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Columbia City Council Approves Firework Funding for 4th Of July

By Makayla M. Wright
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The Columbia City Council met in regular session for the month of May.

They began their meeting with the approval of the annual Columbia-Adair County Airport funding request.

With the 4th of July slowly creeping onto the calendars, the City Council discussed the funding for fireworks. The council approved \$5,100 in funds for the fireworks display. The county matches the funds also for the fireworks display.

The City Council then held a second reading of Ordinance Number 920.119 which states:

“The City of Columbia having received a recommendation from the Planning Commission that public necessity, convenience, and general welfare of this city requires that an amendment be made to the Columbia Official Zoning District Map, and the requirements of Articles 4 and 10 having been complied with, the Columbia Official Zoning Districts Map is amended in the following manner: From R-1 (Low-Moderate Density Residential) to C-2 (Highway Oriented Commercial) for lot located at 298 Hudson Street (PVA Map No. 000-02-08-021.00) Property owned by

George and Joanne Payne.”

Mayor Pam Hoots then asked the Council to post bids for a potential sensory playground. The Council approved the request and quickly moved to their 6th item of the night.

Mayor Hoots also asked permission to apply for the Land and Water Grant for Citizens Park. This will be the same grant that helped fund the new splash pad at the old fairgrounds. The City Council also approved this request.

The Council approved for Mayor Hoots to apply for a Transportation Alternative Programs grant for the sidewalks.

There was a discussion about the downtown traffic around Public Square. In regards to big trucks, it has been brought to the attention of the Fiscal Court as well as the City Council that traffic

around the square has been difficult recently because big trucks are using the square. There was no action taken to resolve the issue.

During the Council discussion, the cemetery board asked for City help with getting funding for the groundskeep crew. The Council decided to help fund the cemetery board to hire a groundskeeping crew.

Councilman Robert Flowers complimented the new windows in the Old Courthouse that began their installation earlier this week.

To-The-Nines was also discussed and the success the stores have had. Hannah Peck asked about the park plans since receiving the land grants. She also seconded the compliment on the new windows in the old courthouse.

Mayor Hoots had a
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Women Owned Small Businesses Gathered for Strong Women Strong Coffee Program

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Columbia and Adair County have no shortage of locally owned, small businesses.

The women who own some of these businesses gathered for a program called Strong Coffee Strong Women that was hosted by the Women's Business Center (WBC).

Mayor Pam Hoots spoke at the meeting.

“During Covid small businesses in our community grew 4%,” said Hoots. “And that was unheard of because nobody was growing. Last year our business licenses in the city grew 14%. The people here are investing in our community and that's what we need.”

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Marco Sioli: An Italian Historian in Columbia

From The Adair-Columbia Genealogy Society

Coming in late May, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28th and 29th, Marco Sioli, a professor of American history at the University of Milan in Italy, will visit Columbia where he will speak at two programs one on Daniel Trabue and a second one on John Muir in Kentucky.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 28th at 5:00 pm CT, at the Adair County Genealogy and History Center, his topic will be Memory of the Wilderness: Daniel Trabue and the Frontier of Kentucky, based on his article on Trabue, in the Journal of American History, in March of 1998. Refreshments and a short reception will follow.

For those not familiar with the Adair County

Genealogy and History Center, it is located at 307 Greensburg Street, three blocks from the square, next to the Adair County Public Library. Follow Greensburg Street from the downtown square, turn left on Paul Street and park behind the Library and Genealogy Center. Both are visible on Greensburg Street, as you pass them.

Sioli's second talk will be Wednesday, May

29th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm CT, at the Trabue-Russell House. His topic will be From Transcendentalism to Environmentalist: John Muir in Kentucky. This event will start with a light lunch at 11:30 am; the program will start at 12:15 pm and run to about 1:00 pm.

For those unfamiliar with Columbia,

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- NANWOOD MARKET** HOME GOODS, COFFEE, AND GIFTS 206 PUBLIC SQUARE M-F 9-5 SAT 9-1
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- FLOWERS N' THINGS** FLORIST, HOME GOODS, AND GIFTS 310 CAMPBELLSVILLE ST M-F 9-4
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Kiana McHolan

Adair County High School Art Students Advance to State

From The Adair County High School, Cayce Davenport

The ACHS Art Department regularly participates in the Ky Art Educators

Association's Regional and All-State Art competitions. Within KyAEA, Adair County is part of the Caveland

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Adair County Public Library To Launch Summer Reading Program

From The Adair County Public Library
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As summer approaches, the Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) urges families throughout the commonwealth to engage in the enriching activity of summer reading.

With a wide array of programs and resources available at public libraries across Kentucky, families have

the opportunity to embark on a journey of lifelong learning, strengthening familial bonds, and fostering a sense of community spirit.

Summer reading programs offered by public libraries serve as dynamic platforms that not only entertain but also educate, instilling a love for reading and exploration in participants of all ages.

From engaging stories to interactive book clubs for adults,

these programs cater to diverse interests and age groups, ensuring that there's something for everyone.

The research underscores the importance of summer reading in mitigating the "summer slide" phenomenon, where students experience a decline in academic skills over the break.

"This is for all ages," said Leeann Jessee, Library Director. "Preschool-12th grade is welcomed. This is to help the slide that hap-

pens during the summer for school-aged children."

Studies have consistently shown that children who actively engage in reading during the summer months maintain, and often enhance, their academic proficiency compared to their peers who do not.

The benefits of summer reading extend beyond academic achievement, encompassing the fostering of creativity and critical thinking while giving

students a safe space to explore books and enjoy the love of reading.

The Adair County Public Library will be kicking off its summer reading activities on Tuesday, June 4th at 10:00 am with activities for all ages. The theme this year is Adventure Begins at Your Library, starting with the North Pole children will read their way around the world for a fun and exciting way to learn about cultures and improve

reading skills.

The library will also offer Summer Time, Fun Time Reading Journals, and reading buddies, which this year will be penguins.

Come join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 am for Summer Reading Adventure at Your Public Library!

For more information call 270-384-2472 or check out the library's Facebook or website at <https://www.adair-countypubliclibrary.com>.

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