

Greensburg-Green County

A proud past — A promising future

Way Back When

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**Dec. 30, 2015**  
**Accident fatal to Miller** - Janice M. Miller, 63, lost her life in a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 68.

**Record warm temperatures** - Temperatures were above normal for Christmas with a temperature of 68 degrees on Dec. 23 and 72 degrees on Christmas Eve.

**Anniversary** - Clay and Julia Pierce celebrated 60 years of marriage on Dec. 24.

**Two complete GED** - Elizabeth McCawley and Justine Morgan completed studies to earn a GED.

**Dec. 28, 2005**  
**Farm Bureau recognized** - The Green County Kentucky Farm Bureau was awarded the 2005 Gold Star Award of Excellence for the County Young Farmer Program at the 86th Annual Kentucky Farm Bureau Convention.

**Jobless rate rises** - The statewide Kentucky jobless rate rose from 4.7 percent in Nov. 2004 to 6.2 percent in Nov. 2005.

**Murray celebrates birthday** - Edna Murray celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family at the Green County Country Club. Mayor George C. Cheatham, II presented Murray with a Distinguished Citizen Award.

**Matneys pass away** - Woodrow and Ruia Matney passed away within 42 hours of each other. After funeral services, the caskets were carried to the Greasy Creek Cemetery by a horse pulled wagon.

**Dec. 27, 1995**  
**Trees planted** - One hundred Aristocrat Pear trees were planted beside the Campbellsville Road near the city limits. The cost of the trees was sponsored by individuals and businesses of the community.

**Rotarians benefit community** - Members of the Greensburg Rotary Club prepared 72 food baskets for the needy of the county. Clothing certificates were presented to 298 children.

**Lighting winners** - Winners in the Light Up Greensburg event were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradshaw, Greensburg residence, Billy and Kathy Walker, Summersville resi-

dence. The Greensburg business winner was Brenda's Flowers.

**Land values up** - The value of land and buildings in Kentucky were valued at \$1,250 per acre as compared to \$1,136 per acre in 1994.

**Dec 24, 1985**  
**Cowherd retires** - George Cowherd, quality control inspector for Ingersoll-Rand, retired after 15 years of service. SES royalty - Tony Skaggs and Carrie Pepper were elected Summersville Elementary School King and Queen for 1985-86.

**Snowfall closes schools** - Schools were closed for the second time in 7 days when one-half inch of snow fell Thursday night.

**Santa letters** - Children wrote their wishes for presents to Santa Claus asking for Cabbage Patch dolls, BB guns, Pound Puppies, Big Foot, Care Bears, Barbies and accessories and Castle Gray Skull.

**Jan. 8, 1976**  
**Postage rate increases** - The National Postal Service increased the postage for a first class letter from 10 cents to 13 cents.

**First baby** - The winner of the Record-Herald Diaper Derby was Jessica LeAnn Jones the daughter of Raymond and Shirley Jones.

**Durham retires** - President of the Greensburg Deposit Bank Henry Durham retired after 33 years. Jim Durham was named the new president.

**Pierce, Earlene Atwell** - Leonard Houk prepared an oyster supper for the pleasure of his family and friends.

**Jan. 7, 1966**  
**Best decorating winners** - The winners of the Best Decorated Home and Business were Dr. and Mrs. Denver Wells and the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial Hospital.

**Featured at the Franklin** - "The Great Sioux Massacre", "The Outlaws is Coming", "VonRyan's Express".

**Little Barren, Mrs. Robert Clark** - We had plentiful rain in the last few days. The first good rain in a long time.

**Durham's Bestway Market ad** - Grade A eggs, 2 doz., 97 cents; cabbage, 7 cents per lb.; 46 oz. orange juice, 3 for \$1; Maxwell House coffee, lb. 69 cents; 20 lb. potatoes, 69 cents.



Members of the Greensburg Concert Band, approximately 1912, posed in front of Lapsley Wilson's home located on the corner of South Main Street and West Columbia Avenue. Front row, left to right: R. D. Moss, Walker Wilson, Clayton Vaughn, Frank Tucker, Dr. Basil Taylor, Walter Tucker, Ammon Hancock, and Foster Durham. Back row: Otis Moss, Lapsley Wilson, Lucian Durham, Billy Sandidge, Robert B. Buchanan, Dr. Bart Helm, Rollin Perkins, and Richard Hagan.

# Greensburg's Band Era



The Greensburg Concert Band, often called the Greensburg Brass Band, came together in 1911 and quickly became a big part of life in Green County. Their music brought people together and added excitement to local events, something the town could be proud of.

In August 1911, Prof. Archie Brooks organized the band which consisted of 4 cornets, 3 altos, 2 slide trombones, 1 baritone, 1 bass, 3 clarinets, 1 snare drum, 1 piccola, and 1 flute. Brooks, a Hart County native, was a music professor.

Band members began to meet regularly to practice for upcoming performances. By December, they were utilizing the Masonic Hall and planning an event from which the proceeds would help cover the cost of instru-

ments. By the spring of 1912, band members were being measured for uniforms by Robert B. Buchanan, local merchant and member of the band. The group presented a fine appearance in their new matching attire.

Greensburg's band quickly became a popular part of every kind of community event. Among other things, they played at Decoration Day (Memorial Day) ceremonies, picnics and reunions, benefits, and at public rallies. They often furnished music at the Leachman Opera House. One of their early performances furnished funds for the

Greensburg Graded School to purchase a much-needed dictionary.

By 1914, the band's popularity had grown to such heights that a bandstand was erected near the center of the public square to host their performances. The 12 feet by 12 feet stand, completed in May, had a roof sloping on each side and attractive ornamental railing. Following the first concert there, one contributor to the local newspaper stated, "They are quite proficient and it is a pleasure to hear them."

The bandstand's roof was damaged by high winds in May 1915, then the entire

structure was tipped over and badly damaged by some mean-spirited young men out celebrating Halloween. The Town Board notified band members to remove what remained of the structure from the Square. In February 1916, it was bought by Lucian Durham at a public sale for \$2.10.

The Greensburg Concert Band remained active until at least the mid-1920s, then seems to have slowly faded away. Their performances weren't just about playing instruments, they were about pride, community, and joy. They brought people together and gave the town a soundtrack for everyday life.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Green County Fiscal Court, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to remove the bridge deck, beams and substructure and replace entire bridge with 5 precast concrete box beams on new abutments for a single span 84-foot-long bridge by 20-feet wide. The bridge is located off Liletown Road, near Pierce, Kentucky; from Elizabethtown, KY take the Lincoln Parkway to 31E for 1.8 miles then turn onto Greensburg Road or KY-61. Stay on 61 for 24.4 miles, turn right onto US68 for 12.2 miles. Then turn right onto Liletown Road, proceed for .9 miles and you will be at Liletown Road Bridge over Greasy Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, Flood Plain Management Section 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.



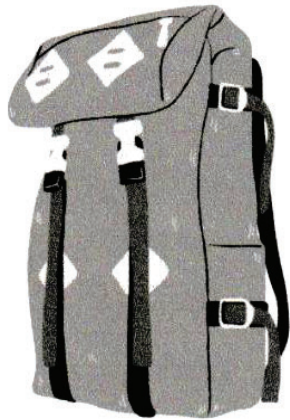
## Green County Blessing Bags



In the United States, nearly 17 million children under 18 live in households where they are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food necessary for a healthy life. Green County Blessing Bags is a program to help ensure children have the resources to give them nutritious food when not in school.

Yes, I want to show support for the Backpack program. I know that every \$150 gift feeds a child on the program for an entire year.

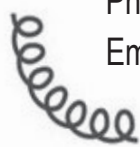
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Memo: BackPack Program  
Mail to: P.O. Box 124, Greensburg, KY 42743

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LOCAL NEWSPAPERS and newspaper websites are relied on more than any other media for information about public notices and local government.

#### 59% Local newspapers/newspaper websites

- 32% Local tv/cable
- 26% Word of mouth/friends/relatives
- 25% Local radio
- 24% Government websites
- 15% City newsletters
- 11% Public bulletin boards
- 7% Non-government website
- 5% Other



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Source: The Kentucky State Study 2023; Conducted by Coda Ventures, Base: Total adults, multiple results