

'Tackle Hunger Food Drive' set to start in Grayson



Submitted
A trophy will go to the school that collects the most food during the drive.

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A champion from Grayson County Schools will be crowned over the next few days as the seventh “Tackle Hunger Food Drive” from the Grayson County High School Alumni Association to help county families facing food security challenges is held.

The community-wide event has provided the Grayson County Alliance's food pantry with more than 15,000 pounds of food and more than \$15,000 in monetary donations.

The effort has led to more than 136,000 meals.

The school that collects the most food will get to keep a traveling trophy for the year.

The food drive is this Monday through Friday and coincides with the Cougars' Spirit Week and the annual homecoming

game as the Cougars host Barren County for homecoming.

“The drive will end the evening of the 25th at the homecoming game itself,” said association President Roger Lush. “We'll have a collection point at the entrance gate to the field for any extra items that fans may want to donate.”

The program started in 2019, and, Lush said, at the encouragement of head football coach Bryan Jones two years later, student bodies at numerous Grayson County schools, churches and other entities became part of the drive to collect canned and non-perishable food items.

Among the recent participants in the program are Grayson County High School; H.W. Wilkey Elementary School; Lawler Elementary School; Clarkson Elementary School; Caneyville Ele-

mentary School; the Tri-Parish Catholic Churches of Grayson County; St. Joseph Catholic Church; The Restoration Place; Bluegrass Land Title; and Farmer's Feed Mill Restaurant.

The GCHS student body led the way early in the donation effort; however, Wilkey and Lawler Elementary recently have had the largest amount of donations.

The last year for the drive was 2024 and the effort was put on hold last year.

In the first year of “Tackle Hunger Food Drive,” 373 pounds of food was collected, and in 2024 that total jumped to 2,921 pounds, Lush said. The

largest donation year was in 2022 when 4,148 pounds of food was collected.

According to a recent news release, 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 4 children have food insecurities in Grayson County.

To make financial donations to the Grayson County Alliance to support the effort, go to a secured link at <https://gc-alliance.com/donate>.

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