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Year in Review 2024

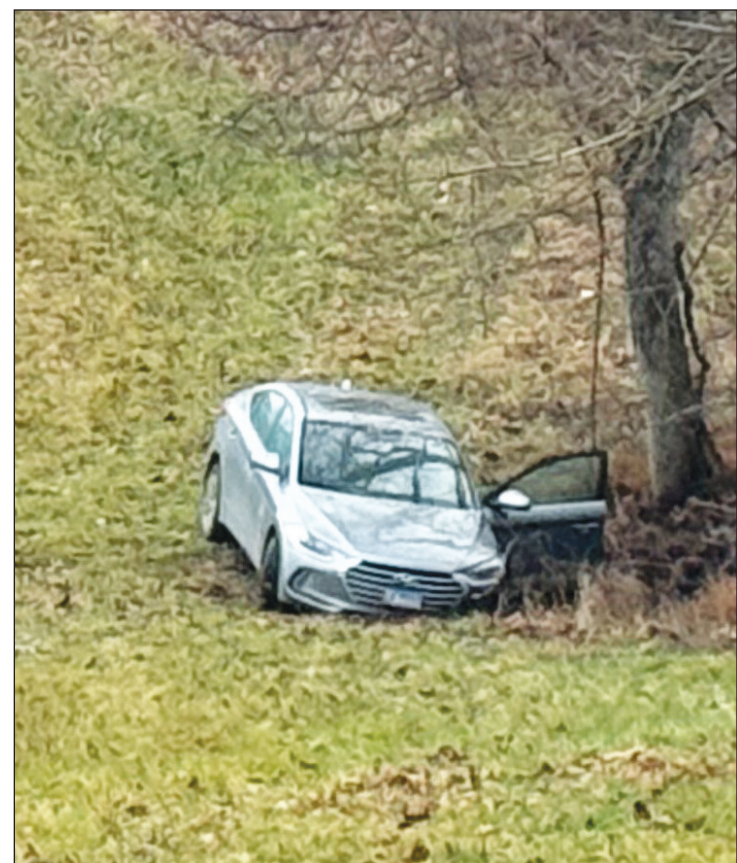
By Dennis Crump, Editor

As each year ends, the staff at the Adair Progress takes this time to recap the significant stories of the past year. This allows the community the opportunity to reflect on those events and consider the year that has come to a close. By reading the "Year in Review," the articles will remind

readers of important events to somberly reflect on as well as others to joyously celebrate.

Now that Christmas is behind us, we can use this time to prepare to reset and to embrace the challenge of 2025. We wish all our readers a very happy new year - full of rich blessings!

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On Saturday, a member of the Breeding community informed authorities of an abandoned car found in their field.

Fiscal Court addresses end-of-year agenda items

By Dennis Crump, Editor

The Adair County Fiscal Court met in special called session at 6 p.m. CT on Thursday, December 26 in the basement of the Adair County Annex building located at 424 Public Square, Columbia, Kentucky. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, a brief prayer and a call to order. In its first actions, the court approved the evening's agenda and the minutes of their previous November 26 meeting.

Items on the lengthy end-of-year agenda included budget issues, signing an agreement to fix door rollers and interlock

components for the Annex elevator, right of way permission to lay water lines on Allan Willis Road, Jim Blair Center bathroom bids, deciding how to use the ARPA balance as well as other matters. The court noted that recent disbursements totaled \$185,209.65, some expenses being due to personnel travel to conferences.

After a brief discussion of disbursements, the court voted to pay the month's bills. They turned its attention to the sheriff's report. Sheriff Jamie Richard reported that including 911 calls and calls received by his office, his personnel dealt with over 700 service calls in the previous



The Adair County Fiscal Court deliberates addressed important county issues in a end-of-year meeting on December 26.

month and that about 86 percent taxes had been collected.

The road department report noted that some minor work had been accomplished including some patching work and that supplies were ready

for the possibility of inclement weather and its potential effect on roadways. The report for the Green River Animal Shelter

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74-year-old driver of abandoned vehicle located

From Deputy Brandon Hitch, ACSO

On Sunday, December 29 at approximately 3:08 p.m., Adair County E911 received a call from a resident in the Breeding com-

munity on Pelston Cemetery Road about an abandoned vehicle stuck in a field on their property. The Adair County Sheriff's

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Inmate arrested on drug charges

By Adam Cravens, CPD

The Columbia Police Department was called to Adair Regional Jail early Thursday morning, December 26 after an inmate was found to be concealing suspected narcotics by deputy jailers.

Jessica Wyrick, 33, of Greensburg had previously been

transported to Adair County Regional Jail after being arrested for several outstanding warrants. During an inmate search at booking, Wyrick was discovered to be attempting to conceal suspected methamphetamine.

Wyrick has been charged. See **Arrest,**
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Governor Beshear to address World Economic Forum

From Crystal Staley/James Hatchett, Ky.Gov

FRANKFORT, KY – On December 27, Gov. Andy Beshear announced he has accepted an invitation to speak at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland next month, a global event that brings together business, government and academic leaders to improve the state of the world. The Governor and a delegation from Team Kentucky will travel for the event and also visit with business leaders in Spain to promote our New Kentucky Home and encourage future investment and job-creation in the

commonwealth.

Gov. Beshear was invited to attend and speak at the World Economic Forum's 2025 Annual Meeting, which will be held Jan. 20-24 in Davos, Switzerland. This international summit provides an opportunity for the Governor to introduce our New Kentucky Home to the world, highlighting Kentucky's record economic momentum, its place as a national leader in the manufacturing, automotive, electric vehicle and battery sectors, and how the commonwealth is positioned for even more economic success in the future.

"Over the past five years, we've worked hard to secure historic economic wins for our families and our state, and we will keep that momentum going by building new, strong partnerships through opportunities like the World Economic Forum," Gov. Beshear said. "This trip will provide a chance to connect with growing companies that already operate in Kentucky, as well as those that we want to see invest in our state in the future. I am excited to participate in next month's summit and show the world that our New Kentucky Home is the best place to live, work and thrive."

The forum will

convene with the theme "Collaboration for the Intelligent Age," with five primary categories of focus: Rebuilding Trust; Reimagining Growth; Investing in People; Safeguarding the Planet; and Industries in the Intelligent Age.

In 2024, nearly 3,000 government, business and civic leaders participated in the forum, representing more than 125 countries. The annual invitation-only event, established in 1973, has grown to become a major international networking opportunity and one of the world's

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