scott Lawson; and grandson, Blake Lawson.

He was survived by his wife of 62 years, Connie Lawson of Lebanon; three sons, Terry Lawson of Lebanon, Sammy Lawson of Salem, Indiana, and Dan (Lisa) Lawson of Lebanon; five grandchildren, Ashley Lawson, Amanda (Alex) Luckett, Scott (Paige) Lawson, Hannah (Dustin) Pridgen, and Bella Lawson; and two sisters, Nita Bartlett of Lebanon and Lucina "Cookie" Thomas of Louisville. Also surviving are 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at Open Arms Community Church, Lebanon, officiated by Rev. Clellan Hays. Interment followed in Ryder Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ashley Lawson, Dominic Wayne, Amanda Luckett, Alex Luckett, Scott Lawson, Paige Lawson, Hannah Pridgen, Dustin Pridgen.

Honorary pallbearers were Bella Lawson and Aubri Wayne.

## Norma Collins



Norma Collins, 67, of Columbia, died Sunday, October 29, 2023 at her home.

She was born August 8, 1956 to the late Hyman Radis Pierce and Mable Geneva Price Pierce. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Collins, Jr on September 30, 2023, and her brother, David Pierce. Norma was retired from Fruit of the Loom after 36 years.

Survivors include one

daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Rodney Huckaby of Columbia; one sister, Mary Murphy (Glenn) of Columbia; two grandchildren, Taylor Burton and Remington Huckaby; one great-grandchild, Kamree Wilson; special friend Rilda Firkins; several other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Danny Bailey officiating with burial in Haven Hill Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Aaron Hadley, Randy Hadley, David Collins, Stephen Collins, Tommy Richards, and Gary Sneed.

Honorary casket bearers were Billy Caldwell, Rodney Huckaby, Preston Murphy, Dale Murphy, and Larry Reliford.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Carl Dean Redmon



Carl Dean Redmon, 80, of Columbia, passed away Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. He was born on September 2, 1943 in Franklin, Indiana to the late Elmer Ray and Sarah Jane Frost Redmon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Della Jean Burton Redmon.

Mr. Redmon was a member of the Freedom Separate Baptist Church. He enjoyed antique tractors and cars and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include three children, Bobbie Huckaby (Roger) of Columbia, Lisa Robson (James) of Peru, Indiana, and Rodney Redmon (Rhonda) of Russell Springs; three grandchildren, Carlee and Bailey Huckaby and Riley Redmon; a sister, Juanita Denton (Jimmy) of Columbia; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Andrea Townsend and Anthony Huckaby; and five siblings, David, Randall, Edward, and Buck Redmon, and Wanda Homon.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 27, 2023 at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home with burial in the Freedom Cemetery. Bro. Darrin Blair and Bro. Richie Curtis officiated. Pallbearers were Jamie Redmon, Willie George, Paul Rooks, Roger Rooks, Don Kemp, and John Denton.

## Alice Mae Saltmarsh

Alice Mae Saltmarsh, of Columbia, was born August 14, 1945 in Adams, New York and departed this life on Tuesday, October 24 in Columbia at her home. She was 78 years of age.

She was a Certified Nursing Assistant for over 22 years and a Home Health Worker.

She enjoyed crocheting and spending time with her family.

She united in marriage to Richard Saltmarsh, who preceded her in death in 1999, along with a sister, Barbara Billings in 2019, and a companion to the daughter, Roger Hoke in 2021.

Survivors include a daughter, Deanna Patten; a brother-in-law, Phillip Billings; four grandchildren, Matthew Patten and wife Tabatha, Roger Hoke, Jr, Kimberly Clark and husband Ben and Patrick Michael Burns; six great-grandchildren, Luna, Mattie, Raven, Kirra, Michael and Courtney; one great-great grandchild, Asher; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

At the request of the family, cremation was chosen and no formal services will be held.

L.R. Petty Funeral Home in Campbellsville in charge of arrangements.

## Mary Ruth Daniel



Mary Ruth Daniel, 81, of Windsor, passed away Monday, October 30, 2023 at Liberty Care Center. She was born on Saturday, February 21, 1942 in Liberty.

She was the daughter of Mossie Elizabeth Owens Luttrell and Perry Lesley Luttrell, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Gelnda Owens, spouse Jim, Mildred Hopper, spouse Joey and Bonnie Tate, all of Russell Springs; two sons, Bobby Daniel, spouse Anita,

of Columbia and Johnny Daniel, spouse Kim, of Russell Springs; two brothers, Donald Luttrell, spouse Peggy, of Windsor, and Ronald Luttrell, spouse Martha, of Liberty.

She is survived by a host of grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Willard Daniel; a daughter, Connie Gayle Bland; a son, Alan Ray; two granddaughters; a grandson; two sisters; and six brothers.

She was a former employee of Liberty Manufacturing and member of Canaan Valley Separate Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at Thomas Ridge Cemetery, Dunnville. Interment was in the Thomas Ridge Cemetery with Bro. Alan Roberts Officiating.

Wilson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Edna Karnes



Edna Karnes, 78, of Columbia, died Friday, October 27, 2023.

She was born October 5, 1945 in Adair County to the late Paul and Dorothy Buckner Curry. Edna was a member of Sparksville Church of the Nazarene and retired as an Instructional Aide from the Adair County School System. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Brady Karnes and a nephew, Brandon Burns.

Survivors include her husband, Lonny Karnes of Columbia; one son and

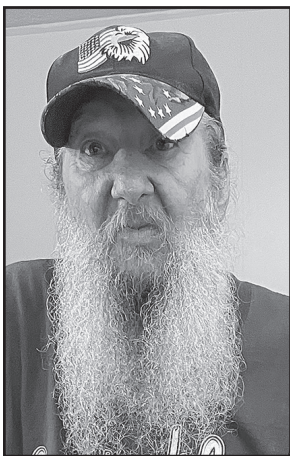
daughter-in-law, Bradley and Cheryl Karnes of Columbia; one daughter and son-in-law, Lea Ann and Landon Parnell of Columbia; four grandchildren, Sarah DeWitt (Alex), Colton Parnell (Britney), Chloe Karnes, and Jaxon Karnes; one great-granddaughter, Olivia Parnell; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Paula and Jeff Pyles of Green County, and Mary Anna and Barney Burns of Columbia; and several other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, October 31 2023 at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Darrell Karnes and Bro. Darrell Pelston officiating with burial in Cane Valley Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Barney Burns, Randy Burns, Alex DeWitt, Colton Parnell, George Kenneth Polard, Matthew Corbin, and Roger Lacy.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Cary Ford



Cary Ford, 68, of Columbia, died Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at his residence.

He was born in Rome, Georgia on May 6, 1955 to the late Louie and Era Bacacus Ford. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Ford.

Survivors include one son, Mark Ford of Columbia; two brothers, Arvin Ford of Georgia and Carl



Velma Jean Holmes, 74, of Stanford, Kentucky, formerly of Adair County, died Saturday, October 28, 2023 at her residence.

She was born April 28, 1949 in McCreary County to the late Lloyd and Leva Phillips Worley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Gary and Greg Worley. She was a member of Purdy Separate Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include her children, Clayton Holmes (Lisa) of Stanford, Tracy Holmes (Scott Herron) of Campbellsville, and Rachel

Holmes (Kenny Whittle) of Columbia; one sister, Tracey Brown of Jamestown; six grandchildren, Kevin Holmes, Morgan Holmes, Hannah Bragg, Jared Penick, Zachary Dial and Ryan Dial; a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, October 31 at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Tom Edwards and Bro. Gene Dale Holmes officiating with burial in New Hope Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Jared Penick, Kevin Holmes, Morgan Holmes, Zachary Dial, Ryan Dial, Xander Holmes, Landon Holmes, and Hanna Bragg.

Honorary casket bearers were Avery Penick, Dakotah Miracle, Bentley Dowell, Mallory Penick, Jena Bragg, Aiden Holmes, Liam Penick, and Aubree Dowell.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## David Birdwell



David Birdwell, 54, formerly of Jamestown and Columbia and later of Branson, Missouri, passed away October 14, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Linda Birdwell; one brother, Mark Birdwell; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Marshall and Onie Mae Wheeler; one brother-in-law, Michael Wheeler

and one sister-in-law, Lois Jean.

David was a mechanic and operated Bull Run Salvage for Larry R. Bryant for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Wheeler Birdwell of Missouri; five sisters, Donna, Sherry, Carolyn, Tonya and Jonie; three brothers, Andy and Garren Russell and Jeremy Birdwell; three sisters-in-laws and four brothers-in-law – Cathy, Teresa, Vonda, Mark, Marty, Matthew and Mickey.

Cremation has been chosen and a graveside memorial service will be held at a later date in the McClister Cemetery in Adair County.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

## Lillie Mae Rachel Bartle



Lillie Mae Rachel Bartle, 80, of New Salisbury, Indiana, passed away on Monday, October 23, 2023 in Corydon, Indiana. She was born on February 15, 1943 in Little Cake, the daughter of Roy and Cleo Watson. Lillie worked for Walmart for many years and was a dedicated employee and attended Church of Christ in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

She had a passion for gardening, a love of flowers and her unwavering devotion to her family, which taught them to appreciate the beauty of life's simple pleasures.

In addition to her parents, Lillie was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Bartle. She is survived by her sons, Tom Bartle and Terry Bartle; sister, Edna Webb (David); brothers, James Watson (Judy), Fred Watson (Bea); along with two grandchildren, Annelise and Hayden.

Services were held Friday, October 27, 2023 at Legacy Funeral Home in Jeffersonville, Indiana with entombment at Walnut Ridge Cemetery.

This obituary is a courtesy to the family by Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home.

*“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”*

**Psalm 34:18**



# Fifth grade visits Trabue Russell House



Local Blacksmith, Dave Custer, taught several fifth-grade classes the art of blacksmithing with several demonstrations.

Fifth grade students from the Adair County Elementary School took a step

back into time while visiting the historical Trabue Russell House in Columbia. The classes taught students about life “back in the old days” of the Trabue House by showing examples of blacksmithing, weaving, and living off the land.

Over the course of three days, volunteers from the community, many of whom were local artisans and retired teachers, went to the Trabue house to inspire the fifth graders about history and craftsmanship.

Students practiced the art of making apple cider by hand cranking a masher that would squeeze all the juice from the apples.

The fifth graders also brought homemade dyes made prior to the field trip.

The dyes came from natural ingredients such as flowers and vegetables. Students used the bright colors to make their very own tie-dyed piece of cloth to take home.

Mary Ann Loy, who helped coordinate all the activities said, “it’s about teaching the kids a way of life that existed when Daniel Trabue built the house.” Last year was the first time this trip took place and only had a few events. This has expanded to all kinds of fun, Loy said.

“The kids really like things they can see or do,” said Loy.

There was no shortage of learning as the groups could walk through the Trabue house exhibits and

search for answers to questions about the 200-year-old house given by their teachers. They also could take a step outside and learn about gardening and hunting supplies that would have been used by the original settlers.

At the end of each day the group of children would sit around the fire with the volunteers who posed as characters living in the time the Trabue house was built. They roasted marshmallows and learned all about the history and stories about life in the 1800s. After trying out some apple cider and marshmallows, students packed up and went back to the modern classroom.

By Brandon Roberts  
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## Commercial Applicator Training



**Nick Roy**

**ADAIR COUNTY  
EXTENSION  
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Commercial pesticide applicators and any farmer with an interest in grain production are invited to attend the Center of Kentucky Commercial Applicator Training on November 10th at the Adair County Cooperative Extension Service. This program will provide 5 hours of continuing education credits. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

The topics and speakers are as follows:

- Disease Update & Corn Fungicide Economics: Dr.

Kiersten Wise, UK Plant Pathologist

- Johnsongrass and other re-emerging weeds: Dr. JD Green, UK Weed Scientist

- Avoiding Tank Mix Issues: Dr. Ric Bessin, UK Entomologist & Pesticide Safety Education Program Coordinator

- Crop Management Update: Dr. Chad Lee, UK Grain Crop Specialist

- Corn & Soybean Pests in 2022-23: Dr. Raul Villanueva, UK Entomologist

This training will be provided free of charge but pre-registering by calling

(270) 384-2317 is encouraged.

**Adair County Cattlemen’s Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Adair County Cattlemen’s Association will be held on November 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Adair County Cooperative Extension Service. The Bank of Columbia will be providing a sponsored meal.

The program for the meeting will be “Winter Feeding Considerations” with guest speaker Dr. Chris Teutsch, UK Forage Specialist. All livestock

producers are invited to attend; existing Cattlemen’s Association membership is not required.

Anyone who would like to become a member of the Adair County Cattlemen’s Association may join by visiting the Adair County Cooperative Extension Service. Annual membership dues are \$30 for a single membership and \$45 for a couple’s membership. Businesses may also join for \$200 annually and receive corporate membership recognition.

# LET US FIND YOUR HOME!



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Less than a mile from the Pleasant Hill Boat Ramp on Lake Cumberland, this 784 sq. ft. home and 24'x24' garage is sitting on a .55-acre lot and it comes furnished! Perfect as an Airbnb, your personal vacation home, a rental or as your Lake Home! The mobile home has been completely remodeled with new flooring, kitchen cabinets and appliances, bathtub and vanity and a mini split unit. Enjoy the resort-like atmosphere of the Pleasant Acres subdivision with No HOA's!



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A blank slate just waiting for YOU! Live in the cabin while you finish the main house. The cabin offers economy living with just the basics, while the “barn dominium-style home is ready for finishing. The cabin features approximately 440 square feet of living space with a partial bath. The unfinished “new” home will be approximately 2300 square feet, currently framed up for 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, and lots of living space and 9’ ceilings.



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This could be the perfect little getaway place. Just minutes from the City Limits of Columbia, and right on a quiet, blacktop road, this approximate 1.8 acres is mostly wooded with some huge hardwoods included. There’s a nice place to put a cabin overlooking beautiful Russell Creek, and with some excavation more lots could be developed with great views of the water.



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# PUBLIC RECORD

## INDICTMENTS

Victoria Brooke Hurley, 27, Russell Springs, possession of a controlled substance, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, first offense, methamphetamine; possession of drug paraphernalia; theft by unlawful taking/disposition, shoplifting. Bail set for \$1500 cash, arraignment on November 14, MCR with testing.

Stephanie C. Marcum, 40, Campbellsville, possession of a controlled substance, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, first offense, methamphetamine; possession of drug paraphernalia. Bail set for \$1500 cash, arraignment November 14, MCR with testing.

Donovan Darrin Morton, 25, Russell Springs, obstructed vision and/or windshield; failure to produce insurance card; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, first offense. Trafficking in a controlled substance, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, second or subsequent offense, two grams or more, methamphetamine; persistent felony offender, 1<sup>st</sup> degree; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon. Bail set for \$25,000 cash, arraignment on November 14.

Byron Caldwell, 37, promoting contraband, 1<sup>st</sup> degree; possession of a controlled substance, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, third or subse-

quent offense, methamphetamine. Bail set for \$2500 cash, arraignment on November 14, MCR with testing.

Jonathan T. Berryman, 27, Coalmont, Tennessee, tampering with physical evidence; possession or viewing matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor; prohibited use of electronic means originating or received within the Commonwealth of Kentucky to induce a minor to engage in sexual or other prohibited activity; use of a minor under 18 in a sexual performance. Bail set for \$10,000 cash, arraignment on November 14, no contact with victims.

Jonathan T. Berryman, 27, Coalmont, Tennessee, unlawful transaction with a minor, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, illegal sex act, victim under 18 years of age; rape, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; rape, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; sodomy, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Bail set for \$10,000 cash, arraignment on November 14, no contact with victims.

Darrick Freeman, aka Darrick Freeman-Bruce, riot, 1<sup>st</sup> degree; assault, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; two counts of assault, 4<sup>th</sup> degree, minor injury. Bail set for \$20,00 cash, arraignment on November 14, no contact with victims.

Devin Carley Page Jr., 16, rape, 1<sup>st</sup> degree; sodomy, 1<sup>st</sup> degree; riot, 1<sup>st</sup> degree; assault, 4<sup>th</sup> degree, minor injury. Bail set for \$50,000 cash, arraignment set for November 14, no contacts with victims.

## DISTRICT COURT

Oct. 23,  
Judge Michael Loy

Jeffrey Lynn Bailey, 47, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, second offense; burglary, 2nd degree; criminal mischief, 1st degree. Dismiss burglary, plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Oct. 30 (2023)

Richard Bernard, 45, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, first offense, methamphetamine; buy/possess drug paraphernalia. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Oct. 30 (2023)

Tammy J. Bault, 45, burglary, 3rd degree; criminal mischief, 3rd degree. Plea of not guilty, preliminary hearing set for Oct. 30 (2023)

James B. Clevenger, 53, reckless driving; communication device violation, first offense; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, etc. .08, first offense; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle. Dismiss DUI charge, plea of guilty to others, \$185 (2020)

Brandy L. Emerson, 31, harassing communications. Continued to Dec. 18 (2023)

Brandy Lanaeann Emer-

son, 31, assault 4th degree, minor injury; violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO. Continued to Dec. 18 (2023)

## LAND TRANSFERS

Jeffery and Chelsea Coffey, Columbia to Kenton and Ashtin Jessie, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Greensburg Rd., containing 1.08 acres. \$269,000.

Michael Shane Wilkerson, Columbia to Mack Lyndon and Carol Ann Wilkerson, Breeding. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Little Cake Rd., containing 28.0148 acres more or less. \$255,000.

Ricky E. and Jennifer Dudley, Edmonton to Baily Plapp, Downers Grove, Illinois. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Weed Sparksville Rd., containing 52.3 acres more or less. \$48,500.

Garry and Rhonda Cox, Columbia, and Chris Stephens, by and through Garry Cox, Power of Attorney, Columbia to Terry and Kathryn Grant, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Baker St., containing 1.52 acres. \$225,000.

Ruby Allison Flowers Heirs, Jane Branham, Columbia to Columbia Adair County Voluntary Fire Department, INC., Columbia. Property

located in Adair County described as being located on Monroe St., containing 0.0053 acres more or less. For no consideration, the Parties of the First Part do hereby convey unto the Parties of the Second Part.

Columbia Laundry and Tanning, LLC., Columbia to Columbia Adair County Voluntary Fire Department, INC., Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Monroe St., containing 0.0015 acres more or less. For no consideration, the Parties of the First Part do hereby convey unto the Parties of the Second Part.

William David Rice, a/k/a Billy Rice, and Belinda Jane Rice, Columbia to George Randall Rice, Campbellsville, and Michael Rice, Campbellsville. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hwy. 551, containing 41.44 acres. For no consideration but as a gift.

Joseph E. and Virginia Rice, Lexington to Michael Rice, Campbellsville. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hwy. 551, containing 41.44 acres. \$35,000.

Bjorn Meuser, Columbia to William S. Shepherd, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located Sandlick Rd., containing 2.449 acres. \$10,000.

Creek Bottom Properties, LLC., Somerset to

Nicholas O. Tomasini, Live Oak, California, and Mariana A. Punzo-Duran, Live Oak, California. Property located in Adair County described as being Tract no. 17 of the Blackberry Hill Subdivision. \$25,500.

Steven E. and Mary Veronica Moffett, Columbia to Mary Theresea and Mark Steven Pfister, Palmer, Arkansas. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Little Cake Rd., containing 19.21 acres. \$19,000.

Christopher Peters, Lancaster to Steven Johnson, Lancaster. Property located in Adair County described as being Lot no. 1 of Plum Point View Subdivision. \$2,500.

Jonathan Janes, Columbia to Paul Miller, Columbia. Property located in Adair County described as being located on Hwy. 768, containing 1 acre more or less. \$9,000.

## Public Record Notice

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## Sports round up

### Band wins second in state

The Adair County band finished up their season last weekend after making the trip to Warren County High School. The band had to first get through the semifinals before moving on to the championship that night. Advance the team did, moving into the finals where they gave their signature performance, “Tripticity.”

The team came home with the title of second place overall for the KMEA State Finals in class 3A. There were a total of 12 teams that competed in

class 3A all with great talent and ability. Band Director Jordan Humphress commented on the performance of the group this season, “from beginning to end the students pushed for an enjoyable atmosphere that allowed for success and memories that will stay with them throughout life. I’m very proud of the group and honored to have witnessed the leadership by our four seniors this season.”

### Cross Country at state

The Adair County Cross Country runners traveled to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington last week for

the KHSAA state championship. The team represented Adair County for the first time in three years since the sport was revived. Two varsity runners from Adair County ran in the finals. Brianna Hillock ran for the girls and Jacob Boutte ran for the boys.

Hillock placed 45th out of 226 and had a final time of 22:36. Boutte placed 121st out of 261 and finished with a time of 19:55.

### ACMS basketball goes against Metcalfe and Taylor

The Adair County Middle School boys’ basketball team hosted Metcalfe

County in their second game of the season last week where they were able to walk away with two out of three wins from the games.

The momentum from the first match and win against Cumberland has kept the team rolling through. The sixth graders were able to secure the win against Metcalfe 34-11. The seventh graders were just as confident and scored their win with a final score of 54-22. The momentum started to slow down leading to the first loss of the season for the eighth-grade boys with a final score of 28-33 with

the win for Metcalfe.

The team also traveled to Taylor County on Tuesday for their third match up where they had another two out of three wins. Sixth grade won 17-13, seventh grade won 36-33 and eighth grade took a loss with a final score of 13-40.

The boys are just getting started this year and will have their fourth game of the season when they go up against Glasgow tonight at home at 5 p.m.

### Juniors win annual Powder Puff

The annual powder puff game was a huge hit for Adair County locals. Nor-

mally taking place during the day for students, this Powder Puff took place Thursday evening to let the public in on all the action. Four all-female football teams represented each class and faced off in fun filled matches. The junior class took home the title of winner.

During the match breast cancer survivors were honored.

They were Michelle Kearney, Tammy Humphress, Hillary Stonebreaker, Tera Knight, Lleslie Wilson, Holly Loy, Jo Greene Malcom, Martha Lacy and Deb Waddell.

## Adair beats Metcalfe in final regular season game of the year

The Indians were 6-3 going into their last regular season game of the season against Metcalfe County and they were looking to cap off their spectacular year with a win against the Hornets.

The game started off with the Indians quickly getting off to a lead, and the Hornets were just never able to catch back up. The story of the game was once again quarterback Lane Grant’s fantastic rushing performance. While he did lack the passing game that Indians’ fans hoped to see, he made up for it with his 149-yard two-touchdown game.

Receiver Solomon Stonebraker once again led the charge with yards in the air, with 37 yards on four receptions. The connection between these two is truly special. When asked about Stonebraker, Grant said, “It’s like having some-

one down the field who is always open. Whether it’s great play calling, speed, or good route running, the guy’s always there.”

Defensively it was Junior Deshawn Crowdus who had a monster of a game. He had nine tackles, several of which being for a loss of yardage. This is a season high for the Indians and really helped stop Metcalfe’s rushing attack. If the defense continues to play the way they have been, it’s obvious that the Indians could be a dangerous team in the playoffs.

The Indians begin their postseason action against Union County away. Union has had a fantastic season, and it will be a true test for the Indians. The game will start at 6 p.m. on Friday. Tickets are only available for purchase online.

By Trenton Page  
Sports Writer



## Seniors honored at football game

**Achs football players Travez Taylor, Byron Rodgers, Hayden Bennett, Jakeb Lacy, Timothy Streeval Dakota Morris and Blake White were honored for all their hard work the past four years as athletes. The cheer team seniors were also recognized for all their hard work, Mariah Grant, Brianna Caldwell, Amber Said, Peyton Walkup, Brady Blair and Caylin Coffman.**

### CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, in a October 31, 2023, Tariff Filing, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric Small Capacity Cogeneration and Small Power Production Qualifying Facilities (“SQF”), Large Capacity Cogeneration and Large Power Production Qualifying Facilities (“LQF”), and Net Metering Service-2 (“NMS-2”) rates and charges to become effective on and after January 1, 2024.

#### KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED SQF, LQF, and NMS-2 ELECTRIC RATES

##### SQF and LQF

##### Energy Rates (\$/MWh)

##### Distribution Connected Projects

Technology	2-Year PPA				7-Year PPA			
	Current	Proposed	Change		Current	Proposed	Change	
Solar: Single-Axis Tracking	24.03	30.43	6.40	27%	25.02	32.16	7.14	29%
Solar: Fixed Tilt	24.29	30.73	6.44	27%	25.26	32.56	7.30	29%
Wind	23.58	29.27	5.69	24%	24.90	31.55	6.65	27%
Other Technologies	23.08	29.39	6.31	27%	24.13	31.96	7.83	32%

##### Transmission Connected Projects

Technology	2-Year PPA				7-Year PPA			
	Current	Proposed	Change		Current	Proposed	Change	
Solar: Single-Axis Tracking	22.94	29.05	6.11	27%	23.89	30.71	6.82	29%
Solar: Fixed Tilt	23.19	29.33	6.14	26%	24.11	31.09	6.98	29%
Wind	22.51	27.94	5.43	24%	23.77	30.11	6.34	27%
Other Technologies	22.04	28.05	6.01	27%	23.03	30.50	7.47	32%

##### Capacity Rates (\$/MWh)

##### Distribution Connected Projects

Technology	2-Year PPA				7-Year PPA			
	Current	Proposed	Change		Current	Proposed	Change	
Solar: Single-Axis Tracking	0	0	0.00	0%	17.51	12.26	-5.25	-30%
Solar: Fixed Tilt	0	0	0.00	0%	21.05	14.76	-6.29	-30%
Wind	0	0	0.00	0%	13.81	9.66	-4.15	-30%
Other Technologies	0	0	0.00	0%	12.21	8.54	-3.67	-30%

##### Transmission Connected Projects

Technology	2-Year PPA				7-Year PPA			
	Current	Proposed	Change		Current	Proposed	Change	
Solar: Single-Axis Tracking	0	0	0.00	0%	16.45	11.51	-4.94	-30%
Solar: Fixed Tilt	0	0	0.00	0%	19.78	13.86	-5.92	-30%
Wind	0	0	0.00	0%	12.97	9.08	-3.89	-30%
Other Technologies	0	0	0.00	0%	11.47	8.03	-3.44	-30%

##### NMS-2

	Current	Proposed	Change	
Dollar-Denominated Bill Credit (\$/kWh)	0.07366	0.07468	0.00102	1.4%

A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, or by visiting KU’s website at [www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory](http://www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory).

A person may examine this tariff filing at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky. A person may also examine this tariff filing at the Public Service Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to [psc.info@ky.gov](mailto:psc.info@ky.gov).

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## ACHS seeks businesses for job fair

Adair County High School will host its Career and Finance Fair on Friday, Nov. 17 from 8 a.m. through noon. This event is designed to help students transition from high school to independent members of our community as well as strengthen the relationship between the community and the school district. The goal is for this event to be mutually beneficial for students and local businesses, community, and the surrounding area as a whole.

ACHS is currently looking for local businesses who would be interested in participating in the event, including those looking to hire both part-time and full-time employees or discuss other employment opportunities, as well as members of financial institutions, such as banks, investment firms, and insurance companies, who are willing to help students begin their journey to becoming financially independent.

If you or your business is interested in participating, please contact Chase Coffey, Andrew Reliford, Tony Just, or Denise Grant at Adair County High School at 270-384-2751.

## Square flower beds will match parade theme

The City of Columbia will have a special event in conjunction with the Chamber's Christmas in Columbia. This year's parade theme is "A Magical Christmas."

In conjunction with the theme the flower beds on each corner of the square will be decorated with that theme. If you or your business would like to decorate a corner (electricity is available), contact Tiffany Collins at City Hall.

"We want to make this Christmas magical for our children," said Mayor Pamela Hoots.

### Correction:

*In last week's edition, Richard Phelps was not properly identified in an article concerning the Economic Development Authority's effort to move a graveyard located at the Green River Commerce Park. The article "Split vote stops cemetery move by EDA," should have said, "Richard Phelps has overseen the project to follow all state laws and standards for moving the plots." We apologize for the error.*

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