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Green County Schools highlights strong State Assessment results

STAFF REPORTS

The Kentucky Department of Education has released results from the 2026 Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA), with Green County Schools demonstrating continued academic strengths, progress, and regional competitiveness.

District officials reviewed the results in comparison with statewide averages and a group of 14 school districts consisting of neighboring districts and districts within Kentucky's Fifth Region.

Green County High School Continues Strong Performance

Green County High School has consistently demonstrated strong performance since Kentucky adopted its revised school accountability system. The state's accountability measures combine academic achievement with additional indicators, including school climate and safety and postsecondary readiness.

One of the district's most significant accomplishments continues to be its performance in postsecondary readiness, which measures how effectively schools prepare graduating students for their next steps, whether pursuing higher education or entering directly into the workforce.

Green County High School received exceeded the statewide average in postsecondary readiness and ranked third among the 14 districts included in the regional comparison, reinforcing the district's commitment to preparing students for success beyond graduation.

Academic achievement results were equally encouraging. In Reading and Mathematics, Green County High School students performed above both state and regional averages.

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Trick or Treat on Court St. set for October 31

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Trick or Treating returns to downtown Greensburg, Saturday, October 31, 2026. The time set for this event is 3-5 p.m. CT.

Churches, businesses, individuals and clubs are invited to participate in this event by setting up a booth to distribute candy. The Green County Sheriff's office is the contact for more information. Wednesday, October 28 at 4 p.m. is the deadline for reserving a booth.

Any person or club who is participating is asked to bring their own tent, table or vehicle or other supplies for the Trick or Treat Fest. Anyone distributing candy is asked to be on site on West Court Street by 2 p.m. to start setting up.

The portion of West Court Street that will be blocked off is from Snappy Tomato Pizza to the Green County Library. The area in front of the Green County Courthouse must remain open as this is one of the days for early voting for the General Election.

Last year, approximately 650 trick or treaters showed up for this annual event.

Community Candidate Debate to be held Oct. 29 at Old Depot

STAFF REPORTS

Green River Media, a local media group founded by former Green County High School students, will host a Community Debate Thursday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. CT at the historic Greensburg Train Depot. The event will feature candidates seeking local and state offices in the November election and will be livestreamed on Green River Media's Facebook page.

The evening will feature candidates for Kentucky's 24th District House of Representatives, Mayor of Greensburg, Green County School Board in the 4th and 5th Districts, and Greensburg City Council.

Local filmmaker and GCHS alumnus Blake Judd is helping organize the event alongside Green River Media members Broden Woodruff, Jewel Hines, Rylee Smith and Katelynn Molesky.

The young media group, whose members are former students of Judd, has previously conducted interviews with political candidates and is looking to expand its coverage of local government, community events, and issues affecting Green County residents. The Community Debate represents another step toward establishing Green River Media as a source of locally produced event coverage.

The event will be moderated by Jim Frank and will follow a structured format designed to give each participating candidate an equal opportunity to introduce themselves, discuss their platforms, and answer questions.

See Debate, page 7A

KSP charges Green County man with Exploitation Offenses

Green County Head Start students and staff participated in the "Pledge of Allegiance" during last Thursday's Fiscal Court meeting.

Joseph Matthews

Troopers with Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 15 have arrested a Green County man in an ongoing child sexual abuse material investigation in Green County.

The investigation began on October 5, 2026, when Trooper Sean Sweat received a report that Joseph Matthews, 42, of Greensburg, allegedly had child sexual abuse material in his possession.

As a result of the investigation, Trooper Sweat arrested Matthews, charging him with Procuring or Promoting the Use of a Minor by Electronic Means (9 counts), Unlawful Transaction with a Minor 1st Degree - Illegal Sex Act - Victim Under 18 (9 counts), and Using Minor to Distribute Obscene Matter 1st Degree (9 Counts).

Matthews was lodged in the Taylor County Detention Center and is being held on a $50,000 cash bond. Trooper Sweat is continuing the investigation.

Additional charges against Mr. Matthews are potentially forthcoming upon presentation to the Grand Jury.

GC Head Start participates in October Fiscal Court Meeting

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Green County Head Start students and staff attended the October meeting of the Green County Fiscal Court last Thursday at the Old Courthouse and led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

In other business, magistrates approved:

(1) The 2nd Reading and Adoption of Budget Amendment No. 27002 with total amended revenues and appropriations amounting to $2 million

(2) To authorize Judge-Executive John Frank to send a letter to the Green River Animal Shelter noting the county's impoundment fee schedule

(3) To reimburse Industrial Foundation Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDI) Grant Funds

(4) To reappoint Robert Ennis to the Green County Board of Ethics (Nov. 21, 2026 – Nov. 20, 2027)

(5) To reappoint Shawn Milby to the Park Board (Nov. 19, 2026 – Nov. 18, 2028)

(6) To authorize Judge-Executive Frank to sign Resolution No. 10-15-2026-001 regarding the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant with maximum funding of 50% by the county at a proposed project cost estimated at $402,600

(7) To authorize Judge Frank to sign Resolution No. 10-15-2026-002 pertaining to the Recreational Trail Program with maximum funding of 20% by the county at a proposed project cost estimated at $159,500

(8) To purchase a side-by-side for the Rescue Squad from Joe Hill's Powersports & Equipment of Bardstown, with Haydon Materials contributing $5,000 toward the cost of $14,919

"There has been a need for years for a side-by-side to be used by the volunteer Rescue Squad.

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