

IN AND AROUND - ADAIR COUNTY

A Guide To Events In Our Community

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

BLISS CLUB MEETING

Bliss Club meeting is March 13th, 2025 at 11:30am at Adair County Extension Office, Everyone is Welcome, come and join us.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

THE COFFEY FAMILY SINGING

The Coffey Family will be singing during the morning worship service at Bearwallow Church on Sunday, March 16 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited. Bearwallow is located at 6090 Liberty Road.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

THE SPIRITUALS SINGING

The Spirituals will be singing at Sparksville Nazarene Church at 9562 Burkesville Road, Columbia, Ky on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 10:45am, CT. Pastor Robert Adkins and congregation welcomes everyone.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

ADAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

10:30 am-3:30 pm CST. Columbia Church of Christ Fellowship Hall 501 Jamestown St., Columbia, Ky 42728. Online appointments and reminders are shown and made in EST. Limited-edition T-shirt for all donors (while supplies last)! Please bring photo ID. KYBLOODCENTER.ORG | 800-775-2522

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

WOMEN CONFERENCE 2025

Saved By Faith, Guest Speaker Ashley Ivey. March 29th 11am CST, Carrying the Torch Ministry. 415 Wain St., Columbia, Ky 42728. Luncheon to Follow. Fee \$15.00

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

REVIVAL

Sunday morning 10 am CST and Sunday night 6 pm CST. Carrying the Torch Ministries 415 Wain St., Columbia, Ky 42728. Special Speaker Jeremy Ivey. Hosted by: Apostle Glenn and Tammy McInteer.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

THE BEARWALLOW CEMETERY COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

The Bearwallow Cemetery Committee will hold it's annual meeting on April 15th at 6:00 PM in the basement of the Bearwallow Church. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Danny Goodin at 270-384-4335.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

VENDORS NEEDED!

Vendors Needed! Russell County Extension Homemakers will be hosting a Vendors Fair on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 9:00 to 2:00, located at the RC Auditorium/Natatorium on Hwy 127, in Russell Springs. We supply the venue, tables and chairs. You supply the products to sell. Registration fee is \$25.00. If interested, please contact Barbara

Sharpe at 270-343-1720.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

CLASS OF 1965 60TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Adair County High School Class of 1965 requests the honor of your presence 60th Class Reunion Saturday, April 26, 2025 11 AM - Until VFW POST 6097 500 Greenhills Road ,Columbia, KY 42728 Event cost: \$10 per person collected at the door (includes lunch served at noon) Please text or call reservations by April 10, 2025 to: 903.738.6939 or 270.378.2184

WEEKLY MEETING

ADAIR COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

Adair County Extension Homemakers are about to start its 24-25 year. There are six clubs: Bliss, Green River, Happy, Joyful Hearts Quilt Guild, Sano, and Town & Country. If you are interested in attending a Club meeting call the Adair County Extension Office, (270)384-2317 and ask for Dylan Gentry. There is also a mailbox option, where one can receive newsletter in the mail.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Weekly meeting at 6PM. Meal and Meeting starts at 6:30PM at Carrying the Torch Ministries 415 Wain St. Columbia, KY 42728. For information call 270-250-4094. Alcoholism, divorce, sexual abuse, codependency, domestic violence, drug addiction, sexual addiction, food addiction, gambling addiction. Move beyond your hurts, habits, and hang-ups to experience the forgiveness of Christ. The Journey Celebrate Recovery begins for your personal recovery journey. Walk you through the eight recovery principles, drawn from the Beatitudes, upon which the 12-step Celebrate Recovery program is built. Child care also provided. Also can sign any papers needed to be signed. Pastor Glenn and Tammy McInteer and Staff welcomes everyone.

MISCELLANEOUS

DEMOCRATS OF ADAIR COUNTY MONTHLY MEETING

The Democrats of Adair County monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Meeting Room located at the Pizza Hut of Columbia at 990 Jamestown Street. All Registered Democrats or those considering registering as a Democrat are invited to attend.

CEMETERY FUNDS NEEDED

Attention: Folks with family buried in Absher Cemetery on Snake Creek Road in Adair County. Funds are needed for mowing (upkeep) for the cemetery. A bank account is set up at the Bank of Columbia to receive funds for this purpose. If you can help , just drop off your donation at Bank of Columbia for deposit in Absher Cemetery Fund account (or mail to the Bank at 144 Public Square, Columbia, KY 42728). Contacts - Kay Powell at 270-384-3874 or Linda Smith at 270-384-2517

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Do you need training to return to work, get paid while learning new skills? Senior community service program (SCSEP) at goodwill can help. If you are 55 or older have a low income and want to get back into the workforce. Contact Connie Foster 1-606-210-1129 or Jolene Aleman at 270-566-5316. SCSEP is a national employment and training program funded by the US Dept of Labor.

CARRYING THE TORCH MINISTRIES

Carrying the Torch Ministries 415 Wain Street will have his hands and feet clothing outreach open the 3rd Saturday of every month. Call Kellie at 270-250-9287 for any emergencies. Donations accepted, building in the back.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Discovery BIBLE Study

Digging Deep Into God's Word

Every Wednesday at 6:00pm CST

Mark Karnes, Pastor

Barnett's Creek United Methodist Church

1338 Barnett's Creek Road

Columbia, KY 42728

THE ADAIR COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

The Adair County Food Pantry, located at 203 S. Monroe St., is open 9am to noon every Tuesday serving families of Adair County who meet certain income criteria. Anyone who wishes to donate canned items or make a monetary donation may call the food pantry at 270-250-5432. We would like to say THANK YOU to all those who have donated, and volunteered to our pantry... we couldn't do it with out you! Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 256, Columbia, KY. Our new director is Michele Fruth - I look forward to serving our community.

FREE PRENATAL/PARENTING CLASSES

The Agape House Pregnancy Resource Center gives free prenatal/parenting classes Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come see us at 114 Office Park Drive and ask how to get free baby items or call us at 270-380-1699.

GOODWILL SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

If you are 55 years of age or older, low income, and want to rejoin the workforce, Goodwill Senior Employment Program can help. The program can pay you while learning a new skill by connecting you with local nonprofit or community service agencies while building up work experience. You can take these skills and advance them into permanent employment. Goodwill Senior Employment Program services a ten county area consisting of Pulaski, Clinton, Cumberland, Laural, McCreary, Rockcastle, Whitley, Wayne, Russell and Adair. Call today for more information. Nancy Holbrook or Connie Foster @ 270-585-7037 or 606-210-1129.

Superintendent Jason Faulkner speaks at Chamber of Commerce Meeting

By Dennis Crump,
Editor

On Tuesday, March 11 at noon, the Columbia-Adair County Chamber of Commerce convened their regular monthly meeting in the basement of the Welcome and Development Center at 201 Burkesville Street. Reverend Bobby Bowe gave the invocation and Ellen Zornes called the meeting to order. Afterwards, Zornes offered a welcome and announcements.

Zornes announced some recent success in building Chamber of Commerce membership. New members to the Chamber of Commerce include Adair County Kwik Lube, Anderson's by Mimi, Fifty & Five South, Pow Wow Parties and Little Caesar's Pizza (a silver sponsor).

Zornes also reminded the audience of upcoming events which include a ribbon-cutting for TJHealth Community Medical Center to be held across from the hospital on Thursday, March 13 and a Chamber Networking Event scheduled for 4 to 6:30 p.m. on March 18 at Kay's Cafe. Other events scheduled in coming months include

the Chamber Crawl 5K (Fun Run, Walk or Crawl) planned for April 26, the Chamber Spring Outdoor Garden Tour on May 18 and the Chamber Awards Banquet to be held at 5 p.m. on July 26. The banquet will be held at the Barn at Cedar Grove following the Tourism Mixer.

The main speaker for the meeting was Adair County District School Superintendent Jason Faulkner, who spoke concerning the "state of Adair County's schools." Faulkner explained the progress of various initiatives that he had outlined last year when he spoke to the Chamber representatives - and the progress that has taken place has been significant. For instance, one key element in his strategy has been to view their 2,548 students as individuals and try to respond to their distinctive needs and enhance their distinctive giftedness.

Faulkner noted that 96 percent of Adair County students graduate from high school - one of the highest graduation rates in the state. Over 12 percent participate in Career Technical Education (CTE)



School Superintendent Jason Faulkner addressed the March Chamber of Commerce meeting's audience.

programs. Many are able to get industry certifications which enhance the students' employment opportunities in various fields. Students have access to "career pathways" which provide individualized guidance and instruction based on the goals and aptitudes of the particular student.

A presentation was also given by two teachers, Gabby Barnes and Britany Smith. Smith and Barnes are advisors for the local Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter. They spoke concerning



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the opportunities and achievements of students in their program. Barnes noted that "the growth in their program in the past few years has been incredible." She outlined the various agricultural education topics which students may explore (animal science, welding, emerging technology in agriculture, etc.) This year, FFA students not only received



Adair County teachers Gabby McCauley and Brittany Smith spoke concerning Agricultural Education and related issues.

classroom instruction but also won second place at the state in Quiz Bowl, artificially inseminated sheep and earned industry certifications related to their pathways.

Adair County High Schools Business Department Chair Charles Thompson spoke to the Chamber luncheon attendees concerning the business-related education activities available in the Adair County schools. He teaches business and marketing education courses at the high school. Thompson leads the

Adair County chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) - which also has seen considerable growth over the last four or five years. The school also offers industry certifications related to the business field.

The April meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will feature Natalie Gilbert. She will present a program to explain how to use social media effectively for small business, strengthening its internet presence.