

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.

"THE BOOK OF REVELATION FOR BEGINNERS"

Trinity Church will begin a 6 week study on Wednesday, January 7th and going through February 11th beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night. This study is for beginners, or anyone who may have started studying Revelation and got stuck. This is a very important book/vision given to the Church in the last book of the Holy Bible. In these days it is important to know its messages. The class is open to anyone who would like to know about the end times - believer in Jesus or unbeliever - all are invited.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 DANCE

Dance at Mt Hermon Community Center Saturday January 24th featuring Little David and Bad Country. Doors open at 6:00 dance 7:00 pm-11:00 pm. 270-427-8400. Family friendly.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Cancelled!
Will be rescheduled for a later date!

Trinity Church will be having a perishable food pantry for the elderly (65 and older) and the disabled (receiving a disability check) of Adair County on Saturday, January 24th from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. You will have to come inside the Family Life Center to sign in and

receive the food. Sign up will be Monday, January 19th - Friday, January 23rd during office hours from 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon, or until we have reached the limit of how many we can serve. To participate, you must call the church office at 270-384-3259 and continue to call until you speak with the secretary. Even if you have been before, you must sign up each time.

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

City works with manufacturer on possible expansion, jobs, and infrastructure improvements

By Mig Feuser

The City of Columbia is working with a local manufacturing company on a possible expansion that could bring dozens of new jobs and a major capital investment to the community. Mayor Pamela Hoots shared the update last week, noting that the city is already assisting with several key components tied to the project.

"For your information, the City of Columbia is currently working with a local manufacturing company relative to a possible expansion at their location in Columbia," Hoots said. "The City is currently assisting with additional gas utility infrastructure, road improvements, and grant applications.

This expansion may be adding 40 or more jobs to our community, a new manufacturing facility, and additional opportunities for our town."

That announcement was followed Tuesday by a public hearing focused on the city's request to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to support equipment procurement for a local industrial operation.

According to the news release, the grant application is tied to tentative expansion plans by CIRCOR, a global manufacturer specializing in critical fluid handling solutions. The company produces a wide range of equipment, including pumps, valves, regulators, actuators, switches, motors,

and sensors, serving industries such as oil and gas, power generation, aerospace, defense, and scientific research.

CIRCOR's proposed investment in Columbia is estimated at more than \$16 million, covering building construction, machinery, and equipment. "We are excited about the prospect of CIRCOR's tentative expansion plans," Mayor Hoots said in the release. "This is an important development for our community."

City officials said the proposed Community Development Block Grant is tentatively planned to result in the creation of up to 50 full-time jobs, with at least 51 percent of those positions to be filled by low- to moderate-income

residents, meeting federal program guidelines.

In addition to grant assistance, the city is coordinating infrastructure improvements needed to support the potential expansion, including utility upgrades and roadway improvements near the facility. Officials emphasized that the project remains in the planning stage, but described the discussions as encouraging.

More details are expected as the process moves forward. City leaders said additional information will be released once plans are finalized, and a press conference is expected to be scheduled in the near future to outline the project and its anticipated impact on Columbia's workforce and economy.



Chili Supper & Live Auction



Chili Supper
4:30 PM Central

~Candidate Speech~

Live Auction
6:00PM Central

Saturday, January 24th 2026

ALL PROCEEDS TO
WHAS CRUSADE FOR
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Chili Supper, Auction to Benefit WHAS Crusade for Children, Set January 24

By Mig Feuser

The Columbia-Adair County Fire Department will once again bring the community together later this month for its annual chili supper fundraiser, with all proceeds benefiting the WHAS Crusade for Children.

The event is scheduled for this Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the Columbia-Adair County Fire Department station, located at 200 Merchant Street in Columbia. Chili will begin being served at 4:30 pm. CST, followed by an opportunity for local candidates to address the crowd. A live auction is planned to begin at 6 pm. CST, adding to what organizers describe as a fun-filled evening for all ages.

Fire department officials said the annual chili supper has become a popular community tradition, offering residents a chance to enjoy a meal, visit with neighbors, and support a cause that directly benefits children across Kentucky. One hundred percent of the proceeds raised during

the evening will be donated to the WHAS Crusade for Children.

Founded in 1954, the WHAS Crusade for Children is one of the region's longest-running charitable efforts, raising millions of dollars each year to support agencies and programs that serve children with special needs. Funds raised through the Crusade help provide medical equipment, therapy services, educational support, and other critical resources for families throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

Local fire departments across the Commonwealth, including Columbia-Adair County, have long been among the Crusade's most dedicated supporters, hosting fundraisers and special events throughout the year. Department leaders noted that the annual chili supper is both a fundraiser and a way to thank the community for its continued support of local emergency services.

Everyone is invited to attend, enjoy a bowl of chili, take part in the auction, and help make a difference for children in need.

Rogers Scholars, Explorers programs open to Adair County students

By Mig Feuser

Current eighth- and 10th-grade students in Adair County Schools are being encouraged to apply for two well-established summer youth leadership programs that aim to prepare the region's next generation of leaders.

The Center for Rural Development is now accepting applications for the 2026 Rogers Scholars and Rogers Explorers programs. Applications for both programs must be submitted online by January 31, 2026, at www.centeryouthprograms.com.

The Rogers Scholars program is open to current 10th-grade students and is considered the Center's flagship youth leadership initiative. Designed for students entering their junior year of high school, the week-

long residential program focuses on leadership development, technology, entrepreneurship, and community service.

Selected students spend one week on the campus of either Lindsey Wilson University or Morehead State University, where they take part in team-building exercises, leadership training, and hands-on instruction from professionals in fields such as engineering, healthcare, and civic engagement. Participants also have opportunities to interact with nationally recognized business leaders and entrepreneurs.

In addition to leadership training, the Rogers Scholars program offers exclusive college scholarship opportunities. All lodging, meals, and program-related expenses are covered at

no cost to students, with transportation to and from the program being the only responsibility of families.

The Rogers Explorers program is geared toward current eighth-grade students and provides an intensive three-day, two-night introduction to leadership, teamwork, technology, math, science, and career pathway exploration. Students attend the program during the summer before entering ninth grade.

Explorers may be hosted on the campuses of University of the Cumberlands, Eastern Kentucky University, Union Commonwealth University, University of Pikeville, Lindsey Wilson University, or Morehead State University. The program emphasizes hands-on, interactive learning, allowing students

to participate in practical college-level activities while building leadership skills and forming connections with peers from across Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

Both programs are open to students who live within the Center's 45-county primary service area, which includes Adair, Casey, Cumberland, Green, Metcalfe, Russell, and Taylor counties. All lodging, meals, and program expenses are provided at no cost, except for transportation.

For more information, students and parents may contact Amber Decker or Amy Ellis at 606-677-6000 or by email at youth@centertech.com.

Applications for both Rogers Scholars and Rogers Explorers open each year on December 1 and close January 31.