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Davis joined forces with teammates Luke Albrektson, Jacob Mendez, and Grayson Wood in the boys 4x800-meter relay. The quartet delivered a strong, cohesive performance, securing first place and the conference title in the event.

Their victory marks a significant achievement

for Adair County Middle School, with the relay team's win underscoring the depth and talent of the program's distance runners.

With a mix of individual grit and team chemistry, Adair County's showing at the conference meet sets a strong foundation for future success on the track.



Baseball, basketball, softball, and volleyball—what an exciting year it's been for Adair County sports! The success we've seen is the result of exceptional talent, relentless effort, and outstanding coaching. None of these achievements would be possible without the dedication of our athletes, their parents, and their mentors.

I've had the privilege of witnessing several hard-fought wins this season as I was watching my grandsons, Jagger and Jasper Kemp, play a sport that they both love. We all know how much work it takes to win, and our teams have shown exactly what that kind of commitment looks like. Congratulations to all of our athletes—and especially to our seniors—as they move forward in their respective sports. Your hard work has paid off.

Several seniors have earned scholarships, and Adair County couldn't be prouder. Some of those I've personally heard about include Gracie Gist (Lindsey Wilson College), Brayton Coomer (Morehead State), and Connor Loy (Jacksonville State University). In total, six seniors will be continuing their athletic journeys beyond high school. What an exciting season that these students are starting in their life journey!

Missed Opportunities for Adair County

Now, let's talk about opportunities we've let slip through our fingers—opportunities that could have propelled Adair County forward.

The County missed the chance to purchase the Downey sawmill property and the Colton Downey property, both of which border Jim Blair Park. Combined with the existing park, these properties could have given the County over 40 acres for a community park, fairgrounds, and additional ballfields.

With quality facilities in place, we could host travel ball teams and tournaments—bringing in valuable revenue from hotels, restaurants, retail, entry fees, and fuel sales. This is real economic development.

Unfortunately, the voting record of most current Magistrates reflects a lack of interest in Adair County's growth. It often feels as though they don't care whether young people stay in Adair County or whether our citizens have meaningful recreational

opportunities. We lost one potential business that was looking to employ 10-20 employees with great wages because we just didn't have enough to do after the business closes and on the weekends. Economic development is about more than real estate availability.

These are the factors families consider when deciding where to live and raise children. Recreational infrastructure, economic activity, and community investment matter.

A Challenge to Our Leaders and Citizens

I challenge our Magistrates—and all citizens—to visit surrounding counties like Edmondson and Russell County. Take a look at what they're offering their communities. I was genuinely impressed. At one time, we thought we were on equal footing with these counties, but that is no longer the case.

We constantly hear, "Why don't we have this?" or "Why can't we do that?" My answer remains the same: Ask your Magistrate. They control the funding. They direct the progress—or lack thereof—of Adair County.

Now is the time to elect leaders with a vision for progress. We need Magistrates who understand that growth, opportunity, and quality of life should be top priorities. I would like to personally welcome Todd D. Davenport to the Fiscal Court representing District 2. I have spoken with Todd and his family and they are excited to have a voice in our community, and I am pleased to have Todd be that voice.

Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency

I will soon be requesting the remaining half-percent of the occupational tax, as the Fiscal Court has already spent or obligated the first half. This is a critical need, as multiple departments are nearing the end of their budget allocations and may be forced to borrow funds—many will exceed their budgets.

My staff and I have been diligently preparing our budget and working with our auditors. I'm pleased to report that every penny is accounted for. We expect to share a full financial report with the public within the next 30 days.

Status Quo? No. It's time for bold steps and real leadership.

Your Judge,
Larry R. Bryant

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bottom of the fifth, powered by a patient approach at the plate. Hunter Willis drew a bases-loaded walk, and Jackson Sinclair followed with a key fielder's choice that allowed the tying run to cross.

Sinclair not only delivered at the plate but also earned

the win on the mound. The right-hander tossed two scoreless, hitless innings in relief, holding Green County at bay despite issuing two walks.

Starter Dax Conn gave Adair County two and two-thirds innings of work, allowing five hits and four

runs while striking out two. Tristen Stotts also contributed in relief.

Offensively, Sinclair and Willis each tallied an RBI, while Brayden Fitzgerald led the team with a 1-for-2 performance at the plate. Mason Taylor added discipline in the batter's

box, drawing two of Adair's eight walks in the game.

The Indians were sharp defensively, turning two double plays and playing error-free baseball. Jay Harmon anchored the defense with seven chances in the field.



SPORT IS 10!



In June of 2015 a student from Lindsey Wilson College brought me a little bit of a puppy that she found on campus. She handed him over the fence and as I walked away with him, I said: "Come on Sport" and that became his name.

I brought him into the house and gave him a bowl of puppy chow. He gobbled it down. Within a few minutes, he began groaning and then vomited the food

he had just eaten. I then gave him a small bowl of milk, which he lapped up and was fine.

The next day I took him to the vet. He was diagnosed with Megaesophagus which is a disorder characterized by the enlargement of the esophagus, which leads to a loss of its ability to transport food and liquids to the stomach. We were referred to Blue Pearl, a specialty hospital for pets

in Louisville.

After performing various tests, it was determined that Sport had an aorta wrapped around the esophagus. They gave me an estimate for the cost of the surgery which was over \$2,000. They assured me that he had a 92% chance of survival. Here was a six-week-old puppy that I had for a week and now I'm faced with this high estimate. But he was given a 92% chance of recovery. I thought it over and decided to let them perform the surgery.

They opened his chest and removed the artery from his esophagus and placed a balloon catheter down his throat to enlarge the esophagus. The surgery was a success, and I brought him home the next day. He was great at first, lively and playful. The next day he became lethargic. I drove back to Louisville with a very sick puppy.

They determined he had pneumonia and gave me an estimate of \$2,100 to treat him. The original surgery had broken the bank and I didn't know how I would be able to come up with any more money.

I took Sport home, crying most of the way. That night he slept uncomfortably on my pillow, and I couldn't sleep trying to decide what to do. Sunday morning, I decided he needed to go to a vet immediately. I called the Adair County Animal Hospital and they had me bring him in.

Sport weighed only five pounds, he was vomiting, and had labored breathing. He stayed there for five days. He was sent home with specific instructions—only a teaspoon of food every hour and only 1/8 cup of water. It needed to be in an elevated dish so that his head was above his body while consuming food and water.

Sport healed quickly. I would take him to the Farmers' Market, and they collected donations towards his surgery. I started a Go Fund Me Page and we received several donations.

Whenever someone asked Sport's breed, I always said he was a Terrier mix. That proved to be incorrect. I had a DNA test done on Sport. It turns out that he's Catahoula Leopard Dog, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Australian Cattle Dog and Border Collie. No terrier. All herding dogs. That explains a lot.

May 20 Sport turned ten years old. You would never know. He's as active as ever. He eats without any problem. I have so many people to thank for this. Blue Pearl for his surgery, Adair County Animal Hospital for curing his pneumonia, the vendors at the Farmers' Market for their donations and support, and everyone who donated to our Go Fund Me Page. Like they say, "it takes a village" and Sport and I will be forever grateful.

Training Paid Off During Severe Storms

Breeding Volunteer Fire Department holds a weather spotters class every March to help members know what to look for during severe storms.

Taught by Chief Forecaster Daniel Wilson with the Storm Alert Center, members learn how to identify cloud structures and what to report.

"Thanks to the brave spotters who risked their lives Friday night, it allowed people in Russell County to be better warned of the imminent threat," Wilson said following the tornado that touched down in the Eli and Gosser Ridge

communities.

It was there 99 year old Crawford Gosser sustained minor injury when the roof and back wall of his home was removed in the tornado. Gosser has lived through all three major tornadoes that have hit Russell County, May 9, 1933, April 27, 1971 and May 16, 2025.

The tornado touched down in the Eli Community, traveled to Gosser Ridge, Somerset and later London Kentucky where several people were killed.

The tornadic cell first developed in Springfield Missouri and tracked around 600 miles to the



Kentucky-Virginia border.



Damage at Gosser Ridge. Photos Courtesy of Storm Alert Center.



Damage in the Flatwoods Community of Adair County. Photos Courtesy of Libby Beard.