

Photos courtesy of Elliott Taylor and Beverley Fitzgerald



Greensburg-Green County firefighters work to extinguish a fire at this Durham Street house early Tuesday. A neighbor called 911 at 11:49 p.m. Monday. Firefighters were on the scene until 3:48 a.m. and again at 4:46 a.m. when the fire rekindled. The fire was cleared at 7:02 a.m. No injuries were reported. Owners Bradley and Veronica Jones were out of town at the time of the fire. The cause of the fire is undetermined as of press time. Green County, Summersville and Campbellsville fire departments were on the scene.

tember 2009. Eight years later, in May 2018, he suffered another one. He is recovering, but progress is slower than he'd like, with full recovery, if at all, taking anywhere from six months to three years. He suffers from severe fatigue, memory loss, and dexterity issues, with typing being the biggest obstacle to overcome as a newspaper editor. Staff writer Clevis Jeffries has had his own share of health issues recently. He is recovering from two pinstrokes in June 2018.And most recently, our interim editor Larry Rowell, a Godsend from the Casey County newspaper, received the worst diagnosis yet. The chaotic Monday of Dec. 17, Larry walked to my desk and calmly advised he was having chest pains and needed to be taken to the hospital.Grabbingmykeys, he asked if I would go cover the impending lockdown at Green County High School instead, and let someone else take him.

Interim editor needs prayers

BY CRYSTAL CECIL **R-H STAFF**

It is with deep sadness, that once again, the Record-Herald asks for prayers and well-wishes for a staff member.

Larry Rowell was introduced in May 2018 to Record-Herald readers as interim editor, covering for longtime editor Tom Mills, who suffered a stroke in Mid-May.

Rowell quickly be-

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Larry Rowell

came known in the community as he delved right into local news coverage and through his straightfrom-the-heart editorials.

After a visit to Taylor Regional Hospital for sudden chest pains Dec. 19 ruled out a heart attack, a plethora of more options, tests and doctors were brought onboard.

An oncologist diagnosed Larry with stage 4 pancreatic cancer last week. The cancer has spread to the liver and spleen.

"The doctor used the word 'incurable,' but has scheduled a round of chemotherapy," Rowell said. "He wants to see how I tolerate the chemo. The prognosis is anywhere from three months to maybe three years if the chemo works."

Chemotherapy will begin tomorrow.

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Photo by Clevis Jeffries

Newly-elected Greensburg Mayor John Shuffett took on his role at City Hall after the New Year. "It has been a lot of fun," Shuffett said. "There is so much to absorb and to learn. I count myself lucky to have a great team already in place to help smooth my transition."

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Deadlines on deadlines, errors and corrections, and news.... there's either a lot of news, or none at all. It all has to be typed in AP Style. Photos, so many photos. They have to be processed and edited a specific way. And special sections. Cow Days and Santa letters have made me cry more than a few times.

It's known to our faithful Record-Herald readers that this office has had its share of bad health over the years.

Editor Tom Mills has had enough strokes for all of us. I'm allowed to say that because he loves me and knows I completely understand the *WHY*. Facts are facts.

Mills suffered his first stroke in Sep-

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Possible 2019 first baby born Jan. 3

BY CRYSTAL CECIL R-H Staff

was born Jan. 4 at declared the winner 5:31 a.m. CST at TJ and receive many gifts Samson Hospital and discounts from to parents Nickolas area merchants.

Provines and Amanda Hodges.

Anyone who knows There is a poten- of a baby born earlier tial winner in the to Green County par-Greensburg Record- ents has until noon Herald's first baby of Friday to contact the the new year contest. *Record-Herald* or Ka-Kadin Lee Provines din Provines will be