

ADAIR COUNTY



APRIL 2025
NEWSLETTER

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.

JAMES KEIM 4/21

CHRISTINA PIPES 4/24

BILL SWEITZER 4/6

PAM ASHFORD	13 YEARS	JOHNNY GUNNELS	5 YEARS
LONNIE HARRIS	34 YEARS	JAMES KEIM	3 YEARS
JASON LENE	28 YEARS	THOMAS MARTENS	1 YEAR
ROBERT MCCARTY	11 YEARS	ROSE MONTGOMERY	7 YEARS
RANDALL SNYDER	45 YEARS	BILL SWEITZER	8 YEARS

JEFFERY WADDLE 4 YEARS

REMEMBER TO BE FULLY VESTED IN LAGERS IT TAKES 5 YEARS AND FOR CERF IT IS 8 YEARS OF FULLTIME SERVICE.

Welcome new employees: Pam Mihalevich, Jesse Shoemaker, and Addison Jorn, new part-time correction officers.

April dates to remember

April 8th is election day. Ballots differ based on where you live.

April 18th is Good Friday.

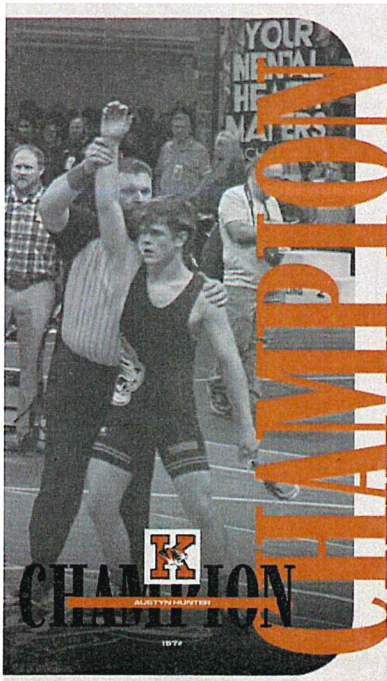
April 20th Easter Sunday.

THE WINNER OF LAST MONTHS CONTEST WAS TAMMY MILLER. THE IRISH SYMBOL WAS A CLADDAGH AND IT MEANS: Love, loyalty, and friendship.

She won a 10-dollar Pagliais Gift Certificate.



Kirksville city officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new airport terminal on Monday, March 17. The event was hosted by Airport Director Jeff LaFountain, who introduced local, state and federal officials that had assisted the city in securing funding for the project.



Austyn Hunter won the State Championship.

Austyn Hunter -Missouri High School Class 2 State Champion Wrestler at 157 lbs. Undefeated season at 50-0 as a junior.

Kirksville Daily Express named him Athlete of the Year.

Austyn is the Grandson of Jimmy and Tracy Hunter and Nephew to Gary Hunter.

Congrats Austyn on a perfect year.

MU Health Care reaches a deal with UnitedHealthcare while negotiations continue with Anthem and Health-link.

MU Health Care officials said they planned to have more negotiations with Anthem representatives on Thursday and Friday before Tuesday's deadline. MU Health Care administrators did not expect to come to an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance. The contract dispute could leave about 90,000 Missouri patients without in network coverage. The change would affect people with Anthem, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Health-Link plans from their employers, or through the Affordable Care Act.

MU Health Care Chief Nursing Officer Shanon Fucik said, "There is a distinct possibility that we will go out of network with Anthem on Tuesday. We are asking our patients to start the process of filing for continuity of care benefits."

I have been asked a lot of questions on what will happen concerning our plan and being in or out of network. Mark Shahan and I have been in constant contact with GBS and Mike Deren over this. The deadline for a deal with MU is April 1. Hopefully they will come to an agreement. If not, GBS does have a plan going forward and I will let everyone know about it when I get the complete details.

Adair county just issued an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) to seek out other Brokers for the County's insurance needs. This will include health benefits as well as property and casualty. This is a long and arduous process that will go on for the remainder of the year.

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“State of The County”

The Adair County Commission has approved the 2025 Budget which had been prepared by the County Commission. The budget process is factored on the current economy and objectives of the Elected Officials. Adair County has seen an increase in General Revenue Funds, Road and Bridge Funds, and Law Enforcement Funds. This also included monies from the ARPA funds. The 2025 budget includes all the necessary funding for the county’s departments to provide quality customer service to the public. It also includes Federal and State Grant Funds for multiple services.

The County Commission has budgeted the remainder of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. A 3% COLA (cost of living adjustment) was approved by the County Commission for all employees. Elected Officials will also receive a 3% COLA to comply with the Salary Commission. The County continues to fully fund the LAGERS pension plan, one half of the CERF pension plan, and the Prosecuting Attorney’s retirement plan. In addition, Adair County offers a health insurance plan with a predetermined cost to all eligible full-time employees and Elected Officials based on their choice of coverages.

Adair County continues to collect a ¼ cent sales tax, passed by the voters in April 2021, that financed the restoration of the Historical Adair County Courthouse. As of December 31, 2024, the balance of the outstanding loan is \$6,121,279.00. The loan is scheduled to be paid in full on or before September 1, 2032.

Adair County would like to welcome newly elected and re-elected officials whose terms began on January 1, 2025. Newly elected 2nd District Commissioner, Gayla McHenry, Sheriff Jason D. Lene, Patrick E. Boren as Surveyor, as well as Second Circuit Judge, Matt Willson. Judge Wilson had originally been appointed in 2022 by Governor Mike Parson to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable Russell Steele upon his retirement. Re-elected officials include 1st District Commissioner, Bill King; Public Administrator, Rhonda Noe; Coroner, Brian C Noe, and Assessor, Kent Bryant.

The budget law requires a detailed and precise compilation of the budget document. It is a very complex law. Our goal is to create a fiscal document to provide services to the citizens as well as visitors to Adair County. The Adair County Commission wants to thank the Elected Officials and staff for their efforts in compiling the 2025 budget.

Reminder: Fund 907 - Juvenile Justice Center, is not included in Adair County's main budget document. The budget for the Juvenile Justice Center is included separately at the beginning of the budget document. Adair, Lewis and Knox Counties contributes \$134,200.00 "Maintenance of Effort" which is the obligation from the juvenile finance agreement. All other funds are a pass-through for the Second Judicial Circuit and Juvenile Justice Funds merely expend revenues deposited with the County Treasurer. These funds are not included in the operating budget of Adair County.

Some of the positive accomplishments of the County Commission in the past year are closing out of the FEMA Project 4741 in the amount of \$800,000. This was a result of the Storms that we experienced in July-August of 2023 which dumped up to 12 inches of rain overnight.

Some improvements were the completion of 3 bridges. Turkey Run Trail a BRO funded bridge, Missouri Trail, and Willmathsville School Way, which were built with ARPA monies. Other improvements were applying Maintenance Rock in the amount of 100 tons per mile on all Gravel roads. This action resulted in applying 3 times the aggregate than the County has in the past. All these improvements are in line with the Commissioners goals to provide better services to the citizens.

The Commission is looking forward to another great year in the County with the Farmers Market, NEMO Fair, Summer on the Square, Red Barn and many other Festivities planned for 2025. Kirksville Winter Lights and Hometown Holidays made quite a show with the Decorations and festivities during the Holidays, which will be even better this year.

The County Commission wants to encourage all to take the opportunity to enjoy our communities' festivities this coming year and wishes all a great year.

Thank you for Attending,

Mark Shahan

Presiding Commissioner of Adair County

Everyone have a Happy Easter!

Michael Orskog

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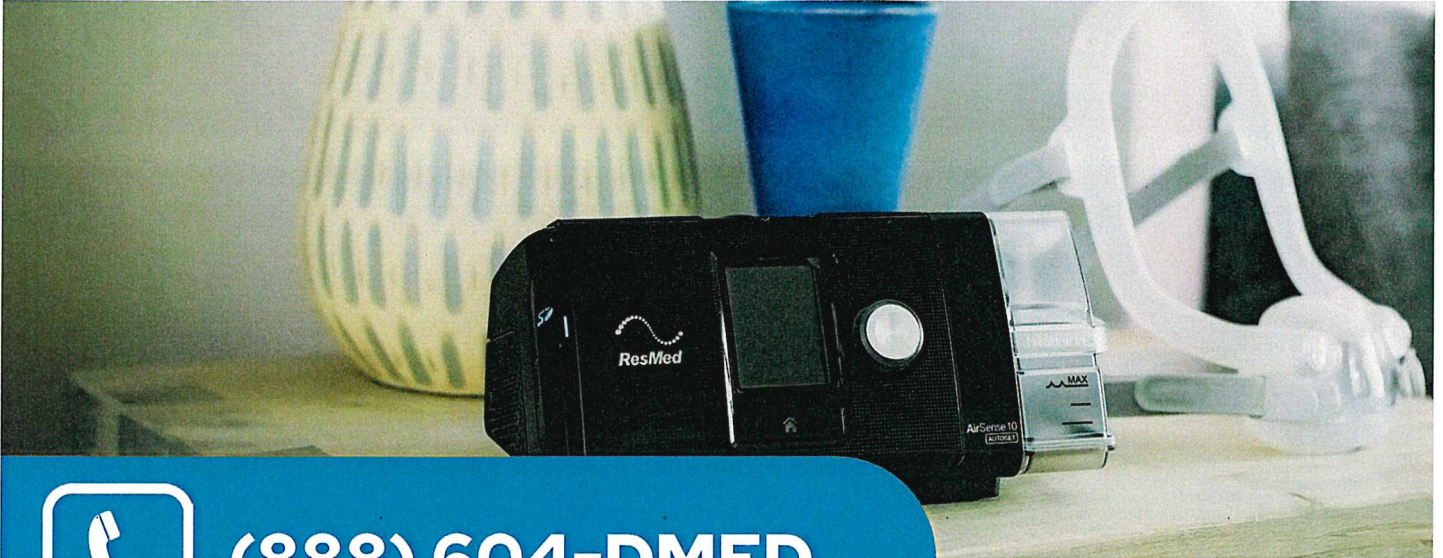


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