

# Adair County Varsity Indians Fall Short in 4-2 Loss to Calloway County

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The Adair County Varsity Indians fought hard until the very end, but a late rally by the Calloway County Varsity Lakers handed them a 4-2 defeat on Tuesday.

The Indians were the first to strike, taking a 2-0 lead in the third inning. Brayton Coomer provided the spark with a two-run homer to left field, putting Adair County on the scoreboard. However, Calloway County came back strong in the sixth.

Isaac Rodgers took the loss for Adair County, throwing five and two-thirds innings. He allowed four runs on seven hits, striking out six and walking three. On the other side, Coomer was the offensive leader for the Indians, going 2-for-4 with two

RBIs. Bryce Russell had a solid game, stealing two bases as part of the Indians' five stolen bases in total. Adair County's defense was sharp, as the team did not commit a single error in the field. Alex Martin led the defense with eight chances.



This year's essay winners were (left to right) Olivia Smothers and Greyson Baerg, shown here with CPD Officer Adam Cravens.

## City Council Addresses Zoning Issues

By Dennis Crump,  
Editor

The Columbia City Council met in a regular session at 6 p.m. CT on Monday, April 7 at City Hall, 116 Campbellsville Street, Columbia, KY. This meeting was open to the public. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, a brief prayer and a call to order. The council approved the minutes of their previous March 3 meeting.

Items on the agenda also included a discussion of a proposed zoning change and an application for funds for the completion of work on the Trabue-Russell House. The first agenda item was a brief discussion on authorizing the signing

of a tax credit application for the Trabue-Russell House. The council voted to approve this measure.

A motion was also made on a recommendation from the City of Columbia Planning and Zoning Commission that an application for amendment to the City of Columbia Official Zoning Map affecting an area that has been annexed into the city be zoned C2 Highway Oriented Commercial lots. This property is located at 120 Keltner Road (PVA Map 050-00-00-029.02\_1) and 2339 Campbellsville Road (PVA Map No. 050-00-00-029.02). The owner is Betty's Country Cooking, Inc.

The council also heard the reading of Ordinance no. 920. It read, "The City of

Columbia having received a recommendation from the Planning Commission that an amendment be made to the necessity, convenience, and general welfare of this city requires that an amendment be made to the Columbia Official Zoning Districts Map is recommended in the following manner: Properties annexed into the City of Columbia meet the description to be zoned C2 Highway Oriented Commercial lots located at 120 Keltner Road (PVA Map No. 050-00-00-029.02\_1) and 2339 Campbellsville Road (PVA Map No. 050-00-00-029.02) The owner is Betty's Country Cooking, Inc." No other action was taken since this was only the first reading.

Comments by the mayor and the council members included congratulations to the Adair County High School boys' basketball team on their recent efforts in winning the Region 5 Championship and for their participation in the Kentucky State Tournament. In addition, there was more discussion of the state of the Trabue House and whether the work could be completed through a series of smaller phases rather than the two large phases that were currently planned. It was noted that this would be possible and that further efforts at funding would likely be needed to be investigated. Following these actions, the meeting was adjourned.

## DARE Graduation at ACES

By Officer Adam Cravens, CPD

The 5th grade class at Adair County Elementary School (ACES) held their Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) graduation on April 4. Students participated in the program during the Spring semester having weekly lessons from School Resource Officer

Adam Cravens. Students had the opportunity to draw for prizes donated by various local businesses and organizations as well as a pizza party thanks to Anderson's by Mimi.

Officer Cravens and the CPD wish to thank the teachers and administrators of Adair County Elementary School for allowing them to continue their outreach to those students.

## Annual Adair County Student Exhibition of Learning

By Dennis Crump,  
Editor

Adair County Schools presented their 2nd annual Student Exhibition of

Learning on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 4 to 6 p.m. in the Burr Gymnasium at Adair County High School. The exhibition included various student projects and exhibits an extracurricular

performance as well a tour of the new Future Farmers of America (FFA) Greenhouse. Region 5 Champion Indian Basketball Team were also on hand to sign autographs. Students displayed their work in diverse fields such

as astronomy and geometry, health and history, and arts and agriculture. Musical interludes were provided by a choir and concessions were available for the thirsty.

## Spirit of Columbia Awards to be presented on April 18

The City of Columbia in partnership with T.J. Health-Columbia is implementing a first responder recognition program scheduled for Friday, April 18 at 1 p.m. in Columbia. The public is invited to the event. This year the following persons will be recognized:

Elizabeth True, former member of Breeding Fire Department (now member of Columbia/Adair County Fire Department)

Charles Esch, member Columbia/Adair County Fire Department

Jeremy McQueary, Colonel, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

Megan Arnold, Louisville Metro Police Department

Tommy Kemp, Pyles Demolition and Recycling

Josh Brockman, (former) Sheriff of Adair County

The Adair County High School Band will be in attendance and performing - as well as the Cadet Corps from the Adair County High School.

Further information will be available as the plans progress. For further information contact Brandon Dickey or T.J. Health Columbia or Mayor Pamela Hoots. It is a collaboration between the City of Columbia and T.J. Health Columbia.

## Attorney General Coleman Protects Veterans' G.I. Bill Benefits

FRANKFORT, KY - Attorney General Russell Coleman is urging a federal court to restore two veterans' education benefits they earned despite the objection of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Coleman and every other attorney general in the country filed a brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in support of U.S. Army veteran Lieutenant Colonel Paul Yoon and U.S. Air Force veteran Colonel Toby Doran.

Since 1944, Congress has passed several laws, commonly known as "G.I. Bills," to provide for educational and other benefits for those who served in uniform. Kentucky is home to nearly 300,000 veterans.

In their brief, the attorneys general argue that the VA has adopted an overly restrictive

interpretation of the G.I. Bills that contradicts the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling in *Rudisill v. McDonough*. That decision confirmed that veterans who qualify are entitled to a full 48 months of education benefits. Despite this clear precedent, the VA continues to unlawfully limit benefits, depriving veterans and their families of critical educational opportunities.

"The courageous men and women who wore our country's uniform deserve our respect, gratitude and the benefits they've earned. Along with attorneys general from all 50 states, I'm proud to stand up for those who sacrificed to keep our families safe and free," said Attorney General Coleman. "These veterans lived up to their end of the bargain, it's time for the VA to do the same."

## Exhibition Snapshots



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