

Adair County FFA Earns First Gold Chapter Rating at State Convention

The Adair County FFA traveled to Lexington, KY June 8-11, 2026 to compete in various competitions at the 97th Kentucky FFA Convention.

The Adair County Middle School FFA, won second place in the state middle school FFA quiz bowl contest. Team members were Kylie Thorpe, Kayden Pegg, Ava Froedge, and Weston Willis. As well, Mason Curry placed fourth in the state middle school extemporaneous speaking contest. Alexandria Pointer gave a stellar performance in the prepared public speaking contest. Mason Curry, Kylie Thorpe, John Gaskins, Myles Spoon, Weston Willis, Michael Hargis, and Kayden Pegg performed wonderfully in the FFA opening and closing ceremonies contest and Myles Spoon, Maria Burton, John Gaskins, and Michael Hargis were amazing in the middle school ag discussion meet debating the topic of whether the aging farmer population is a major concern in today's agricultural industry. Finally, Kylie Thorpe and Kayden Pegg participated in a community service project creating care packages for residents of the Thompson Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore, KY.

The Adair County High School FFA was recognized in our first ever Chapter Rating as Gold and Top 10%! A chapter rating in the FFA is a recognition tier awarded to local chapters for running a well-rounded, active program. It evaluates how effectively the chapter meets agricultural education standards and involves members in leadership, community



Myla Curry recognized for being the Lake Cumberland Region Star Farmer.

service, and agricultural advocacy throughout the year. A gold rating is the highest in the state and making the top 10% means that the Adair County FFA will compete nationally in Chapter Rating. FFA member, Lane Kelsay, received second place in the Diversified Crop - Placement Proficiency and Myla Curry received third in the Beef Production - Entrepreneurship proficiency. As well, Myla Curry, was named the Lake Cumberland Region Star Farmer and was a strong competitor for state Star Farmer.

Twelve Adair County FFA members received their Kentucky FFA State Degrees- Myla Curry, Samuel Feese, Brayden Fitzgerald, Isabella Harvey, Kantlee Harvey, James Jessie, Katie Kean, Amelia Martin, Abby Maulden, Brent Moore, Jordan Willis, and Ethan Wooten. The State FFA Degree is the highest honor a state association can bestow

upon its members. Awarded to a highly select group of students, it recognizes active participation in FFA, strong scholastic records, community service, and outstanding growth in their agricultural projects.

Numerous other individuals had exceptional performances on behalf of the Lake Cumberland Region and were recognized on stage: Addie Baker - Dairy speech, Parliamentary Procedure Team- Samuel Feese, Kantlee Harvey, Katie Kean, Alayna Marcum, Amelia Martin, and Abby Maulden, Record Keeping Team- Bailey Holmes, Emma McGuffin, Greyson Pelston, and Mason Taylor, Emma McGuffin in the Quiz Contest and Will Reynolds in the FFA Creed Contest.

It was truly an amazing week!!!! Thanks to all the individuals who helped to make this week possible for our members! Now, time to prepare for FFA Camp and the Kentucky State Fair!!!!

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Free Ice Cream Highlights Dairy Day Celebration June 24

MIG - Residents will have an opportunity to celebrate Kentucky's dairy industry later this month during Dairy Day at the Adair County Cooperative Extension Service office.

The event will be held on Wednesday, June 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Extension Office. Organizers are inviting the

public to stop by and enjoy free ice cream sponsored by Prairie Farms. Giveaways provided by The Dairy Alliance will also be available during the event.

Dairy Day is designed to recognize the importance of the dairy industry and provide a fun opportunity for community members of all ages to enjoy a

summertime treat while learning more about local agriculture.

The event is open to the public, and no registration is required. Community members are encouraged to visit the Extension Office between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to take part in the celebration.

City Tables Data Center Moratorium, Approves Budget and Several Ordinances

MIG - The Columbia City Council tabled a recommendation Monday night that could lead to a temporary moratorium on data centers inside the city limits.

The Columbia Planning and Zoning Commission had met earlier Monday and recommended a two-year moratorium that would prevent the development of data centers within the city. Commission members said the 24-month period would give the city time to learn more about data centers and study how other communities are affected by them.

Mayor Pamela Hoots said the council would wait for additional information before acting. "Our seventh item was the Planning and Zoning recommendation," Hoots said. "We are tabling that for additional information." She said another meeting could take place next week.

The issue is also being discussed on the county level. Magistrate and County Judge-Executive candidate Chris Reeder said the Adair County Attorney's Office is working

on a proposed 24-month moratorium that would prohibit new data centers in the county during that period. Reeder said the proposal is expected to be discussed at the June 23 regular Fiscal Court meeting.

"This moratorium would provide both the current and incoming Fiscal Courts with ample time to thoroughly research these types of developments, understand their potential impacts, gather public input, and develop appropriate ordinances that protect the best interests of all Adair County residents," Reeder said.

He added that the goal is "to make informed decisions based on facts, careful planning, and what is best for Adair County's future." In other business, the council approved the second reading of an ordinance amending the city's current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

The council also approved the second reading of the city's budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year. Hoots noted that the budget includes a

five-percent raise for city employees.

The members then voted for a park curfew ordinance, but amended the opening time from 7 a.m. to 6 a.m. after discussion. The change was made mainly to accommodate residents using the walking trail in the morning. City officials noted that restrooms may not be open that early, and the splash pad will continue to operate on its regular schedule, beginning at 11 a.m.

They also approved the second reading of a noise ordinance establishing noise limits within the city. Council members discussed how the ordinance would be enforced, with officials noting that police would have a tool to measure noise levels and clearer guidelines to respond to complaints.

Final approvals were made on the second reading of an ordinance amending the city's purchasing procedures. Officials said the change was recommended by the state and will be effective July 1



The Adair County High School FFA Chapter returned home from the 2026 Kentucky FFA State Convention with earning its first-ever Gold Chapter Rating. (Photo source: Adair County FFA)



ACHS FFA members at the convention.



ACHS FFA Secretary, Abby Maulden, accepts the Gold Chapter Rating for the ACHS FFA.

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