

IN AND AROUND - ADAIR COUNTY

A Guide To Events In Our Community

HAPPENING NOW

PASTORAL POSITION

Antioch Church is seeking a dedicated, visionary leader to guide our mission: Our mission is to honor Christ and make Him known to a lost world through your faith, worship, and actions, thereby seeing lives changed and souls saved. Antioch Church is a small, non-denominational, welcoming church. We are a family seeking to live out the Biblical basics of the gospel. For more information call: 270-634-0928 or email resume (with references) to 78 Campbell Road, Columbia, KY 42728 or antiochpastoralsearch@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

DANCE

Dance at Mt Hermon Community Center Saturday January 10th featuring No Deposit. Doors open at 6:00 dance 7:00 pm-11:00 pm. 270-427-8400. Family friendly.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

GOSPEL SINGING

The Spirituals will be singing Sunday morning, January 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Hadley's Community Church, 8269 Fairplay Rd., Columbia, KY. Everyone welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

BLOOD DRIVE

An Adair County Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 21st from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CST at Columbia Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 501 Jamestown St., Columbia, KY 42728. Please note: Online appointments and reminders (emails and texts) are shown and made in EST. For example, if you make an appointment online for 2:00 p.m., please arrive at the blood drive at 1:00 p.m.

WEEKLY MEETING

ADAIR COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

The Adair County Extension Homemakers 25-26 year has Mailbox Members and six clubs: Bliss, Green River, Happy, Joyful Hearts Quilt Guild,

Sano Stars, and Town & Country. We welcome you to come join us! If You are interested in attending a Club meeting or becoming a Mailbox Member call the Adair County Extension Office (270)384-2317 and ask for Dylan Gentry.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Weekly meeting at 6 PM. Meal and Meeting starts at 6:30 PM at Carrying the Torch Ministries 415 Wain St. Columbia, KY 42728. For information call 270-250-4094. Alcoholism, divorce, sexual abuse, codependency, domestic violence, drug addiction, sexual addiction, food addiction, gambling addiction. Move beyond your hurts, habits, and hang-ups to experience the forgiveness of Christ. The Journey Celebrate Recovery begins for your personal recovery journey. Walk you through the eight recovery principles, drawn from the Beatitudes, upon which the 12-step Celebrate Recovery program is built. Child care also provided. Also can sign any papers needed to be signed. Pastor Glenn and Tammy McInteer and Staff welcomes everyone.

MISCELLANEOUS

FUNDS NEEDED

Attention: Folks with family buried in Absher Cemetery on Snake Creek Road in Adair County. Funds are needed for mowing (upkeep) for the cemetery. A bank account is set up at the Bank of Columbia to receive funds for this purpose. If you can help , just drop off your donation at Bank of Columbia for deposit in Absher Cemetery Fund account (or mail to the Bank at 144 Public Square, Columbia, KY 42728). Contacts - Kay Powell at 270-384-3874 or Linda Smith at 270-384-2517.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Do you need training to return to work, get paid while learning new skills? Senior community service program (SCSEP) at goodwill can help. If you are 55 or older have a low income and want to get back into the workforce. Contact Connie Foster 1-606-210-1129 or Jolene Aleman at 270-566-5316.

SCSEP is a national employment and training program funded by the US Dept of Labor.

CARRYING THE TORCH MINISTRIES

Carrying the Torch Ministries 415 Wain Street will have his hands and feet clothing outreach open the 3rd Saturday of every month. Call Kellie at 270-250-9287 for any emergencies. Donations accepted, building in the back.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Discovery BIBLE Study
Digging Deep Into God's Word
Every Wednesday at 6:00pm CST
Mark Karnes, Pastor
Barnett's Creek United Methodist Church
1338 Barnett's Creek Road
Columbia, KY 42728

THE ADAIR COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

The Adair County Food Pantry, located at 203 S. Monroe St., is open 9am to noon every Tuesday serving families of Adair County who meet certain income criteria. Anyone who wishes to donate canned items or make a monetary donation may call the food pantry at 270-250-5432. We would like to say THANK YOU to all those who have donated, and volunteered to our pantry... we couldn't do it with out you! Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 256, Columbia, KY. Our new director is Michele Fruth - I look forward to serving our community.

FREE PRENATAL/PARENTING CLASSES

The Agape House Pregnancy Resource Center gives free prenatal/parenting classes Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come see us at 114 Office Park Drive and ask how to get free baby items or call us at 270-380-1699.

GOODWILL SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

If you are 55 years of age or older, low income, and want to rejoin the workforce, Goodwill Senior Employment Program can help. The program can pay you while learning a new skill by connecting you with local nonprofit or



Last year, the Green River Band rocked the crowd at Holmes Bend Marina in late August — and this year, they'll carry that momentum forward with a performance already set for tomorrow in Edmonton.

Green River Band Starts the Year With Two Concerts in the Region

By Mig Feuser

A familiar sound on area stages, Green River Band, based in the Columbia area, continues to build momentum with a growing regional following and a busy performance schedule heading into 2026.

Known for blending popular country favorites with southern rock energy, the band features Craig Dean on lead vocals; Jake Hill on lead guitar; Mark Harris on guitar and vocals; Adam Capps on bass and vocals; and John "JAC" Conover on drums. Together, the group has become a regular draw at

venues and community events across the region.

The Green River Band is slated to appear seven more times this season, with the first two shows of the new year already on the calendar. The band will perform a 30-minute set for a fundraiser in Edmonton on January 9, followed by a full evening show at the Silver Eagle in Mt Vernon on February 21, from 7 to 11 p.m.

With a sound rooted in crowd-pleasing classics and a strong local connection, the Green River Band continues to make its mark on the area's live music scene.

City Council hears clean audit, advances gas projects and grant applications

By Mig Feuser

The Columbia City Council met Monday evening for its regular called meeting, addressing financial oversight, infrastructure needs, school safety arrangements and several funding applications tied to state and federal programs.

Jenna Glass of Campbell, Myers, and Rutledge, PLLC presented the city's annual audit. Glass reported that the City of Columbia received an excellent audit, with no negative findings. She noted positively the city's success in applying for and receiving grant funding and other federal assistance, citing those efforts as a strength reflected in the financial review.

Council next opened bids for the purchase of a dump truck to be used by the City Gas Department. One bid was received, from Don Franklin Ford, and council accepted the bid.

Police Chief Evan Burton updated council on changes to the School Resource Officer agreement. Effective January 1, 2026, the City of Columbia will provide SRO coverage for the Adair County Primary Center and Adair County High School. Under the revised arrangement, the Adair County Sheriff's Department will assume responsibility for the Adair County Middle School and Adair County Elementary School.

Council then entered a brief executive session. No action was taken following

the closed portion of the meeting.

A first reading was held on a new ordinance adjusting garbage rates for the sanitation department. City officials explained that the proposed changes are necessary due to increased costs implemented by the transfer station.

Council also voted to proceed with action related to the Synergy Food Group building contract. Any correspondence regarding the matter is to be forwarded directly to City Attorney Mike Harris.

Several funding-related actions followed. Council approved authorizing the mayor to sign documents for Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation funding, tied to an application submitted through the United States Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program.

Council further authorized the mayor to submit applications through the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet and the State of Kentucky for gas line improvements along Industrial Park Road, identifying the project as a priority infrastructure need.

Before adjournment, Mayor Pamela Hoots announced that a public hearing will be held Tuesday, January 20, regarding a Community Development Block Grant application for Community Economic Development.



City Gas Superintendent Jerry Watson and Terry Moore of Columbia Parks and Recreation were in attendance at Monday night's meeting, where several gas-related projects and items were discussed.



Drew Conn, Assistant Chief of Police, Sgt. Jay Wilson and Police Chief Evan Burton attended Monday's City Council meeting. Assistant Chief Conn provided an update on the Columbia Police Department's shooting range, while Chief Burton addressed changes to the School Resource Officer contract, under which two officers will be funded jointly by the city and the county.

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