

Caught Red-handed

By Jasmine Mitchell, Writer

On the evening of October 15, the Columbia Police Department responded to a suspect attempting to conceal paraphernalia and narcotics while appearing for court at the Adair County Judicial Center. Officer Trent Williams

was the arresting officer and was assisted by rookie officer Travis Bell and Probation and Parole. Mary Sear, 38, of Russell County has been charged with possession of an unspecified controlled drug substance in the 1st and 2nd degree and charged with being in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fiscal court convenes emergency session

By Dennis Crump, Editor

On Monday, October 14, the Adair County Fiscal Court convened an emergency called meeting to discuss the hiring of three new deputy coroners. The meeting began with a call to order, a pledge of allegiance to the flag, prayer and roll call. The first action taken was to accept the meeting agenda. The first agenda item was disbursements but the court decided to table that concern for the time being since it was not really an “emergency” agenda item. Next, the discussion moved

to the topic of hiring three deputy coroners to work with the new Adair County Coroner Sierra Durbin. The court determined that it was not necessary to formally vote on hiring these candidates since the coroner has authority to hire them on her own. The three candidates are Robin Lewis, Emily Sanders and Todd Akin. Lewis was subsequently sworn in on October 15. Emily Sanders is working on the required paperwork to be bonded for the position. Akin was scheduled to complete some necessary training in preparation for assuming his role as deputy coroner.

Downtown Days Photo Contest Winners, 2024

Local photographers have shared their work with the public this past week at the Adair Genealogy & History Research Center. The photos are shown below. The contest will return again in October 2025.

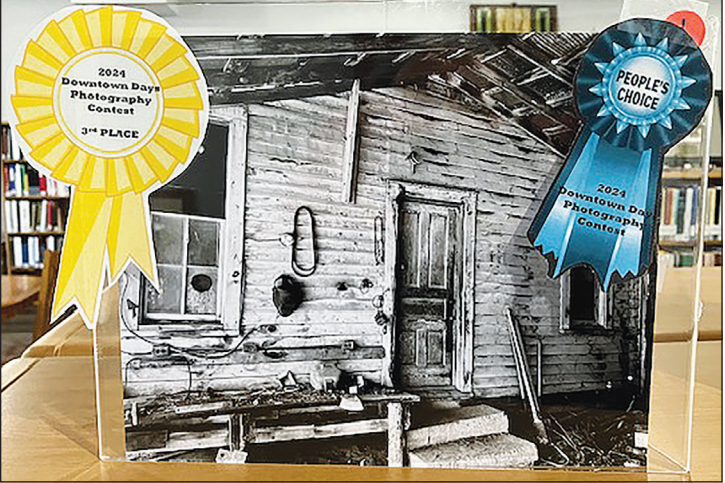
Winners were as follows:
First place - Lesley Lindsay
Second place - Kaitlyn Janes
Third place AND The People’s Choice Award - Lesley Lindsay



First place



Second place



Third place and People choice

NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

FIRST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT Saturday, September 21, 2024 Last day to request absentee ballot. October 22, 2024	Online mail-in absentee request portal: govote.ky.gov, (absentee ballot request). If you do not have access to a computer, you may call the Adair County Clerks’ Office, during normal business days. Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. 270-384-2801. Be prepared to provide requested information. Ballots can be returned by: Mail, or Dropped in the Ballot Drop Box located in the Clerk’s Office, Mon-Fri 8:00 am-4:00pm First and Third Saturdays: 8:00 am-11:00am Election Day 11/5/24: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Voter must have one of the designated reasons to request an Absentee ballot. Ballots must be returned by 6:00 pm Election Day, November 5, 2024
EXCUSED IN PERSON ABSENTEE October 23, 24, 25 and October 28,29, 30, 2024 No voting on Saturday	Qualified voters may make application to cast an absentee in person ballot during normal business hours (8:00am to 4:00pm). Must have one of the designated reasons provided in (KRS 117.076(2) to cast a ballot during this period. Must have proof of ID. Location: Adair County Clerk’s Office, 424 Public Square, Ste3, Columbia.
IN PERSON NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING “EARLY VOTING” Thursday October 31, 2024 Friday, November 1st, 2024 Saturday, November 2nd, 2024	Any voter who is qualified to vote on election day in the county of his or her residence may choose to cast a no-excuse in person absentee ballot on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday immediately preceding the day of an election from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. LOCATION: Adair County Courthouse Annex Basement, 424 Public Square, Columbia. Come in front doors go straight ahead; may take elevator or steps to the basement. Must provide proof of ID. “THERE IS NO VOTING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2024
GENERAL ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024	Polls open 6a.m to 6 p.m. prevailing time. If you have not voted by this election day, you must vote at your precinct of registration. Must provide proof of ID. Not sure where you vote: Elect.ky.gov; Find my polling place. Call Clerk’s Office; 270-384-2801

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, “MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED,” THE FOLLOWING RACES AND QUESTIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN ADAIR COUNTY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

STRAIGHT PARTY

☐ Republican Party

☐ Democratic Party

☐ Kentucky Party

☐ Libertarian Party

PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES (Vote for One)

☐ Donald J. TRUMP
J.D. VANCE
Republican Party

☐ Kamala D. HARRIS
Tina WALZ
Democratic Party

☐ Jill STEIN
Samson KPADENOU
Kentucky Party

☐ Robert F. KENNEDY JR.
Nicole SHANAHAN
Independent

☐ Shiva AYYADURAI
Crystal ELLIS
Independent

☐ Chase OLIVER
Mike TER MAAT
Libertarian Party

Write-in

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 1st Congressional District (Vote for One)

☐ James R. COMER
Republican Party

☐ Erin MARSHALL
Democratic Party

Write-in

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 21st Representative District (Vote for One)

☐ Amy NEIGHBORS
Republican Party

☐ Jeffery HUMBLE
Democratic Party

Write-in

COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY 29th Judicial Circuit (Vote for One)

☐ Brian WRIGHT
Republican Party

Write-in

CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote for One)

☐ Dennis LOY
Democratic Party

Write-in

ALL PRECINCTS

CONSTABLE 7th Magisterial District (Unexpired Term) (Vote for One)

☐ Write-in

NONPARTISAN “SCHOOL CANDIDATES” MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION 2nd Educational District (Vote for One)

☐ Dana KING

☐ Write-in

MILLTOWN; PART OF SOUTH COLUMBIA-HARMONY, GRADYVILLE-NELL, SPARKSVILLE-BREEDING, SOUTH COLUMBIA #2, WEST COLUMBIA, AND CANE VALLEY-HOLMES

MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION 4th Educational District (Vote for One)

☐ Teresa ABSHER

☐ Write-in

WHITE OAK, EUNICE-PELTYTON, LITTLE CAKE, HURT; PART OF OZARK, AND NORTH COLUMBIA

MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION 5th Educational District (Vote for One)

☐ Troy H. GRIDER

☐ Write-in

PART OF EAST COLUMBIA, OZARK, SOUTH COLUMBIA-HARMONY, GLENSFORK-MELSON RIDGE, SOUTH COLUMBIA #2, WEST COLUMBIA, AND NORTH COLUMBIA

NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT CITY COUNCIL City of Columbia (Vote for up to Six)

☐ Craig DEAN

☐ Mark D. HARRIS

☐ Hannah PECK

☐ Sharon PAYNE

☐ Ronald “Butch” ROGERS

☐ Rhonda LOY

☐ Robert W. FLOWERS

☐ Write-in

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PART OF EAST COLUMBIA, SOUTH COLUMBIA-HARMONY, SOUTH COLUMBIA #2, WEST COLUMBIA, AND HURT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1

Are you in favor of amending Sections 145 and 155 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prohibit persons who are not citizens of the United States from being allowed to vote in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as stated below?

IT IS PROPOSED THAT SECTION 145 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years who has resided in the state one year, and in the county six months, and the precinct in which he or she offers to vote sixty days next preceding the election, shall be a voter in said precinct and not elsewhere. No person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to vote in this state. The following persons also shall not have the right to vote:

1. Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of treason, or felony, or bribery in an election, or of such high misdemeanor as the General Assembly may declare shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but persons hereby excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon.

2. Persons who, at the time of the election, are in confinement under the judgment of a court for some penal offense.

3. Idiots and insane persons.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT SECTION 155 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The provisions of Sections 145 to 154, inclusive, shall not apply to the election of school trustees and other common school district elections. Said elections shall be regulated by the General Assembly, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution. No person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to vote in said elections.

☐ YES

☐ NO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2

To give parents choices in educational opportunities for their children, are you in favor of enabling the General Assembly to provide financial support for the education costs of students in kindergarten through 12th grade who are outside the system of common (public) schools by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?

IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The General Assembly may provide financial support for the education of students outside the system of common schools. The General Assembly may exercise this authority by law, Sections 59, 60, 171, 183, 184, 186, and 189 of this Constitution notwithstanding.

☐ YES

☐ NO

ALL PRECINCTS