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Lindsey Wilson College junior Megan Whitson of East Bernstadt, Kentucky, addresses the high school students and their guests who attended Lindsey Wilson College's annual Begley Scholars Day opening breakfast, held Saturday morning in the college's Roberta D. Cranmer Dining & Conference Center. Whitson, who is a Begley Scholar, is an English and communication major; serves as a resident adviser, is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society here; works as a writing consultant; and is chief in this year's Lindsey Wilson Student Government Association.



Barren County High School senior Anna Alexander, right, speaks to Lindsey Wilson College President William T. Luckey Jr. Saturday morning at the college's annual Begley Scholars Day. Alexander attended the event with her mother, Cindy Rowland Alexander, who is a 1999 Lindsey Wilson graduate. Alexander was among the high school students who interviewed for the John B. Begley Scholarship, Lindsey Wilson's most prestigious scholarship.

Week 12 - Basketball Contest Results

This week's Adair Progress Basketball Contest have been adjudicated by our expert judges. The winners this week are as follows:

Corey Rogers of Columbia (1st place) - \$25
Toby Curry (2nd place) -

a six-pack of Ski
Danny Goodin (3rd place)
- a Pizza Hut coupon for 1 large 1-topping pizza

We look forward to receiving more entries each week from members of the community.

Week 13 - Basketball Contest Results

This week's Adair Progress Basketball Contest have been adjudicated by our expert judges. The winners this week are as follows:

David Reliford of Columbia (1st place) - \$25
Robert Loy (2nd place) - a

six-pack of Ski
Fred Spoon (3rd place) - a Pizza Hut coupon for 1 large 1-topping pizza

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a presentation by Trabue Russell House Committee members, a first reading of Ordinance No. 230.56 (an ordinance to update the city's pay/classification plan), repeal of the old personnel policy with authorization of a new personnel policy - and approval to apply for a grant from Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for gas line expansion.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pamela Hoots, followed by a roll call, an opening prayer and a pledge to the United States flag. The first item of business was a motion to approve minutes of the January 06, 2024 regular called meeting. That motion passed.

Next, the city council members heard a presentation by the Trabue Russell House Committee. The presentation concerned some repair and restoration projects at the Trabue Russell House. The mayor and council members decided to investigate making changes to the budget as well as checking for various grant opportunities in order to provide funding for the work.

This was followed by the first reading of Ordinance No. 230.56, an ordinance updating the pay/classification plan and the second reading of Ordinance No. 230.55, repealing ordinance no. 230.53, the City of

Columbia personnel policy. Afterwards, the Columbia City Council entertained a motion to approve Municipal Order 2025-01, a municipal order adopting the City of Columbia personnel policy/handbook dated February 3, 2025. The motion was approved.

After discussion, the members of the city council approved authorization to apply for additional funding from state government for an ARC Gas Line Expansion Grant. The last agenda item was Resolution 2025.02, a resolution approving certified code of ethics proposal. The motion to approve passed.

Other actions taken included the appointment of Mike Watson to the committee that is in charge of the police and the appointment of Alyson Cross to the Downtown Days Committee. In addition, the council designated an "excess vehicle" to be donated to the Coroner's Office. Mayor Pam Hoots also pointed out that the city's new policy manual includes two new law enforcement positions (a police lieutenant and an administrative sergeant) and provides an increased salary for five new police officers. The council also briefly discussed plans to honor the city's first responders on April 18 at the Adair County Fairgrounds Pavilion.



WHAT MAKES THEM TICK?

Have you ever looked at your dog and wondered what goes on in their mind? I do that often. I sometimes wish they could tell me what their life was like before they came here. We have a German Shepherd mix named Padme. She came from the shelter. She wasn't adjusting well in the environment, and they asked if I could take her in. She was thin and

frightened. The first few days she stayed inside, never going far from the front porch. Then one day she ventured out onto the lawn and into the wading pool. She started settling in but just a little at a time. She trusted me but was wary of strangers. She started putting on weight and loved it when I pet her. Whenever I would reach towards her neck she would

crouch down, worried that I would hit her. She has scars on her back legs as if she might have been caught in a snare. She's been with us since 2017 and here she'll stay. She loves and trusts me, and I won't let her down.

One dog that I really wish could talk is Bandit. He's a Corgi/Border Collie mix. He came to us in January of 2021 from Lexington wearing a muzzle. He was six years old. His owner said he had bitten her niece, and she wasn't the first. She said she'd had enough. When she had called to surrender him, he sounded innocent enough to me, plus I couldn't imagine that a Corgi and Border Collie mix could be mean. He would be a challenge.

At first, he seemed harmless. That was until we put him in a crate, then he turned into a piranha. He lashed out, teeth bared,

trying to bite my fingers as I latched the crate. He was furious, leaping at the crate door, barking and snarling.

He would eat in the crate and when he was finished, I would let him out. He would stroll around, lurching, but never would try to attack. That was unless you headed towards the door. He would try to bite me, and I would be afraid. More than once, he cornered me. I usually carry a whiffle ball bat. I call it crowd control. It doesn't hurt but sounds like it does. That's usually enough for a normal dog to behave. Not Bandit. He would grab the bat, pull it from my hands, and shake it. Nothing would make him back down.

I have worked with him, showing him I'm not afraid of him. After four years we have made a truce. He will get into a crate, and I will give him a treat. Even after four years, he still goes crazy when you try to latch the door. If I am going out, I point to a crate, and he willingly jumps in. Same reaction every time I try to shut the door.

I have made some progress. When he is in the crate, I can open the door and take his dish out, without any problem. When I give the dogs cookies, he will sit pretty, paws tucked in and gently take a treat from my hand. He is still not to be trusted around anyone else.



If Bandit was at any other shelter, he would have been euthanized a long time ago. I wish he could tell me why he reacts so badly when the door is shut. My only thought is that someone teased or tortured him when he was in a crate. I wish I could make him understand that he's not in danger.

So many of the dogs here are a mystery. A friend had an animal communicator come to her farm to talk to her dogs and invited friends to bring their dogs. She was amazed at the results. She has a dog named Godzilla that she adopted from me. The communicator talked to another one of her dogs.

This dog told her that he didn't like the dog with the funny name.

Heath, my Aussie, has a way of looking at me that makes me wonder what he's thinking. Sometimes I feel he can see inside me. I know he senses my feelings, and he does anything he can to relate to me.

The next time you wish your dog could talk remember this: "If animals could speak, mankind would weep." - Anthony Douglas

Just a reminder: This Sunday is the major sporting event of the world - the Puppy Bowl! Don't miss it.

Farmer's Market on the Square

By Cathy Hoots Abell

Planning has begun for the 2025 Farmer's Market on the Square. Donna Jones, Market Manager, provided information about the upcoming Farmer's Market season. It will begin on April 5 and be held

every Saturday until the last Saturday of October, with the exception of the weekend for Downtown Days. The location will be the City Parking lot on Merchant Street and vendors will be set up 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The next organization meeting is

scheduled for February 18 at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at the Adair County Extension office. It is important for those interested in being a vendor to attend this meeting as information regarding requirements for participation will be provided.

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SUNDAY FEB 16TH AT 10:30 AM



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