


# Fall into Fun with Green County 4-H

It's that magical time of year again—pumpkins are popping up on porches, the scent of apple cider is in the air, and Green County is buzzing with excitement! And what better way to celebrate the season than with a little good old-fashioned 4-H fun?

Moo-ve Over, Summer! It's Cow Days! This weekend marks the kick-off to all things fall with Cow Days, and Green County 4-H is ready to join the party! Stop by the 4-H booth downtown to learn more about upcoming events and how to get involved during our open enrollment. Young explorers can join in a mooo-velous scavenger hunt, complete your card and you'll be entered to win a prize basket perfect for a cozy family fun night! Psst... current 4-H families, want to help

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out at the booth? Give the Extension Office a call to grab your spot and be part of the action!

Bale Trail Bragging Rights Are Up for Grabs! Calling all creative geniuses, hay enthusiasts, and lovers of friendly competition, it's time for the first ever Green County 4-H Fall Bale Trail! Families, businesses, and organizations are invited to join in this community-wide contest by creating a festive fall hay bale display. Participants will receive a special "Green County 4-H Fall Bale Trail" sign to show off their involvement.

A map of all the decorated displays

will be shared so folks can tour the trail and vote for their favorites online. And yes, there will be bragging rights, the top display wins "baling rights" and a year's worth of glory!

**Deadline to enter: October 1**

Voting: October 3–26  
Entry Fee: \$50 (families/individuals), \$100 (businesses)

Funds raised support future 4-H programs and awards.

Family Fall Festival, Fun for All Ages! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 18th from 1–4 PM—the Green County Extension Office is hosting a Family Fall Festival, and it's the ultimate fall celebration! From face painting to pumpkin decorating, a petting zoo, story time and more, there's something for everyone.

The festival also serves as a warm "Welcome!" for new and returning 4-H families. The best part? It's completely free! Local businesses, churches, and community organizations are welcome to set up an activity booth, just contact the Extension Office to get involved.

Whether you're a long-time 4-H'er or brand new to the crew, there's a place for you in the fun this fall. Come celebrate the season, connect with your community, and make memories with Green County 4-H.

For more info or to get involved, contact: Sue Ann Loyall, Green County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development at sue.ann.loyall@uky.edu or call 270-932-5311.

See y'all out there... hay bales, hot cider, and happy hearts await!

# Lindsey Wilson University Education graduates are perfect on Teacher-Licensure Tests

Lindsey Wilson University's teacher education program is at the top of its class once again.

For the second consecutive year, Lindsey Wilson education graduates recorded a 100% pass rate on the Praxis II and Principles of Learning and Teaching examinations. Both tests are required of all new teachers.

"This means that all of our education majors who graduated in 2024–25 were certified to be teachers in the classroom," said Lindsey Wilson Education Program Director Jennifer Antoniotti-Neal '98. "The fact that we've had a 100% pass rate for the last two years is a testament to the outstanding education program Lindsey Wilson offers pre-students, and it also explains why our education graduates are

sought after by so many school districts. Superintendents and principals know that our education graduates are ready for the classroom from day one."

In order for Lindsey Wilson graduates to record two consecutive perfect years on the Praxis II and PLT tests, Antoniotti-Neal said her program has "done a lot of heavy lifting over the last several years, especially since covid hit."

That heavy lifting has included reorganizing the support Lindsey Wilson education majors receive to prepare for the tests, such as special programs and classes.

"Every member of our education faculty is involved with preparing students for these tests," said Antoniotti-Neal. "We have a

very sleek process that includes all faculty, which makes sure that students are more than ready to take the tests."

The university's education program also works closely with other academic programs to ensure that other majors' curricula are aligned with what education majors need in order to be fluent in their areas of focus.

"It truly takes an entire campus to prepare a well-rounded teacher," said Antoniotti-Neal. "Lindsey Wilson is fortunate to have faculty members across campus who are committed to preparing excellent teachers for our region's classrooms."

Other keys of the education program's success are education students' interaction with area schools and an advisory board that

includes education leaders from the region.

"When our education majors go out into the schools, they are mentored by strong teachers, principals and superintendents -- many of whom are our alumni -- who give them the pedagogical and content knowledge they need to be successful," said Antoniotti-Neal. "Our students benefit from a very strong relationship with area schools."

# Cow Days Pageant is Saturday at GCMS

The 2025 Cow Days Festival Pageant will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Green County Middle School.

The pageant is open to girls ages 0-21, and boys 0-35 months, that are Kentucky residents. It is an official preliminary to the Kentucky Festival State Pageant.

Age groups in the Sunday Best OR Formal Wear: Girl & Boy-- 0-5 Months, 6-11 Months, 12-23 Months, 24-25 Months; 3-4 Years Girl, 5-7 Years Girl; Formal Wear Only: 8-10 Years Girl, 11-12 Preteen, 13-15 Teen, and 16-21 Miss.

Winners will receive a crown, sash, and trophy. The first runner-up will be awarded the title of Prince or Princess and receive a tiara, sash and trophy. Winners in the Preteen, Teen, and Miss will receive a round row, custom sash, and a trophy. Additionally, Miss 16-21 Cow Days will receive the aforementioned as well as a crown pin and \$25 cash.

There will be a King/Queen and two alternates chosen in each division. All participants that do not place will receive a participation medal. An optional photographic category is available. Any contestant awarded a title, runner up, or photogenic will advance to the 2024 Kentucky Festival State Pageant this November in Lexington. State pageant participation fees are the responsibility of the winner. Registration for 0-5 Months through 24-35 Months will begin at 9 a.m. CT with the pageants beginning at 10 a.m. Registration for 3-4 years through 16-21 years will begin at 1:30 p.m. and pageants will begin at 2:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$40. Photogenic is an additional \$5. Only cash will be accepted.

For more information or to preregister, contact Theresa Collings at 270-405-1435, Jackie Curt-singer at 270-405-0535, Donna Orland at 270-405-7248, Trisha Hall at 270-405-1467, or Faun Lobb Crenshaw at jfaunlobb@hotmail.com or 270-405-1849.

## NOTICE

City of Greensburg Planning and Zoning Board will hold special called meeting along with the City Council Special Called Meeting Monday, September 22, 2025 at 5 pm ct in the Greensburg Community Center.

# Should You Pay Off Debts or Invest?



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Some financial decisions can be challenging — like whether to use your money to reduce your debt or to invest. If you already have a significant amount of debt and not a lot in savings or investments, it can be hard to figure out which issue should be a priority.

There's no simple answer, and everyone's situation is different, but here are a few suggestions for helping you make a good choice:

- **Evaluate your cash flow.** If you already have enough after-tax income to meet your monthly living expenses, you might lean toward investing any leftover cash, but if you are just getting by, possibly due to heavy debt payments, then you might be better off using your funds to reduce your debt load.

- **Build an emergency fund.** Paying off your debt as fast as possible may seem like the responsible thing to do, but not having an adequate emergency fund or saving for your future could leave your finances at a permanent disadvantage. It's a good move to have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Once you have such a fund, you could use it, instead of going into debt — or adding to your debt — to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

- **Evaluate your debts.** Some of your debts are actually more "expensive" to you than others. This expense level doesn't necessarily refer to the size of the debt, however. You might have a large mortgage, for instance, but because your interest payments are typically tax deductible, your "after-tax" interest rate may be relatively modest. Therefore, you might consider investing rather than paying down your mortgage. But if you have consumer loans or credit cards that carry a high interest rate and whose interest payments are not deductible, you might be better off paying down or refinancing this debt.

- **Take advantage of any employer match.** If your employer sponsors a retirement plan and offers a match, you will want to prioritize contributing at least what is required to receive the match. It's essentially free money. So, if your employer matches up to 3% of your contributions, for example, you should contribute at least 3% of your income to this retirement account. Additionally, some employers will match a portion of your contributions to a Health Savings Account. Eventually, you'll likely want to get to a point of saving more than just the match, but you'll have to weigh the benefit of additional contributions against the cost of any debt you're carrying.

- **Make it easier on yourself.** To make achieving these goals easier, automate as much as you can. For example, you can divert part of your paycheck into an emergency savings account or a retirement account through automatic payments for any debt reduction or savings needs.

While it may seem like a huge endeavor to pay off your debt while still saving for the future, it doesn't have to be. Taking small, incremental steps is key to helping you get to where you want to go.

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## PUBLIC HEARING - 202 S. Main St.

Please be advised that the Greensburg Board of Adjustments will conduct a Public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers, Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. CT. The Greensburg Board of Adjustments has received a request for a variance for property located at 202 S. Main Street. The Public Hearing is for remarks on the proposed variance of signage size. This property is currently zoned C1 (Commercial District), and is located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Greensburg. The site layout plan, outlining the property and proposed variances will be available for review at City Hall on the above date.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Greensburg/Green County Industrial Foundation is seeking sealed bids to construct a 20,000 square foot steel spec building. Bid packets may be picked up at the Greensburg City Hall, 110 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY. For more information or specific questions, please contact Brian Ferguson, Pitman-Green, 131 North Public Square, Greensburg, KY or by calling 270-973-5231 (o) or 270-932-1260 (c). Sealed bids will be due **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 AT 2 P.M. CENTRAL TIME AND MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE GREENSBURG CITY HALL.** The Greensburg/Green County Industrial Foundation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

# REMEMBER TO PAY CEMETERY DUES

Donate annually to the maintenance fund.

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*You may contact a local funeral home for details.*



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