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# Walmart Holds Grand Reopening

#### By Cathy Hoots Abell, Contributor

On Friday May 2, many gathered at Walmart on Burkesville Road to be a part of the Grand Reopening Shaunda Manager Soverly, welcomed Walmart, everyone to the event and asked Bro. Steve Pescosolido, Trinity Church, to step to the podium and give the invocation. The Adair County High School JROTC presented the colors and "The Star-Banner" Spangled was sung by the Adair County High School under Choir direction of Kaleigh Foster.

Mayor Pam Hoots offered a welcome and spoke about Walmart's history in Adair County beginning in 1984 when the store first opened on Jamestown

dumped the ducks into the creek.

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moved just a short time

before the race was to

on Saturday May 3. Originally, the Duck

Derby was to take place

at McKinney Landing

on South Highway 55,

but due to rising waters

it had to be moved.

Mayor Hoots said she

greatly appreciated Joe

a place for the Duck

could

purchased for \$5.00.

According to Trey

Derby.

ducks

Contributor

**Fourth Annual** 

**Duck Derby Held in** 

Columbia

It rained and the projects this summer,

location had to be a total of 99 ducks were

be held, but the 4th and Master Magician Annual Duck Derby Lance Burton dumped

continued as planned the ducks into the

Lynn Barbee providing of the DeMolay group

Prior to the event, Grant) along with

be

Hoots

positions

of Louisville student

who is assisting Mayor

with

Officer Travis Bell

water and they were

off and floating down

Bull Run Creek to the

finish line. Leader

throughout the race

and as Chief Burton

said, it was a "neck and

neck" finish. Members

(Jaysen Byrd, Jacob

Fugate, and Charlie

See **Derby**,

select

changed

Street. Later, in 2008, they relocated to the current location on Burkesville Road. She offered gratitude for the valuable role Walmart plays in the community. Evan Burton followed the mayor and also mentioned Walmart's contributions to the community and said "support the and partnership with Columbia Police Department (CPD) is great." He mentioned Walmart's assistance with the CPD's Christmas programs nursing home to and the residents as well as Bro. Walmart providing donations for kits.

to the stage and smiled thanks from Trinity as she presented grants for Walmart's support to three community for their food pantry. organizations.

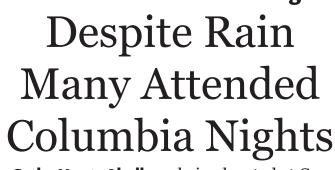


Ribbon Cutting. Twenty plus years Walmart associates with ribbon left to right: Beth Henningsen, Shae Toney, David Jessie, Cindy Estes, Becky Spires, Twilla Phillips, Carmella Mings, Tammy Hadley, Beckie Spradlin, Vicki Clark, Melinda Alexander, Dena Hurt, and **Cameron Garmon.** 

Paula Garrison, and from the Ray to accept the check. Ms. Soverly returned Mr. Fluhr offered

for families, children, first check was given Lisa Rosenthal and Trinity Church. Charmaine Stewart, Pescosolido, representatives Friends Fluhr joined Wolf Creek National department's first aid Ms. Soverly on stage Fish Hatchery, went forward as Ms. Soverly announced the next

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"Columbia May 2. Despite the with rain, people attended to enjoy the variety activities socialization the event offers. Food trucks (Cindy's Diner and Down Home Eats & Sweets) were set up in the City Parking Lot

being located at Gypsy-Handmade JoLee Wholesale. A special second event hosting several Nights" vendors was held at 313 Police Officer Travis Bell and Lance Burton for 2025 was held on Maple in conjunction Columbia Nights. Kentucky decorations, Derby food, and other items could be purchased at some shops. Multiple businesses participated and offered extended shopping hours to encourage people to



A table display from The Trendy Farmhouse.



Left to right: Dr. Ronald Rogers, Hannah Peck, Mark Harris, Tiffany Collins, Pam Hoots, Mike Harris, Sharon Payne, Craig Dean, and Rhonda

## **Request for Annexation Brought** to City Council

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The City Council Development met on Monday May 5. Mayor Pam Hoots called the meeting to recommendation order at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Van Giles. This was followed by a prayer, Pledge of from Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, and approval of minutes from meeting held on April 7, 2025.

Action items included appointment to Economic the The Council approved Mayor Hoots'

During comments the council, Hannah Peck extended

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Pastor Steve Pescosolido welcomed everyone to the 2025 National Day of Prayer event.

### **National Day of Prayer**

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Adair participated in the Pescosolido front of the Annex groups building on the square at noon to be a part of the prayer service. education; families; Pescosolido, Pastor Trinity Church, welcomed everyone and was then joined by

Ms. LaVerne Reliford to lead the group singing "My Country County tis of The." Pastor shared 2025 National Day with those attending of Prayer on May 1. that prayers would be People gathered in given for seven specific including those in government military; positions;

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Billy Joe Curry, Sr., Kenneth Walker Curry and David C. King, Jr.

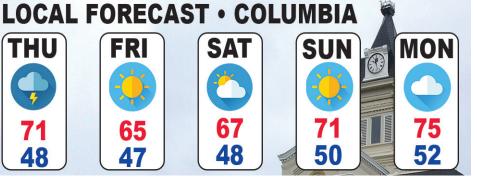
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