Child abuse remains high in Adair County

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Adair County has one of the highest rates of child abuse and neglect in the state, according to recent data made available to Kirksville residents.

In 2009, the county had a rate of 6.7 child abuse and neglect per 1,000 children, according to data released by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Children's Bureau.

The data show that Adair County ranks 95th out of 114 counties in Missouri, according to the recent report released by Children's Bureau.

The report states that Adair County has one of the highest rates of child abuse and neglect in the state, with 114 children per 1,000 children aged 0-17 being reported.

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County prosecutor says he won’t seek third term

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Adair County Prosecutor Mark Williams announced Friday that he will not run for a third term in the November general election.

"My main motivations were that really, at this point in my time in the prosecutor's office, I've reached a lot of the goals that I've set for this position, and I think we've been successful in accomplishing those. "I think that's it, and I think that's it," he said.

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