

A Tribute to the 5th Region Champs – Adair County Indians.



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Indians Headed Back to Rupp!

By Kelly Wooley, Sports Coordinator

In a thrilling showdown on Tuesday night, the Indians walked into the Roby Dome in Marion County, ready for the championship game of the 5th Region against North Hardin. The final score? A decisive 62-48 victory, securing back-to-back regional championships for the Indians.

From the start, the energy in the air was palpable. The bleachers overflowed with Indian fans, the student section buzzed with excitement, and the Mini Wigwam was hyped. The nerves were high, but the players were locked in



The Adair County Indians and Adair County High School Cheerleaders gather to celebrate the 5th Region win over North Hardin.

with one goal on their minds: victory.

As the game tipped off, fans knew this would be one to remember. It had the makings of a nail-biter,

keeping spectators on the edge of their seats.

Connor Loy, who needed just 12 points to hit the 3,000-point milestone of his career, did not disappoint.

He surpassed the mark, finishing with 17 points, 5 rebounds, and 7 assists. His performance was nothing short of exceptional.

Lane Grant also delivered, contributing 12 points and 3 steals. Isaiah Cochran had a strong showing with 11 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists,

and 1 block. Dawson Gilbert added 11 points and 2 rebounds, while Brayton Coomer contributed 9 points, 4 rebounds, and 1 steal. Carter White chipped in with 2 points.

With this win, the Indians are now headed to the Sweet Sixteen at Rupp Arena in Lexington, where they will take on their next opponent on Wednesday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. cst.

Indian fans, it's time to show up in full force! Come out, be proud, be loud, and wear your red. The journey isn't over yet—back-to-back champions, and the road to victory continues.



Adair County athlete Easton Jessie sat at a table in the school's library having signed his letter of intent to play football for Gardner-Webb University. Pictured here, left to right are Carson Jessie (Easton's brother), Stacy Jessie (Easton's mother), ACHS 2025 Quarterback Easton Jessie, Jeff Jessie (Easton's father) and Drake Jessie (Easton's brother).

ACHS Athlete Easton Jessie Signs with GWU

By Dennis Crump, Editor

At 10 a.m. on March 14, at Adair County High School (ACHS),

Easton Jessie sat at a table in the school's library and signed his

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Emily Wall Completes Criminal Justice Training in Richmond

RICHMOND, KY. - On March 13, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that 39 law enforcement officers from agencies across the commonwealth have graduated from the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training's (DOCJT) basic training academy. Among these officers is Emily Wall of the Adair County SherriFF's Office. Wall and her fellow graduates completed more than 800 hours of training designed to strengthen the safety of the commonwealth's citizens. These law enforcement officers have now returned home to serve and protect Kentucky and create safer communities.

“Congratulations for achieving the first step in your law enforcement career and obtaining the critical training necessary to perform your duties safely and effectively,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Your impact on the security and wellbeing of Kentucky families is immeasurable, and First Lady Britanny Beshear and I are grateful for what you do to protect us all.”

DOCJT is committed to providing officers with best practices, the latest technology training and legal information to protect the diverse communities they

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Mayor Pamela Hoots prepares to deliver the Academic Month proclamation in ACES library.

March 2025 Proclaimed Academic Recognition Month

By Dennis Crump, Editor

Mayor Pamela Hoots recognized the academic teams of Adair County's schools on March 18, with the following proclamation: “Whereas, the city of

Columbia would like to recognize students in the local school system for their academic achievements,

Whereas we want to acknowledge the honors received by

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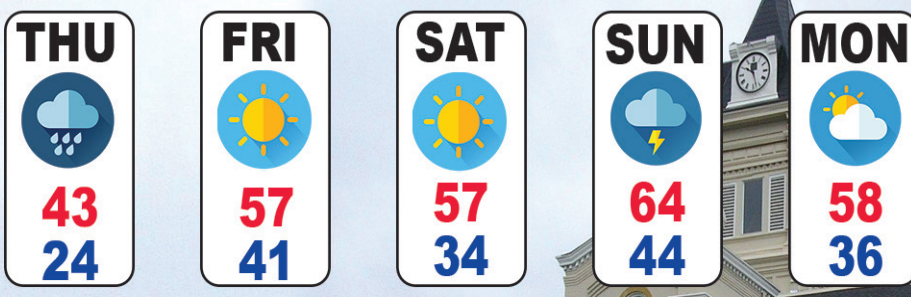
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