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The Support Agency combats opioid abuse

By Lynda Wilkerson

The Support Agency utilizing opioid abatement funds given to them by Adair County Judge Executive Larry Russell Bryant and the Adair County Fiscal Court provides at-home drug deactivation and disposal pouches to help prevent medication misuse.

As drug overdoses in the United States continue to hit record highs — over 170,543 Americans died of overdoses in 2023, according to the CDC — drug misuse prevention tools are more important than ever. The Deterra® Pouches are a safe, effective way to permanently destroy unwanted drugs. That's why The Support Agency is providing the community with the Deterra Drug

Deactivation and Disposal System for permanent, at-home drug disposal.

The Support Agency, utilizing grant money from the opioid abatement funds and awarded by Adair County Judge Larry Russell Bryant and the Adair Fiscal Court is distributing Deterra Pouches to help local households prevent medication misuse, accidental ingestion and environmental harm by safely deactivating and disposing of unwanted medications.

“Every household has unused and expired medications at some time. Dependence on prescription painkillers often starts in the home medicine cabinet, where unused and expired medication can be easily accessed.” said Dr. Lynda Wilkerson,

Executive Director. “By using these at-home drug deactivation and disposal pouches, we can help prevent substance misuse in Columbia before it starts.”

In a simple 3-step process, a user deactivates drugs by putting them in a Deterra Pouch, adding water, shaking, and throwing away in the household garbage. Each pouch uses organic activated carbon to deactivate up to 45 pills, 6 ounces of liquid or up to 12 patches.

Deterra's plant-based packaging and non-toxic ingredients also prevent harmful chemicals from entering our landfills and water supplies, making the world safer for everyone.

The following locations have Deterra pouches available at no

cost: The Adair County Judge Executive's office, Adair County Sheriff's Office, Columbia Police Department, Adair EMS Services, North Century Pharmacy, CVS Pharmacy, Columbia Pharmacy, CertaCare Pharmacy and New Path Medical, TJ Samson Health Care in Columbia. Additional locations will be added during the month and will be listed on The Support Agency's Facebook Page. Some agencies have been given pouches for their clients and any agency in Columbia can have access to the pouches by contacting The Support Agency at lhwillkerson@thesupportagency.com. For more information, visit www.thesupportagency.com and on our Facebook Page.



The Columbia City Council met on Monday, February 3 at 6 p.m.

City Council meeting includes Trabue Russell House presentation

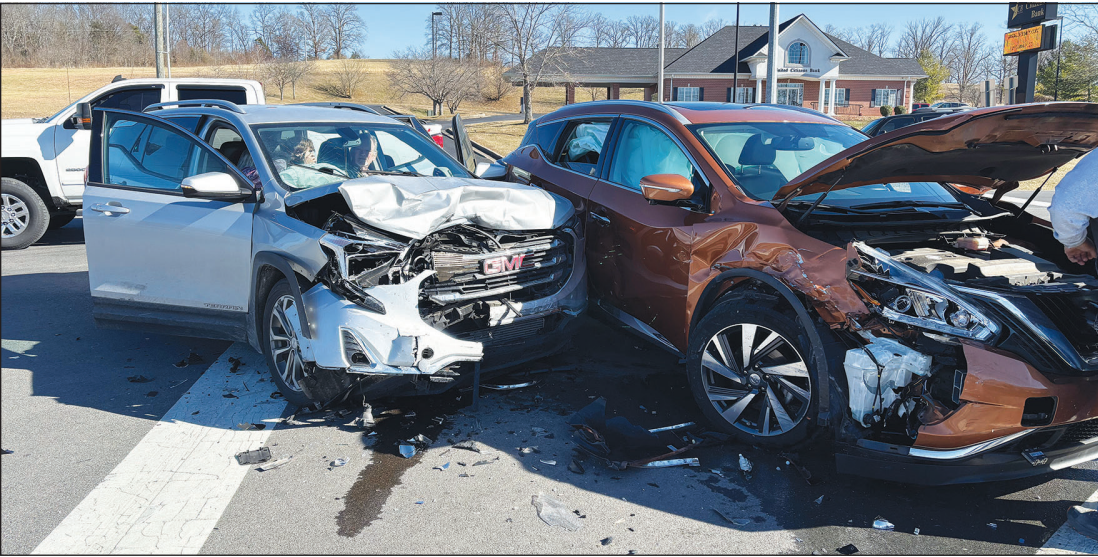
By Dennis Crump, Editor

The Columbia City Council met in regular session at 6 p.m., CT on Monday, February 3, 2025, at City Hall, 116 Campbellsville Street,

Columbia, KY. This meeting was open to the public.

In addition to regular business, items on the agenda included

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This two-vehicle accident occurred in the early afternoon on Wednesday, January 29.

Two-vehicle accident results in injuries

By Dennis Crump, Editor

An accident occurred on Wednesday, January 29, at the intersection of Campbellsville Road and Veteran's Memorial Highway when two cars collided.

The driver of a Nissan Murano had been proceeding north on Campbellsville Road and attempted to turn left onto Veterans Memorial Highway. A gray GMC vehicle was heading south on Campbellsville Road and impacted the

other vehicle as it was passing through the intersection.

All three occupants of the GMC car were taken to the hospital by ambulance. The Columbia Police Officer Trent Williams investigated the accident.

Work of Various Artists Displayed at Highland Station Gallery

By Cathy Hoots Abell, Special Contributor

Sitting atop a hill on Wheeler Hill Road in Adair County is the Highland Station Gallery. Owners, Alan and Anne Bird, are eager to show you around and share information regarding the gallery and art exhibits. They plan to have art exhibitions once a month, running for about eight days, so people can have the opportunity to see the talent of various artist.

The first exhibit included the art work of Darlene Franklin-Campbell, Columbia resident artist. Other exhibits have included the work of Page Sharp Candler,

a retired clay artist and a fiber art exhibit by Ms. Bird. The next exhibition will begin on February 6 and feature select pieces from May or Pam Hoots' Quilt collection. For more information regarding the gallery and events visit their website (<http://HighlandStationGallery.com/>).



Alan and Anne Bird standing in front of one of the quilts in the exhibit.

Students compete for prestigious LWC Begley scholarship

By Duane Bonifer

On February 4, more than 40 high school seniors traveled to Lindsey Wilson College to participate in the annual Begley Scholars Day and interview for the college's most prestigious scholarship, the John B. Begley Scholarship. Created in 1997 to honor John B.

Begley, who served as Lindsey Wilson's sixth president from 1977-97, the Begley Scholarship is a full-tuition, room-and-board scholarship awarded annually to three incoming freshmen. Beyond financial reward, the Begley Scholarship program also provides students with an unparalleled

cultural enrichment experience.

High school seniors take part in an icebreaker exercise Saturday morning in the Lindsey Wilson College Norma and Glen Hodge Center for Discipleship. The students were on campus to participate in the annual Begley Scholars Day and interview for Lindsey Wilson's most prestigious scholarship, the John B. Begley Scholarship.



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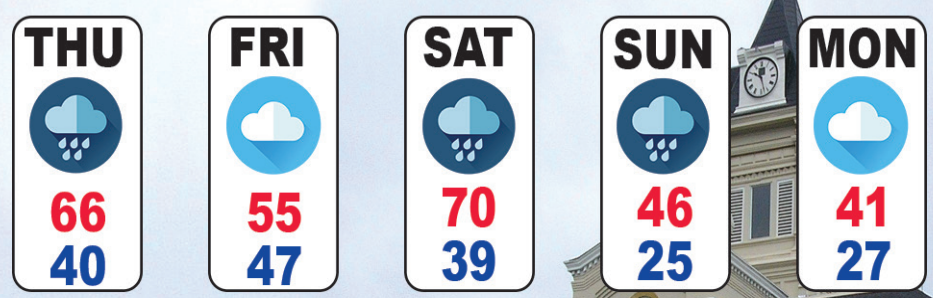
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