

# From Gresham to Columbia: Lovie's Story



Green County Public Library Genealogy  
Laura Johnson



Lovie Leftwich Caldwell  
1896-1992

Lovie Leftwich, born September 29, 1896, in the Gresham section of Green County, was the third daughter of John Taylor and Nora Bird Leftwich, a young farming couple raising a growing family at the turn of the century. The 1900 census lists little Lovie, age three, alongside older sisters Clara and Alta and baby sister Pernie. By 1910, the household had grown, with younger siblings Chandler, Naomi, and Maple joining the bustling home.

The Leftwich family remained anchored in the Gresham community where Lovie and her siblings grew up.

Her life changed in September 1927. At age 28, Lovie married Caleb Dohoney Caldwell, an Adair County farmer and World War I veteran. Their wedding, performed by Rev. Lee Pendleton, was memorable enough to make the local news. The ceremony took place in a car on the newly completed Greensburg Road between Greensburg and Columbia, near Gresham. Witnesses were Misses Sallie and Cecil Caldwell and Mr. Lura Lisle. The newlyweds originally made their home with Caleb's mother, Mrs. Etta Caldwell.

The Caldwell family built their life in the Milltown community of Adair County, just over the Green County line, where farming and community involvement shaped their days. Lovie became known for her homemaking skills, winning fair prizes for canned goods and handmade sewing, and for her willingness to pitch in at local events. In 1939, she served as a judge at

the Greensburg School Fair, helping select winners in beauty, hog calling, chicken calling, and even husband calling contests.

Their daughter, Willie Kathryn Caldwell, born in 1931, quickly became the center of their world. At just five years old, Willie Catherine charmed audiences with a recitation at Ebenezer Church, earning enthusiastic applause from a large audience and a proud mention in the Columbia newspaper.

In 1945, Caleb purchased a nice 6-room home on Campbellsville Road (Hwy 55). He, Lovie, their daughter, and Etta Caldwell made the move in March to one mile north of Columbia. Caleb worked buying and selling cattle in the stockyard industry.

Lovie miraculously escaped injury in 1953 when a severe storm lifted the family's garage from its foundation and set it down in a nearby field while she was inside.

Their daughter mar-

ried William H. "Billy" Sandusky in 1953. The couple went on to have one son, David, and one daughter, Kathy, beginning another generation of the family's line.

Lovie and Caleb sold their home on Hwy 55 in 1967, moving then to 425 Young Street in Columbia.

Caleb passed away in 1975, remembered as a veteran, farmer, and respected member of the community. Lovie lived many more years in Columbia and eventually at Summit Manor Nursing Home. In 1990, she was remembered in the local newspaper when loved ones visited with flowers to celebrate her 94th birthday.

Lovie Leftwich Caldwell passed away on January 8, 1992, at age 95 and was laid to rest in Columbia Cemetery, beside the husband with whom she spent nearly fifty years. She left behind her daughter, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a long line of extended family in Adair and Green counties.

## Greensburg-Green County A proud past — A promising future

# Way Back When

By CAROL DIAL  
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**June 28, 2006**  
**Radio operators meet** - Amateur radio operator Lloyd Curry met with other operators for the annual 24-hour Amateur Field Day.

**AllAboutLife, Jim Davidson** - "There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations."

**Fair bike winners** - Winners of bikes during the 2006 Green County Fair Kid's Day were Luke Henderson, Jennifer Baker and Disnee Shuffett.

**City changes zoning** - City Council members voted to change zoning on Industrial Park Road from industrial to commercial.

**June 26, 1996**  
**New GES principal** - Bettie Bardin Milby was appointed principal of the Greensburg Elementary School by the Green County Board of Education.

**Fair royalty** - Stacey Williams was crowned the 1996 Miss Green County Fair.

**Six vehicle collision** - One person, Merle Hourigan, was injured and six vehicles damaged in a wreck at the intersection of Main Street and

Hodgenville Avenue.  
**Golden Wedding Anniversary** - Jr. and Evelyn Walker celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 16 with family and friends at South Summersville Baptist Church.

**June 26, 1986**  
**Youth drowns** - Charles Nealy, 14, drowned in Green River Lake when he stepped into deep water while wading.

**Two injured** - Todd Gardner was taken to Norton's Hospital in Louisville for treatment following a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 88.

**Landis crowned at fair** - Kim Landis was chosen as the 1986 Miss Green County Fair.

**Between Newt and Pierce, Nellie Coomer** - Ernest and I have been canning and freezing beets and making lime pickles.

**July 1, 1976**  
**Oil spill at Exie** - Someone opened the valve of a large oil tank allowing 230 barrels of oil to spill near Exie. There is a \$500 reward being offered for information leading to an arrest.

**Fair receipts down** - Rain fell every day during the week-long Green County Fair. Attendance and

receipts were lower than usual.

**Pierce, Earlene Atwell** - Ricky Atwell is the new operator of Ernest Curry's General Store at Pierce.

**Skyline Big Dusk to Dawn Show** - Movies shown were "Skyjacked", "Moonrunners", "A Long Ride into Hell", and "Six Pack Annie".

**June 30, 1966**  
**County budget set** - The budget commissioners County Judge Boyce Hudson, County Attorney L. Victor Henderson and Cecil Edwards set the 1966-67 Fiscal Year budget at \$139,860.

**Local women on TV** - A nurses act presented by Jean Blake-man, Betty Chaudoin, Dorothy Wright and Rachel Nelson will be featured on the WLTV Channel 13 Bowling Green "Fashion Showcase" sponsored by the Greensburg Bottling Company.

**Civil Rights poster** - A poster proclaiming an end to discrimination will be displayed in places of accommodation and service after the passing of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966.

**Obituaries** - Jimmy Furkins, 17, June 22; Josie Hudson Paxton, 80, June 22.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

An Industrial Development Authority Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. CDT, at the Green County Courthouse, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743.

### NOTICE

Special Called (Regular) Fiscal Court Meeting of the Green County Fiscal Court for June will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, 9:00 am. CT, at the Courthouse, 203 West Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743. The monthly Committee Meetings will be held prior to the Fiscal Court Meeting, beginning at 8:00 a.m. CT.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Green County Fiscal Court, on June 11, 2026, voted to close a 425-foot portion of Authur Shirrell Road. Authur Shirrell Road begins at the intersection of Highway 1464 and Authur Shirrell Road, and is located in the Grab/Pierce Community of Green County, Kentucky. A more particular description can be observed at the office of the Green County Judge Executive.

### GREEN-TAYLOR WATER DISTRICT GREEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY KENTUCKY HIGHWAY 61 WATER SYSTEM RELOCATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Kentucky Highway 61 - Water System Relocation will be received by the Green-Taylor Water District, at their Central Office, 250 Industrial Park Road, Greensburg, KY 42743 until 11:00 a.m., local time, on July 2, 2026, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The contract consists of constructing approximately 6,950 LF of 8-inch water line; 440 LF of 6-inch water line; 340 LF of 4-inch water line; 180 LF of 3-inch water line; 1,215 LF of 2-inch water line; 2,320 LF of 1-inch service line; 1,550 LF of 3/4-inch service line; conventional horizontal boring; directional boring, and other related appurtenances.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Monarch Engineering, Inc., 556 Carlton Drive, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342, (502) 839-1310, James L. Mudd, P.E., lmudd@monarchengineering.net. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$350.00, non-refundable, for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Monarch Engineering, Inc.". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service.

The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Plans purchased by one party and bid by another party will not be accepted. Plans will be available for purchase until 4:00 p.m., (E.D.T.), June 30, 2026.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected. The Green-Taylor Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities. The award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

Owner: **GREEN-TAYLOR WATER DISTRICT**  
By: **TERRY MARDIS**  
Title: **CHAIRMAN**  
Date: **JUNE 17, 2026**

## Small Habits Shape A Stronger Financial Future



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Financial security doesn't have to come from a big salary, a lucky investment or some dramatic turning point. For most people, wealth is built more simply, through small habits repeated many times over.

If you're like many young people, you may feel you don't have enough money to start investing. The reality is that you're in a great position to build the small habits that will help you create lasting wealth. Here are five tips to help you get started.

**1. Automate savings before you spend.** One of the most powerful financial habits you can build is among the easiest. Set up an automatic transfer such as by contributing to an employer retirement plan or exploring if you can direct part of your paycheck to a savings or investment account.

This helps remove the temptation to spend that money instead of saving it. Even setting aside 1% to 5% of your income can help build momentum over time.

**2. Watch the small stuff.** It's easy to dismiss a \$15-a-month streaming service or a \$6 coffee twice a week. But those small purchases add up. Forgotten subscriptions, food delivery fees and impulse buys can quietly drain your bank account.

"Just \$25 a week, if invested well, can grow into the thousands in a few short years." Scan your recurring charges regularly, cancel what you don't use and put that money to work instead.

**3. Don't let your lifestyle outpace your income.** When you get a raise or bonus, it's tempting to upgrade your apartment, car or everyday spending. This "lifestyle creep" can be a significant hindrance to building wealth.

Here's an alternate approach: Every time your income goes up, increase your savings rate before anything else. Even saving half of a raise while spending the rest puts you ahead.

**4. Start now, even imperfectly.** Don't wait to start investing. Even if you can only set aside a small amount each month, do it. Starting just five to 10 years earlier can result in significantly more wealth down the line, even if the early contributions are small, thanks to compounding.

Compounding means your contributions earn interest, and even that interest earns interest. Over decades, that snowball effect can make a world of difference.

**5. Stay aware, not obsessed.** You don't necessarily need to track every dollar you spend. But you do need to be aware of your money habits. A quick weekly or monthly check-in

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