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Houk keeps weather updates rolling

By CRYSTAL CECIL
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Kentucky weather is anything but dependable, ask anyone. Specifically, ask Green County's weatherman Corey Houk.

While one can easily check the mobile weather app multiple times a day, or switch on the radio or television, it is becoming much more common to check Facebook. Corey Houk is the go-to guy, and easily the most followed local celebrity for weather news.

In August 2005, shortly after the school year began, seventh grade student Corey Houk took a sick day. It wasn't a cold or the flu that kept the Green County Middle Schooler home... but

the weather. The catastrophic category 5 Hurricane Katrina made landfall on Florida and Louisiana that week, making Katrina the deadliest hurricane since 1928. Houk, who had long since caught the weather bug, watched the coverage on TV.

A digital-age storm chaser, Houk hasn't always been a weather fan.

"I was terrified of storms," Houk said of his early childhood years. "Anytime there was a storm, I would sleep in the floor beside my mom and dad's bed."

Houk's mom, Vickie, recalls his original fear, but said he grew to love weather.

"Storms always scared him, but I think

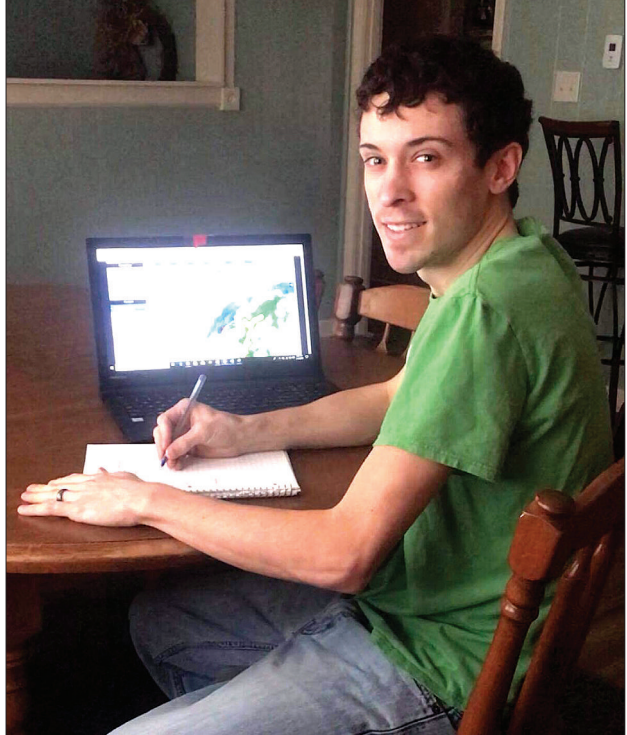


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Corey Houk, a local meteorology guru, has made quite a name for himself in Green and surrounding counties. Houk has thousands of followers on social media that hang on his every forecasted word.

that's why he wanted to follow them...to help people," Vickie Houk said.

Houk confirmed. "One day, something clicked," Corey Houk said. "I knew that most people feared storms, and I wanted to be the clear voice that people trusted."

And that he is. His Kentucky Weather Train Facebook page has over 15,000 followers. The page posts weather updates to the Central Kentucky area.

Houk's personal Facebook cover photo says "Storms Never Sleep" and it's questionable whether Houk does either. Houk has nearly 5,000 friends on his personal social media page that hang on his every weather

word.

Self included. "I am simply amazed at how many people trust me for their weather information," he said.

Many of Houk's live forecast videos have pulled in over 10,000 views during active weather situations; his videos are shared within seconds of being posted.

Houk said that one video had over 40,000 views.

Winter storms and tornadoes make January and April, respectively, the most active weather months. Houk does his best to stay prepared and keep his forecasts homed in for his faithful followers.

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Local icon Lew Edwards passes

By CRYSTAL CECIL
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Lew Edwards, a local broadcasting legend and former Record-Herald sports writer, passed away Monday at Norton's Pavilion in Louisville. He was 74.

Edwards, known to many as the Voice of the Dragons, began his broadcasting career in the 1960s. He worked with WTCO and WGRK radio stations and announced

sports for Greensburg High School basketball and football. He wrote sports for the Record-Herald in the 1980s.

More recently, Edwards was known as the Lemonade Man and famous for his hand squeezed lemonade at the Green County Fair and Cow Days, among other local festivals.

Edwards was diagnosed with stage 4 small cell lung cancer

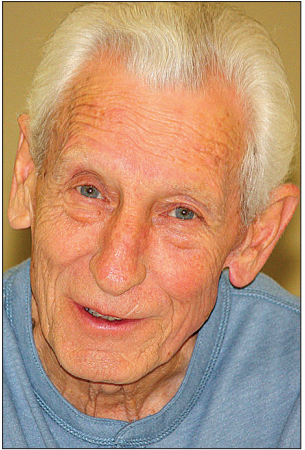


Photo by Denise Gilpin, Forcht Broadcasting
Lew Edwards

Nov. 12.

Funeral services for Edwards will be held at 1 p.m. CT Thursday at the Cowherd and Parrott Funeral Home. Visitation will be today, from 2 to 8 p.m. and Thursday morning after 7 a.m. until time of the service.

A full obituary can be found on page 5A of this week's Record-Herald and a more detailed article on Mr. Edwards will appear in a future edition.

ATC open house is Jan. 22

The Green County Board of Education will hold an open house Jan. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CT at the Green County Area Technology Center. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide information for interested parties.

The Green County Board of Education

will sponsor a brief summary of the project, tours of the facility, and a luncheon in order to promote the Work Ready Skills Initiative. Through the course of the morning, staff members plan to exhibit the renovations and numerous equipment upgrades provided through the

1.52 million dollar project.

"We are excited to display the improvements of the Green County Area Technology Center to the community," said Ben Davenport, principal of Green County High School. "These enhancements will serve as a major benefit to

students."

The open house will take place at the Green County Area Technology Center. The local facility serves students from the Campbellsville Independent, Green County, and Taylor County school districts.

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GPD gives 2018 update

FROM STAFF REPORTS

According to Greensburg Police Chief Wayne Hedgspeth, in 2018 Greensburg Police Department patrolled over 53,000 miles; issued over 1100 traffic citations, which include 66 for speeding, 113 for failure to wear seat belts, and the remainder were for licensing, insurance, equipment and miscellaneous violations.

GPD arrested 16 DUIs and made 487 criminal and traffic arrests; 31 % of these arrests were for out of county warrants, three were out of state fugitives and 26% were drug related. The arrests range from Robbery, Assault, Theft, Burglary, Trafficking in Controlled Substance, Failure to Ap-

pear, No Insurance, No Operator's License, Possession of Controlled Substance, etc.

Officers conducted 3,439 security checks, after hours, at businesses and residences. Additionally, GPD officers spent many hours patrolling neighborhoods on foot.

According to reports, GPD responded to 20 Domestic Violence calls and arrests were made in 18 of those calls. GPD also responded to 48 alarm calls, which include residential and business alarms. Five parking citations were issued for various parking violations. GPD also responded to and investigated 49 vehicle accidents in 2018 as compared to 66 in 2017.

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First Green County Baby of 2019



Photo by Crystal Cecil

Kadin Lee Provines is the winner of the Greensburg Record-Herald's first baby of the new year contest. The son of Nickolas Provines and Amanda Hodges was born January 4 at 5:31 a.m. CT at TJ Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow. The baby boy weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21.5 inches in length. He is the grandson of Rebecca Smith. The family receives gifts and discounts from area merchants.

State Pageant and Fair Convention this weekend

By CRYSTAL CECIL
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Green County will be well represented at the Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows Convention this weekend in Louisville. Green County Fair Board members head to the Galt House Wednesday and three local young women will be vying for the Miss Kentucky County Fair title Saturday.

The annual convention runs Jan. 17-19, with the main affair, the pageant, held Saturday evening.

Green County's Majestee Hughes will represent Miss Little World's Fair. She is the

21-year-old daughter of Billy and Jessica Edwards and Kevin and Tina Hughes.

Lilly Squires will represent Barren County Fair. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Mitchell and Jennifer Squires.

Faith Johnson will represent Miss Carter County Fair. She is the 20-year-old daughter of Brian and Missy Johnson.

Green County Fair will be represented by Bailey Gibson of Albany, Ky.

The pageant will begin with contestant interviews on Friday.

The pageant is set for Saturday at 6 p.m. EST. Tickets will be

available at the door for \$30.

The Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant began in 1956 as a way to bring all county winners to a state competition.

Other fair activities are scheduled throughout the weekend.

The annual trade show and auction is set for Thursday night. Green County has several baskets and items ready to go and appreciates local businesses and their donations. Proceeds from the auction funds scholarships presented to high school scholarship applicants.

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