







FFA Advisor Brittany Smith with FFA members officially cutting the ribbon for the opening of the greenhouse.

## New greenhouse is now open

agriculture and greenhouses himself, Sen. Max Wise understands that the work is much more than having a "green thumb."

Agriculture students learn values, hands-on experience coupled with classroom learning that prepares them for the future as well as financial literacy.

"Congratulations. I'm so excited for you all

Growing up around and what this day will bring," Wise said as the community joined with school staff and students to celebrate a new greenhouse.

> Adair County FFA President Riley Yarberry spoke on behalf of the chapter and welcomed everyone to the opening before introducing each speaker.

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## ONE CHILD DIES, ONE CRITICAL Driver arrested after fatal crash

The Adair County community is shaken by a tragic accident that occurred around 1:13 a.m. on Sunday that left one juvenile dead and another critically injured.

David C. King, 31, of Columbia, has been charged with vehicular homicide when under the influence of alcohol following the death of Skyler Huckaby, 14, of Columbia.

King is also charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, 3rd offense, aggravating circumstances; assault, 1st degree; wanton endangerment, 1st degree; reckless driving; and failure to wear seat belts.

There were three juvenile passengers in the vehicle with him at the time of the single vehicle accident.

King's son, David Cecil King, Jr., was flown to University of Kentucky Hospital in critical condition. According to social media posts by his mother, Melissa Morey, he has a traumatic brain injury that has caused swelling and bleeding of the brain. On one post, Morey wrote that her son sustained trauma to his brain when he was ejected from the car and his injuries aren't "fixable and have been told he is brain dead." She continues with, "we have to prepare for the worst in the next upcoming days."

Dawson Huckaby, 15, Skyler's brother, was treated at Russell County Hospital and later released.

According to the arrest

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**Skyler Huckaby** 

## Spirit of Columbia program recognizes first responders

The City of Columbia in partnership with T.J. Health-Columbia held the first Spirit of Columbia recognition program on Friday, recognizing local first responders.

The program was well attended by community and members of various emergency service organizations.

The Adair County Band played the National Anthem and the ROTC provided the Presentation of Colors.

The awards given all stemmed from an accident that occurred on Nov. 7, 2024, except for the final award to former Sheriff Josh Brockman.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Rich Storm gave an emotional speech. Commissioner Storm was at the accident scene with Colonel Jeremy McQueary. When McQueary started to the scene, Storm said

his first thought was to stay back.

"We are not first responders," he said. Yet McQueary was adamant that they needed to respond. He turned out to be highly instrumental in saving a life.

"If we had been five minutes later, one fire extinguisher short, one person short, without the man with the chain or the person with the final fire extinguisher,

that man would not have gotten out of the fire," Commissioner Storm said.

Those who were recognized all played a crucial role in saving the life of the pickup truck driver, Jason Stotts.

Firefighter Elizabeth True-Mitcham stopped for what she initially thought was a stalled vehicle. Tommy Kemp was also a passerby who stopped to assist.

Officer Megan Arnold was in route to Lindsey Wilson College to recruit for Louisville Metro Police when she came upon the accident.

Firefighter Charles Esch was nearby and responded immediately in his personal vehicle.

They were all recognized for their heroic actions.

Each of these individuals were willing to put their lives in danger to

save another's.

According to Mayor Pam Hoots, when discussions began about hosting an award ceremony, they also wanted to recognize an individual who had dedicated their life to public service. Retired Sheriff Josh Brockman was the first recipient of this award.

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(From left) Mayor Pam Hoots; award recipients Megan Arnold, Josh Brockman, Elizabeth True-Mitcham, Charles Esch, Tommy Kemp, and Col. Jeremy McQueary; Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Rich Storm; and Bran-



## Natalie Bardin elected Ky. FBLA president

Adair County High School Student Natalie Bardin has made history by being elected as the 2025-2026 Kentucky president of Future Business Leaders of America.

Natalie's interest in business began when she opened her own photography business at 12 years old. When she started high school, she wanted to be involved with something business related, so she chose to join FBLA. Her first year as a member, she was elected junior president of the club. As a sophomore, she was elected Region 2 president.

At the FBLA state conference in Louisville, Natalie ran for state president. During her campaign at the conference, she gave a speech in front of approximately 8,000 students from all over Kentucky, manned a campaign booth, and attended a question and answer session with delegates from

each local chapter. As state president, Natalie will trav-



Natalie Bardin, 2026-26 State **FBLA President** 

el to California this June to represent Kentucky at the National FBLA Conference. She will also attend FBLA camp in Hardinsburg.

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## Fiscal court again says no to higher taxes

Judge Executive Larry Russell Bryant continued his ongoing attempt to persuade magistrates to increase the county's occupational tax during Tuesday night's fiscal court meeting but once again met defeat.

The county currently has a .5 percent occupational tax, but Bryant says it's not enough, and a 1 percent is needed. He reported to magistrates that the tax has generated more than \$839,700 with

another \$37,800 coming in from business licenses through 2025 collections. However, Bryant said the sheriff's department has currently used 85 percent of its budget with

a fiscal year that ends in December. The jail is expected to request around \$2.6 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

"We just don't have no

choice," Bryant said, say-

ing the county needs more revenue to keep things

He compared Adair to other counties that have larger occupational taxes and nickel taxes and said Adair needs to be more like those counties.

"We've used up our half percent that we got," he said.

Bryant stayed on the subject for 10 minutes before magistrates began speaking out against a tax increase, at which time the conversation became slightly heated.

Magistrate Mark Humphress said he would be against raising the tax and said departments would need to cut costs. Bryant said he would not put his name on a note to borrow money for the county, and Magistrate Chris Reeder said that is not going to be needed. Magistrate Billy

Coffey said some of the

departments need to take a look at their budgets and

start cutting. Bryant said the magistrates need to "put your foot down and say look here." Humphress responded that was the judge's job. Bryant said he would give directions, to which Humphress responded, "you give directions, and it's going in the wrong direction."

Reeder called for the judge to make a motion or do what he wanted to do, and Bryant made a motion for a 1 percent occupational tax. Terry Hadley seconded.

Bryant, Hadley and Magistrate Sammy Baker voted yes. The vote was defeated with four no votes from Tony Denton, Reeder, Coffey and Humphress. The District

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## Gist signs letter of intent with LWC



Zane Gist signs his National Letter of Intent surrounded by his parents and sisters.

On April 18, 2025, Zane Gist, a senior at Adair County High signed School national letter of intent to play baseball at Lindsey Wilson College. The center fielder has a passion for the sport and

began playing in little league at 3 years old.

There was a crowd of coaches, family, and friends that were in attendance to support him. "I never question what percentage I'm going to get out of Zane, it's always 100%," stated Coach Ryan McQueary. He understands the extra and spends a lot of time at the field outside of practice and games according to McQueary.

Zane's mom, Tasha Gist, says

that when he started playing travel ball was when they realized how much love he had for the sport. Not only does he have a strong ability on the baseball field, but his coaches praised his character as well.

Zane chose Lindsey Wilson to continue his career so he could stay close to home and his family and he likes the atmosphere that the college has to offer.

## Summer boost program available in Adair

Thirty-four districts and 35 sites will be participating in the 2025 Summer Boost: Reading and Mathematics Program, a partnership between the Kentucky Department of Education Office of Teaching and Learning and the Summer Food Service Program. The Summer Boost

program promotes family engagement in read-

ing and math by giving away free books and fun items - such as wristbands, bookmarks and backpacks - intended to motivate continued learning throughout the summer months. Each awarded site will receive about 1,000 books to

distribute at their meal

Families interested in having their child participate should reach out to their local Summer Food Service Department for more information about meal service sites within their dis-

Summer Boost coordinators will direct families to KDE's Sum-

mer Support webpages, which also are available to all Kentucky families. The webpages offer information and resources to encourage students and families to make learning a part of their daily summer routines and to make summer count!

## **Young Optometrist** of the Year



Dr. Sarai Williams was awarded the 2025 Young Optometrist of the Year award from the **Kentucky Optomet**ric Association at their spring conference on April 11. Dr. Williams practices optometry at Downey Eye Clinic.

## Natalie Bardin elected Kentucky FBLA President

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Throughout the next year, Natalie will travel twice to the six FBLA regions across the state. In the fall, she will attend the fall leadership conferences at each region. She will later attend the Regional Leadership Conferences where students compete in various competitions to qualify for the state level.

"I'm just honored that everyone has been so supportive and thankful to the entire community and school system for their

support" she stated. "I want to say thank you to JR Thompson (FBLA advisor) for all the encouragement and support he has given me. I truly wouldn't be here in this position if it wasn't for him".

To any student who is interested in business or considering joining a club, Natalie offers this advice "Just take the leap. I cannot say enough good about it. It gives you the skills you need to go out into the world as a business professional."

## Fiscal court again says no to higher taxes

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2 magisterial seat is currently vacant.

After the defeat, Bryant said, "It's a shame we can't have the things that other counties has got because of the mentality of our magistrates. They don't want people to have anything."

Denton responded, "Maybe if we had a judge who stayed in the office more than one hour a week." Bryant said, "That don't make no difference. I do more

thinking outside this office" then the conversation couldn't be heard over multiple people talking.

#### **Redistricting Gets No Traction**

Bryant asked magistrates to consider reducing the number of magisterial districts from seven to five, saying each magistrate would get more money for their district. District 2 is currently vacant after the resignation of Daryl Flatt, and Bryant said District 7 magistrate Terry Hadley said he does not plan to run for re-election.

Those two districts have the least amount of roads, Bryant noted, and reducing districts would mean more money per mile in each district.. Reeder commented that reducing the number of magistrates would not change the amount of roads. County Attorney Jennifer Hutchison Corbin said the county would have to go through a reapportion process to reduce the

number of magistrates.

Bryant went on to say that there would be less conflict because there would be fewer people to disagree. He said magistrates would get a raise because they would pay less for magistrate salaries, insurance and other expenses.

With little interest in the proposal, the court move on to the next item of business.

#### Items Business Addressed

Also during Tuesday night's meeting, the court approved a contract with Waste Connections. Reeder and Denton voted no. In previous meetings both had stated they would prefer to bid the contract than renew with the current vendor.

A request to put a sign on the courthouse lawn for a Veterans Hall of Fame was tabled. The sign would start with three names, all of whom were nominated to an organization that oversees the program. Magistrates questioned how the nomination process works and voiced concerns that people who were worthy of recognition would be left out.

The court discussed the possibility of developing a solar ordinance. Hutchison Corbin said she had presented two examples to the court

and offered to meet with them and talk with some counties about what they have implemented, and the subject stalled at that point.

Reeder said he thought an ordinance from Hickman County was something they could work with and commented that he is concerned about establishing buffer zones to protect neighbors of any property that may install solar panels.

Deputy Judge Executive Bridget Compton said solar panels are considered household hazardous waste and that needs to be considered if they are abandoned by companies that install them. The county would not have grant funds to handle the disposal, she said.

Magistrate Hadley said he would like to see an ordinance that blocks solar panels from being allowed in the county.

The court approved amending the rental agreement for the annex to require that events conclude by 9 p.m.

Cara Bailey was moved from part time to full time at 911. Bradley Hayes was hired full time at the road department and Mike Bottoms was hired part time. Chris Lewis was appointed to the tourism board, replacing Danny Reeves.

The court approved the renewal of a software contract at 911 and approved \$500 to purchase new phones used to answer emergency

The court tabled a decision to purchase a Mack truck after Bryant said he would like to see the county buy a Peterbilt instead since Martin's Peterbilt is opening a location in Columbia.

Road Foreman Barry Hamlett said Peterbilt has a similar program the county has used to buy a new truck then sell after a year, with a minimum guarantee on the selling price. Magistrates said they just received the information that afternoon and would like to review it before making a decision, so the topic was

tabled. The court voted to put recycling trailers in each district, and magistrates will decide where they go. They warned that if people abuse the access and leave nonrecyclable trash, the service will be discontinued. They will leave them for four weeks and see how the community responds.

The meeting lasted two hours and 15 min-

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New greenhouse is now open

A ribbon cutting and grand opening were held to celebrate a new greenhouse at the Adair County High School last week.

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"It provides so many opportunities for students," said Trenton Page, who is serving as the 2025 state FFA pres-

Page, who graduated from Adair County High School last year, went on to say how proud he is of the greenhouse. It is a project that he is happy to see come to fruition.

Ag teacher and FFA advisor Brittany Smith thanked everyone for their efforts on this project. It's more than growing flowers and plants, it teaches student to work together as a team, the consequences if someone doesn't fulfill their obligations, conflict resolution, sales, and customer ser-

vice, Smith said. School Superintendent Jason Faulkner referred to it as a "labor of love."

The greenhouse replaces one that was built in 1984. Faulkner added that this is one of many state-of-theart projects underway within the school dis-

Wilkin-Danny son, board member of the Soil Conservation District, said one of the greatest assets in the community is our youth.

"As I walked up here today, I noticed dirt under my fingernails," he said. "Let's all get some dirt under our nails."

Funding for the greenhouse was made possible with contributions from Adair County Board of Education, Adair County Ag Development Board, Adair County Farm Bureau, Adair County Conservation District, Farm Credit Mid-America

and Kentucky FFA. The support of these organizations as well as the community will help ensure the success of the greenhouse for years to

The Adair County Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon cutting ceremony following the speakers to signify the official opening.

Hours are from Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. and Satuday from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. Hours may vary depending on other activities. From dirt to sales, the students fully operate the greenhouse with oversight by their advisors. The greenhouse is located behind the Adair County High School beside the red barn.

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## BIRTHDAY HAPPY

## APRIL 24

Madison Cundiff Josiah Soto Zoey Gilbert

APRIL 25

Serenity Dial Chloe Meece Alisha Johnson Hunter Cundiff Brooklyn Morgan Arianna Strode Abigayle Colon

APRIL 26

Tasha Huff Mike Holmes Whittney Shelton

Sophie Bryant Nancy Compton Burton Wendy Burton

## APRIL 27

Aleisha Kemp Jackson Wile Fay Smith Tonya Bennett Janie Burton

## APRIL 28

Annemarie Brockman Jozlynn Brockman Dolly Bragg Susan Coomer Brianna Ford

#### APRIL 29 Ella Bernard

Brianna Caldwell Rhonda Ledbetter Matt Caldwell

APRIL 30

Craig Dial Lilly Kelsay Ethan Giles Samantha Loy Sadie Booker Kaden Wasson Cecila Bunch



## **OBITUARIES**

## Scotty Rowe Ferguson



Scotty Rowe Ferguson, 83, of Columbia, died Monday, April 21, 2025 at Taylor Regional Hospital in Campbells-

He was born October 11, 1941, on Dunbar Hill in northern Adair County, to Clellan and Cleo Knifley Ferguson. He married Viola Tedder on August 21, 1960 at Knifley Christian

Scotty was a 1959 graduate of Campbellsville High School. In January of 1960, he graduated from Tri-City Barber College in Louisville and maintained his license throughout his life. He worked for many years as a Master Barber in Campbellsville and continued to cut the hair of family and friends after moving back to Adair County. In Columbia, he worked for IMO Industries and retired as part of their shipping department. He accepted Christ

as his Savior at a young age and became a member of Knifley Christian Church. Throughout his life, he served as Deacon and Elder at both Woodlawn Christian Church in Campbellsville and Columbia Christian Church. In Columbia, he taught Sunday School for many years and also served as Chairman of the Board for a period of time and chair of the Evangelism Committee.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Viola Ferguson of Columbia; his son, Mark (Jennifer) Ferguson of Columbia; his daughter, Kathy (Billy) Smith of Columbia; four granddaughters - Lauren (Cameron) Fletcher, Lynsey (Tristan) Cain, Emily Smith and Arlia

Smith; five great-grandsons, Zachary Lynn, Rowan Lynn, Jude Fletcher, Levi Lynn, Calyx Cain; one aunt, Justine Arnold Knifley of Campbellsville; nieces, Freeda Merritt Hannah of Arlington, Tennessee and Carol Merritt Edwards of Columbia; and many dear cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Mike

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Columbia Christian Church with Bro. John Davis, Bro. Richard Martin and Honorable Phil Bertram officiating and burial in Haven Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to Dunbar Hill Cemetery, Tabernacle Cemetery or Columbia Christian Church, which can be left at the funeral home or church.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Skyler 'Sky' Colton Huckaby



Skyler "Sky" Colton Huckaby, 14, of Columbia, passed away April 20, 2025 at Russell County Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born September 29, 2010, he was a son of Barry Huckaby and Goldie Brown. Sky was an eighth grade student at Adair County Middle School. He was a member of FFA and he attended Free Union Separate Baptist Church.

His family considered him to be a true "country boy." Sky had a big heart for those in his life and that was evident by how

much he loved his family. He dreamed of one day of becoming a police officer and serving the community. Sky had a wonderful personality and he was loved by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Survivors include his

father, Barry (Angela) Huckaby, of Albany; his mother, Goldie Brown (Jarrod Wheat) of Columbia; five brothers, Devin Huckaby, Landon Huckaby, Austin Mercer, Dawson Huckaby, James Edwards, and Alexander Edwards; six sisters, Kisha Huckaby, Savannah Mercer, Elizabeth Edwards, Elizabeth Brown, Breannah Huckaby, and Bailey Huckaby; maternal grandparents, Jack Sr. and Barbara Brown and Al Clements and Linda Patton; and paternal grandparents, Harley and Margie Huckaby and Roger and Brenda Thacker.

Funeral services are

noon Friday, April 25, 2025 at Free Union Separate Baptist Church, 4600 Sano Road, Columbia, with Bro. Craig Huddleston officiating. Burial will follow in Free Union Cemetery.

Visitation for friends and the public will be held from 5 p.m. through 8 p.m. Thursday at the church and will resume at 9 a.m. Friday morning until time of services.

Carson Cooper, Kyle Montgomery, Abby Corbin, Silas Cole, Kayden Johnson, and William Brockman will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to offset the funeral expenses. These can be mailed to Bernard Funeral Home, P.O. Box 308, Russell Springs, Ky. 42642.

Funeral arrangements for Skyler "Sky" Colton Huckaby are entrusted to Bernard Funeral

## Driver arrested after fatal crash

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citation, Deputy Tweedy with Russell County Sheriff's Department was the first law enforcement officer to arrive at the scene. Tweedy told the investigating trooper that when he arrived on the scene of the accident, King admitted to drinking alcohol prior to the collision. Deputy Tweedy detained King awaiting arrival of Kentucky State Police. He also stated that two of the three juveniles were critically

Kentucky State Police Trooper Lee wrote on the citation that King displayed signs of intoxication such as glassy, bloodshot eyes and instability. King refused to submit to standard field sobriety tests but he did submit to a preliminary breath test with the results showing .13. Kentucky law classifies operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol at

King told Trooper Lee that he "had drank too much beer" and admitted to drinking approximately 30 beers since 8 p.m. A search warrant was obtained to draw and test King's blood for the presence of alcohol.

All three passengers are students in the Adair County school system. Superintendent Jason Faulkner released a statement Sunthe loss of Huckaby.

"Our entire school community is grieving this tremendous loss," Faulkner wrote. "Skyler was a bright and kind student, wellloved by classmates, teachers and staff. His presence in our halls brought energy and joy, and his absence will be profoundly felt by all who know him."

Faulkner said grief counselors and support staff would be available at the Adair County Middle

"We encourage anyone who is struggling to reach out - we are here for each other," he said.

Community members are currently organizing fundraisers for funerday afternoon addressing al expenses for Huckaby. Bernard Funeral Home

is in charge of funeral arrangements. Donations can be made at the funeral home during visitation or by mail to P. O. Box 308, Russell Springs, KY 42642.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and again on Friday from 9 a.m. until the funeral, which will be held at noon at Free Union Church 4600 Sano Rd., Columbia.

School in Adair County has been canceled Friday for the funeral.

King was arraigned in Russell County District Court on Monday. His bond is set at \$500,000 cash. A preliminary hearing is set for Monday at 1

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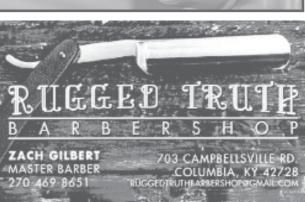
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## The protectors

This community is saddened by the loss of a child, a second loss in mere months due to what appears to be a drunk driver. Another child is in critical condition and not expected to survive.

Most of us do not know the pain of losing a child and pray that we do not experience it. It's almost impossible to even think about. The grief feels unbearable to even consider, let alone to experi-

For Rose Morgan, who died at 7 years old on Dec. 21, 2024, her family did everything right. She was with her loving family when their vehicle was hit by another vehicle. That driver has been charged in her death.

For 14-year-old Skyler Huckaby, his death is being investigated and the driver of the vehicle he was in has been charged.

The second child whose life is in peril is the son of the driver.

There are a lot of unanswered questions, and I urge the community to give law enforcement time to investigate this thoroughly. This column is not meant to place blame, but it is meant to encourage adults to consider how their decisions affect the children in their care.

We as adults are supposed to protect our

Get help or give your children away, but please protect them as best you can.

youth. I think that is the greatest role God has given his people. He tells us how to raise our children in his word. Jesus himself showed his love for the children who flocked him.

We have so many people strung out on drugs or alcohol that they have lost the innate nature God gave them to want to protect children. It's evil, and the little ones are the victims.

Our "system" investigates and often takes children from their parents, but they also strive to return them to parents. After all, children love their parents and want their approval regardless of how terrible the adults are. Again, it's in our

If anyone who is reading this is a parent that has an addiction that is keeping you from being a responsible parent, please think about the loss of life we have experienced this week. Don't let that happen to your loved ones.

Get help or give your children away, but please protect them as best you

We cannot keep our children locked up and safe, no matter how much we would like to. They have to experience life. We can, however, make the best decisions and we can certainly refrain from victimizing them because of an addiction.

These babies will never get to grow up and experience life. And all because some adult with an addiction put that addiction over the safety of others.

I've known people with alcohol addiction who never got behind the wheel when they were drinking. Being an alcoholic does not mean you have to be a drunk driver.

Should our laws be stricter against drunk drivers? Possibly. But the real culprit is the person who gets behind the wheel while under the influence.

There are decisions you can never take back and you can never come back from. I imagine causing the death of a child is that type of decision. Imagine waking up every day to the realization that you killed a child. Imagine waking up and realizing the child you killed was your own.

Don't drink and drive. It's not worth it.

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- chemist
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- 21. Charged 23. People's assets
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- 25. Jeer
- 26. You can do it with your
- 27. Agents of your downfall 30. Central Uganda city
- 34. Supervises flying 35. Type of tree
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- 54. Extreme greed 55. Adopt or support
- 56. Fantasy writer Russell
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- civilization
- 60. Noted pet detective Ventura
- 61. Automobile 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Color opposite green
- 64. Amount of time 65. Attempt

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## **UBITUARIES**

## George Caldwell, Sr.



Caldwell George Sr. was a trailblazing dairyman who lived a remarkable life. He peacefully departed this world at the age of 99 on April 17, 2025 at his home. George was born on December 2, 1925 to the late Tommie and Susie Kate Smith Caldwell in the Coburg community of Green County.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Catherine Robinson Caldwell, with whom he shared nearly 72 years (affectionately known as Shuga). He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Tom Willie, Alfonso, Paul Allen, Ivan, James, Daniel, Alice, Mary Catherine and Capitola Caldwell Johnson. Additionally, he was preceded in death by his namesake son, George Caldwell, Jr., and his grandson, Marcus Gregory Caldwell.

George is survived by his sons, Michael (Donna) of Campbellsville, Gregory and Stephen of Columbia, and Randall of Louisville. His daughters include Rose Ella Jones of Campbellsville, Patricia of Columbia, Clara Etta McCarty of Indianapolis, Marilyn Taylor (Ronald) of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Carolyn, Teressa, and Angela of Lexington.

George was always delighted to hear of new additions to the family. He leaves behind 21 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 9 great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and

At the age of 19, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served as an amphibious truck driver and earned an Asiatic West Pacific Ribbon for the Liberation of the Philippines. During his 21/2 years of military service, he also served as a Corporal in Washington State as a Medical Aidman and Medical Technician. He often recounted his responsibility for a medical ward of 37 patients, proudly stating that he did not lose a single patient during this time.

After his military service, George returned to Coburg and married Catherine on February 15, 1949. Together, they instilled strong moral character and a work ethic in their children, who brought them immense joy and pride. He implemented new techniques for crop growth and significantly improved his herd's milk production.

George received numerous awards, with one of his most memorable being Conservationist of the Year in 1973, presented by the late Gov. Wendell Ford. He was especially proud of his herd producing 1 million pounds of milk

As a pillar of strength and wisdom, George profoundly impacted all who knew him. He professed his faith in Christ at an early age and remained a lifelong member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Greensburg. Over the course of his 89 years of church service, he held various positions, including Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, Treasurer, Choir Member, Trustee, Deacon, Chairman of the Deacon Board, and participant in the Brotherhood Choir. He played a crucial role in obtaining funding to build the new church sanctuary.

George's legacy is that of a faithful man who walked with God throughout his life. His favorite song was "I'll Fly Away." His unwavering faith was evident in how he lived and the advice he offered to others. As we bid farewell to George Caldwell, we celebrate a life well-lived and will forever remember his wise words: "Pray and ask God before you do anything and let Him guide

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 26, 2025 at noon (Central Time) at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Scott Curle delivering the Eulogy.

Burial in Bridgewater-Groves-Caldwell Cemetery in Green County with full military honors presented by VFW Post 6097

Visitation from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Grissom-Martin Funeral Home and after 10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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## Johnny C. Tarter



Johnny C. Tarter, 78, of Louisville, formerly of Columbia, died Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at Mary & Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville. He was born May 11, 1946 in Adair County, to the late McClellan and Viola Marie Bennett Tarter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a niece, Shelley McDon-Johnny was retired

from Walmart as manager of the photo department.

Survivors include his

sister, Linda Craven of Louisville; his niece, Christine Ward (Barry) of Louisville; one great-nephew and two great-nieces, Tate, Macy and Jordyn.

The family honored his wish to be cremated and will hold a private family burial in Columbia Cemetery at a later

Grissom - Martin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Anita Ann Brown



Anita Ann Brown, of Columbia, Kentucky, passed away at Russell County Hospital on Saturday, April 19, 2025. She was 70 years of age.

Born March 2, 1955 in Rochester, New York, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Nancy (Visconte) McRobbie. Anita was an avid equestrian throughout her entire life. She was a barrel racer and equestrian drill team member in her younger years. She especially enjoyed riding her horses in parades, which she did in several capacities, including as DAV Auxiliary New York State

Commander. Anita became a certified equine chiropractor and operated Caring Hands Equine Chiropractic in Kentucky. She also owned Break AWAY Ranch with her husband, Mike, where she gave barrel racing lessons and trained horses. Anita was also a licensed cosmetologist in Rochester, New York, and enjoyed the friendship of her many clients for 53 years. Along with her love of horses, she enjoyed driving a school bus and the hundreds of students she cared for over the years. She made a career of driving a school bus for over 50 years, and she loved

every minute of it. She was a bus driver and an employee of the Russell County Board of Education at the time of her passing. Anita was of Roman Catholic faith. Her life was a whirlwind of busyness and accomplishments, and she will be dearly missed by her family and friends, whom she has left behind.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Brown, of Columbia; a son, Scott Tears, of Columbia; two daughters, Stacey (and Stephen) Cudzilo, of Hilton, New York, and Shelly (and Frank) Coleman, of Victor, New York; a brother, Vernon McRobbie, of Rochester, New York; and seven grandchildren, Nathen Tears, Matthew Cudzilo, Jonathan Cudzilo, Cindel Tears, Henry Tears, Mary Coleman and Claire Coleman.

In addition to her parents, Anita was predeceased by a brother, Wayne McRobbie.

Per Anita's wishes, cremation rites were honored. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Bernard Funeral

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until the time of the service.

## Jeffrey Phillip 'Jeff' Wilkerson



Jeffrey Phillip "Jeff" Wilkerson, 68, of Columbia passed away Monday, April 21, 2025 at T. J. Health Columbia with his family by his side. He was born on May 8, 1956 in Campbellsville to the late Charles Willard Wilkerson and Iva Rose Gilpin Burton. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Julia Ann Corbin Wilkerson; and a nephew, Sean Wilkerson.

Mr. Wilkerson was a

Church and was owner and operator of Jeff's Tires for over 40 years. of his friends and family as "Buffy" for his wild hair. He was a great friend to many and will be dearly missed by the community.

Survivors include two children, Tressie Wilkerson Roy (Ricky) and Logan Wilkerson (BJ) both of Columbia; five grandchildren, Phillip Wilkerson, II, Brayden Burton, Caydee Burton, Kassidy Roy Huddleston (Levi) and Riley Roy; two great grandchildren, Ada Huddleston and Tate Riddick Wilkerson; four siblings, Rena McCloud, Ken Wilkerson (Lynda), Terry Wilkerson (Janet) and Lyndon Wilkerson

member of the Pellyton (Carol); his stepfather, Leon Burton; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services Jeff was known by many will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home with burial in the Corbin Cemetery. Visitation will be on Saturday after 10 a.m. at Stotts-Phelps-Mc-Queary Funeral Home.

> Bro. Paul Patton and Bro. Logan Wilkerson will officiate, and pallbearers will be Rob Wilkerson, Craig McCloud, Carson McCloud, Shane Wilkerson, Brayden Burton and Phillip Wilkerson, II. Honorary pallbearers will be Caydee Burton, Kassidy Huddleston, Riley Roy, Michael Wilkerson, Ryan Fuller and Dennis Gilbert.

## Rodney 'Scotty' Scott



Husband, father, grandfather and brother, Rodney "Scotty" Scott, of Russell Springs, passed from this life on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at his home. He was 65 years of age.

Rodney was born Wednesday, March 2, 1960 to the late Maze and Joy Dunbar Scott. He married Thelma Popplewell on April 1, 1978 and three children were born to this union. Rodney was a member of Fairview Baptist Church and had been a heavy equipment operator for Gaddie Shamrock for over 42 years. He enjoyed watching UK basketball and Duck Dynasty, loved farming and was known to buy corn just to feed the deer that came across his property.

There was a special place in Rodney's heart for his three grandba-

Rodney is survived by his wife of 47 years, Thelma Scott; his son, Zach (and Haley) Scott, of Russell Springs; his daughter, Chrissy (and Wayne) Burke, of Lawrenceburg; his brother, Barry Scott, of Lexington; his sisters, Charlotte Marr, of Bowling

Green, Judy Evans, of Versailles, and Tamara Scott, of Edmonton; and his grandbabies, Ciara McQueary, Jordyn McQueary and Ellison

Along with his parents, Rodney is preceded in death by his son, Neil Scott; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 17, 2025 at Bernard Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Mullins officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Zach Scott, Jordyn McQueary, George Atwood, Mark Fudge, Gus Campbell and Gary Burgess. Honorary pallbearers were Lynn Baldock and Jimmie

## Wayne Melton



Wayne Melton, 71, of the Glens Fork community, died Saturday, April 19, 2025 at his home.

He was born December 29, 1953 in Clinton County and was preceded in death by his mother, Regina Meed Melton. Wayne was a mechanic, horse trainer and a wellknown produce stand operator. Survivors include his

wife, Barbara Ann Jeffries Melton of Glens Fork; two sons, Chris Melton (Amy) and Patrick Jeffries (Katie) all of Glens Fork; six grandchildren, Chance Melton, Corey Melton,

Kendall Melton, Kara

Jeffries, Colton Jeffries and Ava Jeffries; two great-grandchildren, Maxsen Melton and Tucker Melton; and a special niece, Harrison Ashley (Jimmy) of Columbia.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Haven Hill Cemetery with Bro. Larry Brown officiating and burial following.

Grissom-Martin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Michael Lynn Foster



Michael Lynn Foster, 74, of Campbellsville, passed away Saturday, April 19, 2025 at Norton Brownsboro Healthcare in Louisville. He was born on May 25, 1950 in Columbia, to the late Delmar Ray and Mary Opal Bault Foster.

Mr. Foster was a member of the East Campbellsville Church of God. He enjoyed antique cars and attending car shows, mowing and doing yard work, helping with activities at his church and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, of 49 years, Maudie Ellen "Cookie" Foster of Campbellsville; four children, Kevin Foster (Mellany), Joey Curry (Debbie), Melinda Osborne (Mike) and Janice Curry; six grandchildren, Maci Osborne, Cody Osborne, Torie Foster-Atwood (Blaine), Evan Curry, Austin Lee (Aryn) and Brooklyn Lee; four great grandchildren, Mia Atwood, Alaia Atwood, Nolan Lee, and Luke Lee; four siblings,

Howard Foster (Diane),

Darrell Foster, Carol Vaughn and Linda Forrest (Preston); and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will

be held at 1 p.m. on

Thursday, April 24, 2025 at Stotts-Phelps-McQueary Funeral Home with burial in the Haven Hill Cemetery. Visitation will continue Thursday morning until the time for the service at Stotts-Phelps-Mc-Queary Funeral Home. Rev. Tom Carnahan will officiate, and pall-

bearers will be Austin Lee, Evan Curry, Matt Forrest, Tim Forrest, Mark Jones and Marcus Anderson. Honorary pallbearers will be Torie and Foster-Atwood Brooklyn Lee.

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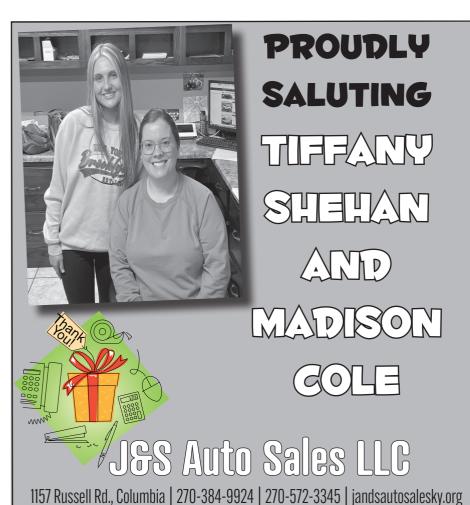


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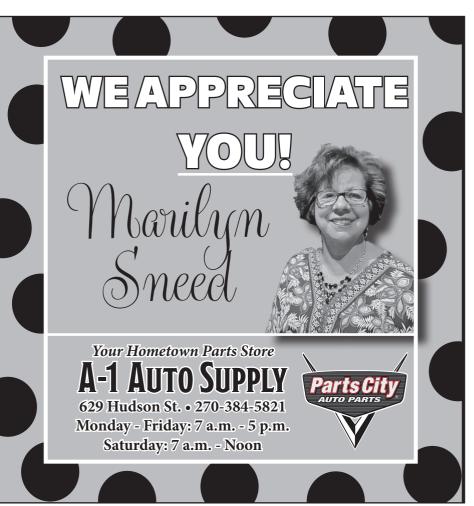


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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **CHAMBER HOSTS 5k**

The Columbia-Adair Chamber of Commerce will host a Chamber Crawl on Saturday, April 26 at 8 a.m.

The 5K run and walk event will begin at the Adair County Elementary School and will be held on the school campus.

The fee is \$25 per person, which includes the cost of a t-shirt. Registration is open now at runsignup.com/race/ky/columbia/chambercrawl5krunwalk. Registration also opens at 7 a.m. the day of the event.

For more information, call 844-232-4726 or email chambercrawl5k@gmail.com.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Adair County is participating in the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 1 at noon. The gathering will be held on the steps of the courthouse annex on the Columbia Square. There will be prayer for America, the Family, Church, Business, Workplace, Education, Military, Government, Arts, Media, and Entertainment. The whole community is invited to share in this time of prayer for our nation.

#### The Joymakers will sing at Bearwallow

Church on Sunday May 4 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Bearwallow Church is located at 6090 Liberty Rd., Columbia.

THE JOYMAKERS AT BEARWALLOW

#### CITY COUNCIL

The Columbia City Council will meet on Monday, May 5 at 6 p.m. in City Hall, 116 Campbellsville St. The meetings are open to the public.

#### **DUCK DERBY**

The 4th annual Duck Derby will take place on Saturday, May 3, at the McKinney Landing of Trail Town on North Highway 55. It is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. If you would like to purchase a duck, please contact City Hall. Proceeds from the Duck Derby will go toward the Trail Town locations in Columbia.

## MONTGOMERY FAMILY APPLIED GENEALOGY WEEKEND

Everyone is invited to the Montgomery Family's Applied Genealogy Week-

end, also celebrating Shiloh Christian Church's 150th anniversary. Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25. On Saturday, May 24 from 11 a.m. until noon, there will be a tour of the Trabue-Russell House. On Saturday, the event will begin with lunch at noon, no charge, at the Adair County Genealogy and History Center at the Public Library, 307 Greensburg St., and continue from noon until 4 p.m. On Sunday, the event will begin with worshiping at Shiloh Christian Church at 9:30 central time. There will be lunch afterwards, a potluck. To make reservations for both lunches, call the genealogy center at 270-384-1024. Remember to bring a dish to Shiloh, one dish per three adults. The last day to make Shiloh reservations is May 22. For more information, contact Christa Gimbel at christa.gimbel@aol.com.

#### WASTE TIRE COLLECTION

Adair County waste tire collection will be offered May 15-16 from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and May 17 from 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the state highway barn on Service Road. This is not open to businesses. For questions, contact the county solid waste coordinator at 270-384-4703.

#### FREE-TIPPING

Free-tipping will be available in Adair County on May 30 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on May 31 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Location is Mid-State Transfer Station at L Willis Rd. For additional information, contact Judge Executive Larry Russell Bryant's Office during normal business hours at 270-384-4703.

#### UTILITY DISTRICT

The Columbia/Adair Utilities District will meet on Thursday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. in their office at 109 Grant Lane. The meetings are open to the public.

#### SCHOOL BOARD

The Adair County School Board will meet on Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. at the Adair County Board of Education, 1204 Greensburg St. The meetings are open to the public.

## KIN TO THE MONTGOMERY FAMILY BY BIRTH OR MARRIAGE?

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A special offering: Saturday, May 24, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. tour the Trabue-Russell House (historical home)

## <u>SATURDAY</u>

We will begin with lunch at noon, no charge!
The program will be in the center from 12-4 where we will have sources available and reviewed on the Montgomery Family, the plaques in the Montgomery Family Pioneer Cemetery dedicated and then go to the cemetery to enjoy the landscaping and to meet and greet.

The center will have special exhibits on the Montgomery Family that day.

#### <u>SUNDAY</u>

We will begin the day with worshiping at Shiloh Christian Church at 10:30 EST. During the worship, Shiloh's plaque will be dedicated and a history of the church will be shared. There will be lunch afterwards, a potluck! Home cooking! Then we will go to Frances and Mary Smith Montgomery's cemetery to try to find any information through the mud covering the graves. Bring equipment you may need!

To make reservations for both lunches, call the Genealogy Center at 270-384-1024.
Remember to bring a dish to Shiloh, one dish per three adults. The last day to make Shiloh reservations is May 22.

For more information, please contact Christa Gimbel at christa.gimbel@aol.com

The Genealogy Center is open 8-12 on Saturday

## NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

## RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan ("2025 Plan"). (Collectively, KU's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU's "tariff filing.") If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project

will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution

control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential

Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

\$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU's tariff filing at the 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 website at http://psc.ky.gov or KU's website (http://www.lge-ku.com) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.

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## **UPCOMING SCHOOL SCHEDULE** 2025

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Vice Principal: Gerald Hadley

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Vice Principal: Will Rich

Phone: 270-384-0077

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## End of the Year Crossword Puzzle

## <u>Across</u> 6. A report

with grades 7. My math

teacher's last name 9. A cool treat

you eat in the summer **10.** The number of months we go

## to school

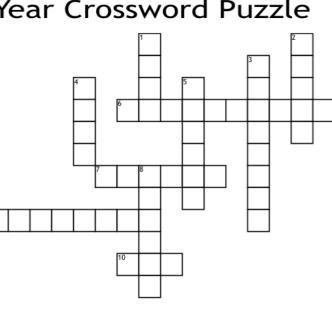
Down 1. The month school ends

**2.** The grade you are finishing

**3.** A trip you go on in the summer

4. The second moth of the summer

**5.** The grade I am going to next year



**8.** The season for school vacation





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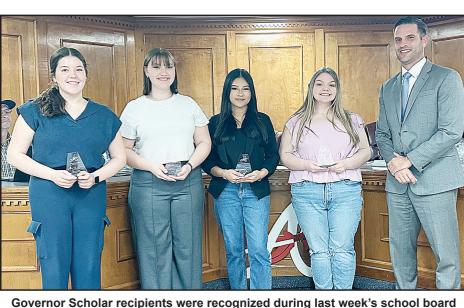
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## Adair students chosen for Governor's Scholars program



meeting. With Superintendent Jason Faulkner are (from left) Abigail Kemp, Kelsay
Breeding, Trina Nguyen and Sarah Gass.

## Spirit of Columbia program recognizes first responders

Retired Sheriff
Josh Brockman
(right) was recognized for his lifetime service. The
award was presented by former Sheriff Ralph Curry.



Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Rich Storm presents award to Colonel Jeremy McQueary.



Columbia Police Chief Evan Burton presents award to Megan Arnold.



County Fire Chief Dennis Loy presents award to Tommy Kemp.



Emergency Management Director Grant Loy presents award to Elizabeth True-Mitcham.



911 Director Derrick Murphy presents award to Firefighter Charles Esch.



For the first time in Adair Co history, three students were chosen for the Governor's Scholars Program and one student was chosen as an alternate.

Abigail Kemp, Kelsay Breeding, Trina Nguyen were chosen for the prestigious program and Sarah Gass was selected as an alternate. The Governor's Schol-

The Governor's Scholars Program is a summer residential program for upcoming seniors in high school that have displayed academic excellence, participated in extracurricular activities and volunteered in their community.

They must be nominated by their school,

have a teacher recommendation as well as a community recommendation.

Each student also submits an original writing entry.

The selected students from each school district then compete on the state level with an average of 2,000 entries per year and approximately 50 percent of those students being chosen.

The selected students will attend a five-week residential program at one of three colleges in Kentucky where they attend sessions and classes on their focus area, general studies, and leadership.

The students interact

with other students from diverse backgrounds who exhibit the same intellectual capacities as themselves.

At the Adair County Board of Education meeting last Thursday, Superintendent Jason Faulkner recognized each of the four Adair County students and presented them with an award of recognition.



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