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The

Kelly Wooley Sports Coordinator

The Adair County Indians' remarkable basketball season came to an emotional end in the first round of the state tournament, as they fell to Bowling Green 52-51 in a game that will not soon be forgotten. Despite finishing the regular season with an impressive 30-5 record, the Indians' dramatic

fought, giving their the court. all until the very last second.

back down, pushing this limit and showcasing season. The game, edge of their seats, will endeavors. be remembered not state run ended in a just for the final score,

Though the outcome Stonebraker, was not what the team The game was a had hoped for, the true testament to the community of Adair been nothing short of determination and grit County is incredibly of the Adair County proud of what the county is grateful for team. They refused to Indians accomplished season. Their their opponents to the a c h i e v e m e n t s beyond go just the heart and spirit basketball, as they that has defined their have represented their to this season, Adair school and county with County will continue which had fans on the pride across all athletic to cheer for you, until

То the seniors-Connor Loy, Brayton overtime but for the fight the Coomer, Blane Bardin, ride it's been. Go battle, where the team Indians displayed on Carter White, Jayden Indians!

Miller, Solomon and Cochran-Isaiah your journey has inspiring. The entire the memories you've created, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for each of you. As we say goodbye we meet again Rupp Arena.

What an incredible

Athletic Director Tyler Maskill, Mayor Pam Hoots, and Coach Deron Breeze setting at the table as Proclamation is signed. The ACHS Basketball Team and coaches stand behind them.

Mayor Signs Proclamation in Honor of ACHS Basketball Team

VFW Post #6097 Hosts Cadets

By Cathy Hoots Abell

On Friday, March 21, the Columbia VFW Post #6097 invited JROTC the from Adair County High School (ACHS) and the Mr. NJROTC from Russell County High School (RCHS) to the Post for lunch. A large group of veterans and students attended the event. Russell Lunsford, Commander for the Post said this was an VFW Post members opportunity for these participate in various young men and women events. In addition to talk with veterans and ask questions about serving in the U.S. military. Some of the veterans had memorabilia displayed for the students to look at while hearing stories about the history of the different items. Krystal Redmon, Advisor for the Adair County High School JROTC, said that this is the seventh year for the program at the high school. Twentystudents four are

involved in JROTC and 17 attended this event at the VFW Post. The advisors for the Russell County NJROTC are **Rex Boblett and Dennis** Kiser. According to Boblett there are 35 students in the program and 27 attended this event. The program has been in place at Russell County High since 2000.

Mr. Lunsford said the



Front Row Left to Right: Mayor Pam Hoots, Becky Morris Grider, Randy Burns, Dr. Bharat Mody, Bobby Bowe, Tina Combs, Teresa Shive, Ellen Zornes, Cathy Nunn, and Lisa Back take part in Ribbon Cutting. Behind the first row: Many other individuals attended the Ribbon Cutting and watch Ribbon Cutting takes place.



By Cathy Hoots Abell

On Friday, March 21, Mayor Pam Hoots signed a proclamation in honor of the Adair County High School (ACHS) Basketball Team as they are Fifth Region Champions. The signed proclamation recognizes each player's dedication and teamwork. The proclamation also acknowledges the commitment and hard work of Coach Breeze his coaching and staff. Mayor Hoots

proclaimed the week of March 24-28, 2025 as "Adair County High School Boys Basketball Week" in Columbia.

Mayor Hoots said she is proud of the team and coaching staff. She also wants to say "thanks" to all the fans and businesses that support the ACHS Basketball Team. Chief of Police Evan Burton was also present at the signing of the proclamation. He

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to events such as this one, members of the Post take Christmas baskets to homebound veterans, provide Guard Honor for funerals, participate in ceremonies such as putting flag pole up at Veteran's Park, donate money to various community groups/activities and help their comrades in various ways.

Thanks to all our Veterans for their service.



A large crowd of students and Veterans attended the event.

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Medical Care Holds **Ribbon-Cutting**

By Cathy Hoots Abell

Many attended the ribbon-cutting on March 19 to welcome Community Medical Care (CMC) to Adair County. CMC is a nonprofit group, which started in Barren County over 20 years ago and now has a physical presence in Adair County. Ellen Zornes, Director of the Columbia-Adair County Chamber of Commerce, said "this place matters" and it is "wonderful" to have CMC-Adair in Columbia.

Randy Burns, Executive Director for T.J. Community Foundation Mission (TJCMF) spoke passionately as he shared the purpose of CMC being to support adults in meeting medical needs. Tina

Combs, Programs Coordinator for TJCMF, followed Mr. Burns and said they appreciate "Randy's leadership." Ms. Combs smiled as she talked about the early years of CMC and Dr. Bharat Mody. She also mentioned that Becky Morris Grider, Columbia resident Richard Phelps' mother, was one of the first CMC volunteers. Both Dr. Mody and Ms. Grider were in attendance and took part in the ribboncutting.

Mr. Burns said he pleased that was people came to hear about the new addition to Columbia and wants people to "help tell the story" of CMC. He said

See **Med**, Cont. on Page A3 The Adair County Fiscal Court prepares to convene on Monday afternoon, March 24.

Fiscal Court Meets, **Recognizes Magistrate Flatt's** Retirement

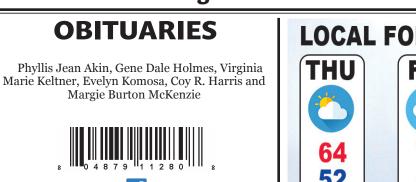
By Dennis Crump, Editor

The Adair County Fiscal Court convened treasurer's special meeting on Monday, March 24 at 4:30 p.m. After the pledge of allegiance and prayer, the meeting was called voted to approve the to order. The board began by voting to approve the agenda. Since the minutes of to-fund transfers. the previous meeting (held on January 25) were not available, it

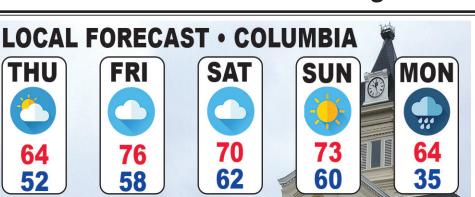
was decided that they would be discussed at a later time.

The court heard the report called which indicated an ending balance of \$1,431,859.20 in the general fund for February. The court treasurer's report, also approving various line-to-line and fund-

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