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First day of school is tomorrow



Photo by Clevis Jeffries

Mom Marla Blaydes completes a student information form for her daughter, Lauryn, in Ms. Landace Tungate's first grade classroom at the Green County Primary School Back-to-School event held last week. More photos from last week's back-to-school events are inside. The first day for students in Green County Schools is tomorrow, Aug. 7.

Cell phone policy change at Green County High School

Green County School District recently announced a new cell phone procedure for the 2025-26 school year for Green County High School.

According to the release, students are prohibited from using personal telecommunication devices during instructional time, unless directed by a teacher in the event of an emergency.

To support this policy, Green County High School will implement

cell phone caddies in every classroom. Students will be required to place their phones in the caddy at the start of class and may retrieve them when class is over.

Students will be permitted to use their phones during class changes, lunch, before school, and after school.

Details regarding disciplinary violations and consequences have been shared via ParentSquare (the

new communication method in the district), and can be referenced there. Additionally, the information is listed in the GCHS Student Handbook.

According to the Green County Middle School handbook, during instruction time, and in order to comply with HB208 and KRS158.165 GCMS student cell phones must be kept in an assigned Yondr Pouch.

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Save a life: Blood Drive tomorrow

There will be a Blood Drive on August 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CT at the Community Center in Greensburg.

“We are in need of donors,” local organizer Karen Warren said. “The last two drives were slow, so please bring a friend. Please help us out this time!”

There will be refreshments available and a \$15 gift card will be given to donors.

There will be free testing for diabetes.

The community is encouraged to attend.

City Council approves first reading of property tax ordinance

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The Greensburg City Council, in a special called meeting Monday, July 28, approved the first reading of Property Tax Rate Ordinance No. 2025-0818. The Council voted to keep the 2025 real and personal property tax rate the same as the 2024 tax rate of 23.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

“The City of Greensburg continues to be fiscally conservative, with a judicious approach to taxing and spending,” said Mayor John Shuffett.

In other business,

the City Council approved:

(1) To enter into an agreement with Los Ayala, Inc. (DBA Los Agaves) beginning August 1, 2025 regarding the installation, operation, and maintenance of video surveillance equipment on the roof of said business;

“The camera atop Los Agaves will provide the public with a live look-in on Greensburg’s Public Square. We hope local news outlets will use it as well,” said Mayor Shuffett.

(2) A Bridge Inspection Service Agreement with HMB Engineering of Frankfort;

(3) The first reading of a Per Diem Policy establishing guidelines for per diem allowances for the City of Greensburg employees traveling for official business or training.

The Council reviewed an Engagement Letter from Honaker Law Office, PLLC, who will serve as an outside counsel for the City of Greensburg.

Green County Arts Council members Jackie Bennett and Diane Hall presented to City Council members that Christmas on the Square festivities be held Friday evening, December 5. The Council agreed to the proposed date.

Fiscal Court approves Bishop Lane resolutions

Green County Fiscal Court, in a special called meeting Friday, August 1, approved two resolutions regarding Bishop Lane.

Resolution No. 08-01-2025-01 pertains to the discontinuous and closure of a portion of Bishop Lane, a distance of 271 feet, with Green County Road Supervisor Daryl Rogers, Gary Fancher,

and David Davis appointed as “viewers.”

Resolution No. 08-01-2025-01 involves the publication and public notices of the proposed closure of a portion of Bishop Lane and a public hearing.

“We received a request by the landowner at the end of Bishop Lane to close a portion of the road and these

resolutions start the process,” said Judge-Executive John Frank.

In other business, magistrates approved to reimburse the Sheriff’s Department for a health insurance overpayment of \$3,003.89 and to increase Recycle Supervisor Larry Penick’s wages to a yearly salary of \$7,500 effective August 10, 2025.

Kentucky State Fair is just around the corner



Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell

The 121st Kentucky State Fair is just around the corner and I want you to join me Aug. 14-24 and experience the sights, the sounds, and the smells that make the Kentucky State Fair one of the best times of

the year. It’s the perfect showcase of Kentucky’s agricultural spirit and everything Kentucky has to offer.

Farming is a way of life for many in Kentucky, but its impact is vital for every resident. It’s why I’m dedicated to ensuring a bright future for Kentucky agriculture. That future is showcased during the Fair as hundreds of thousands of people make their way out

each year.

As a member of the State Fair Board, I can assure you lots of behind-the-scenes actions take place to make the Kentucky State Fair a showcase for our state. Planned renovations, being furnished by a \$200 million appropriation for the Kentucky State Fair by our General Assembly, will create an even better experience for fairgoers in the coming years.

Changes on a smaller scale were also a part of last year’s AgLand, which brings together more than an acre of agriculture exhibits in the South Wing highlighting Kentucky’s farm and field heritage, including the future of farming and agribusiness. Those changes, which included more interactive and immersive exhibits, will return this year after earning a first-place award from

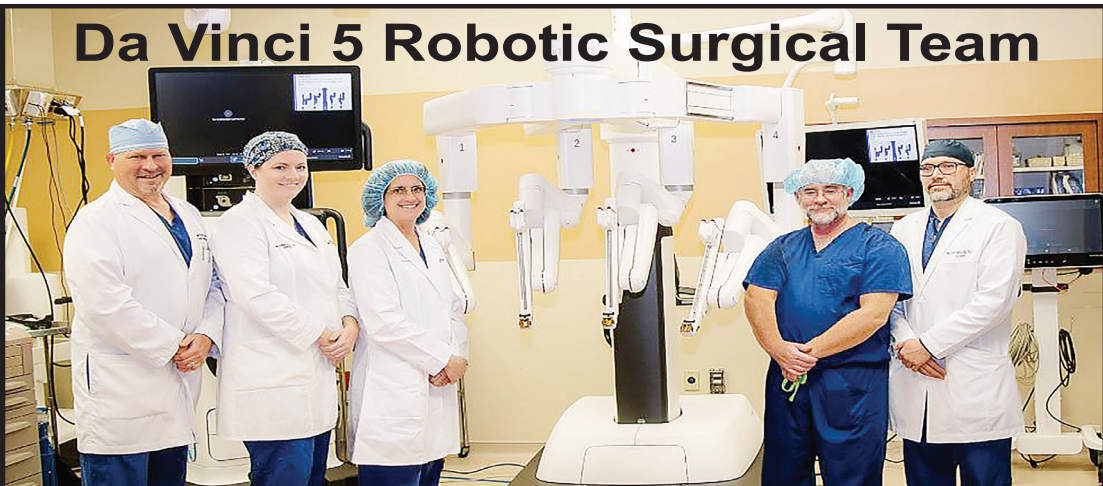
the International Association of Fairs and Exposition. AgLand is also where you’ll find Kentucky 4-H, FFA, and other ag exhibits reaching a broad & diverse audience.

At the Kentucky State Fair, you will see why we’re Kentucky Proud of our agriculture industry. Kentucky’s leading youth livestock exhibitors compete for the highest honors of the livestock show season.

Kentucky’s commodity groups serve delicious meals at the Great Kentucky Cook-out Tent. The agricultural displays highlight the best our Kentucky farmers have to offer.

Creating an inclusive experience for all our residents will, once again, be highlighted this year as we offer the Sunshine Class on Aug. 20.

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