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By Kloe Gordon

Eight-year-old Tate Akin received the title of Junior Officer this past week, allowing him the opportunity to see many of the police department's daily tasks and equipment. During his special tour, Tate was able to view the police vehicles, meet one of the K9 officers, and radio the county's 911 dispatch center. In May of 2024, Tate received a diagnosis for osteosarcoma, a very rare and aggressive type of bone cancer. His status as a Junior Officer is one of many local and national initiatives to help him enjoy life despite all the hardships it has thrown his way. Just last month, Tate was also sworn in to the Orange Beach Police Department in Florida, having a similar experience with their officers as he was allowed to ride with marine officers in their boat. His stay in Gulf Shores had been arranged by his parents discovering upon



Tate Akin (middle) with his father and three Adair County police officers, c/o Nathan Akin

his progression, as they various medications, wanted to ensure and surgery to remove through Venmo (@ their son could enjoy tumors from Tate's nateakin102). time with them while brain, lungs, and leg he is not facing any over the past 2 years. symptoms These severe from his treatment. have placed a heavy At the moment, this financial strain on the and since his return, includes the use of a family, so donations he has been welcomed hyperbaric chamber are (a medical device that This can be done delivers compressed through a verified oxygen to promote GoFundMe (organized further show of their the body's natural by Nathaniel Akinrecovery techniques) Tate's as part of a clinical Colin

condition's study, chemotherapy, Cashapp treatments father-and Brown), on

(username \$NateAkin10), or His vacation was filled with support from Orange Beach citizens and small businesses, appreciated. by the Adair County Police Department as a Junior Officer as a support as well as Tate's strength.



The fireworks finale showcased beautiful golden sparks alongside smaller bursts of color.

Yearly Fireworks **Display was a Blast!**

By Kloe Gordon

Last Friday, Adair bright reds to sparkling County enjoyed an incredible had fireworks show at of variety or awe. the Lindsey Wilson Hundreds of people University fairgrounds. were gathered for this This annual event beautiful display of is provided for free patriotism and joy, by Casey Pyrotechnics, which is sparklers even a drone made possible through for some close-up community donations. photos! This tradition The fireworks show gives lasted from just before residents a chance to dark to 9:30 PM that come together and night. In addition, celebrate our country attendees were given 's 249-year life, as an incredible view well as the freedom of nearby fireworks America strives to give

being set off across the county. From gorgeous residents white, the fireworks shortage no Creek with some bringing Columbia all its citizens.

Annual Paint the Town Date Set

The City of Columbia is preparing to host our annual Paint the already with spots Town event on the reserved square on July 28th. Several vendors and food trucks will be in attendance including Luxe Lemon, Cindy's Diner, and Down Home Eats and Currently Sweets. almost 30 individuals organizations or have reserved their spots, if you or your organization has not done so yet please call Library City Hall soon, as spots fill up very quickly.

Below is a list of those Consignment

- Milltown Church
- Ashley Burton

• Glensfork Church of the Nazarene • County Chamber of Russell Bryant Commerce

• A d a i r County Tourism Convention Room and Commission

- Mike Watson ٠
- Adair County Hoots

• Campbell

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New Beginnings

- **Girl Scout Troop** • 1214
 - SONRise Church
 - Agape House •
 - Karen Roland

• Adair Columbia-Adair Judge Executive Larry

- Shannon Ross
- Dick Scholl
- Greta Groom •
- 3 Trees Church
- Mayor Pamela ٠

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Cuttin' Up ٠

Trinity Church

County • Adair FRYSC

Friends Adair and Neighbors

Monkey • County Business

Barger • Insurance

• Eric & Destiny Montoya

• Signature Healthcare Summit Manor

If you currently have a spot and no longer





Fireworks of every color imaginable lit up the sky Friday night.

City Council Meets in regular session

The Columbia City ordinance for purchase Council met in regular procedures in the City session on Monday.

Several items were on the agenda:

First reading was was given: given on the ordinance annexing the property a vehicle for the City southwest at the intersectionofHighway 80 and Highway 61 in an ABC vehicle. Adair County. This is the property located of a salt storage bin at the junction of for the City Street Cumberland Parkway.

First reading was given to the ordinance amending the of Columbia.

Request to advertise for different projects

a. Procurement of Police Department.

b. Procurement of

c. Construction Department.

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Photos from last years Paint the Town event.







