



# Greensburg-Green County A proud past — A promising future Way Back When

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**Jan. 28, 2009**  
**Winter storm strikes** - An ice storm hit the county Jan. 26 destroying trees and damaging power lines.

**Black History Month** - The Greensburg/Green County Civic Club will host a celebration of the 10th anniversary of February as Black History Month Saturday.

**Lady Dragons runner-up** - The 2008-2009 Lady Dragons were the runner-up in the All 'A' Classic State Tournament.

**Openhouse** - Green County Area Technology Center will hold an open house to allow the public to observe students and their technical skills.

**Jan. 27, 1999**  
**Wind destroys homes** - Two mobile homes were destroyed by high winds in the Hudgins community.

**Basketball princess** - Sarah Coffey

was crowned GCMS Basketball Princess.

**New industry for Campbellsville** - Campbellsville Apparel will start operation with 200 garment workers.

**Winn retires** - George Winn has retired from the Greensburg Deposit Bank Board of Directors after serving 50 years.

**Jan. 26, 1989**  
**Schools close again** - Green County Schools are closed for the second time due to numerous cases of flu.

**Church dedication service** - Liberty Baptist Church will host a dedication service for the addition to the church.

**Firemen kept busy** - Greensburg-Green County Fire Department firemen responded to four calls over the weekend.

**Election hopefuls** - Fifty-five candidates have filed for 18 county offices.

**Feb. 1, 1979**  
**Sour milk** - The

Green County Board of Education addressed the problem of sour milk being served at the elementary school lunchroom.

**Skyline damaged by fire** - The projection room of the Skyline Drive-In Theatre was damaged by fire.

**Sub-division plan accepted** - The Planning and Zoning Commission accepted a plan to develop Woodson Drive and Valley Drive that was presented by Vic and Ann Griffiths.

**Explosion injures Davis** - Mary Lee Davis, Pierce, was burned when a gasoline-kerosene mixture exploded.

**Jan. 30, 1969**  
**City wins award** - Greensburg received one of nine All-Kentucky City Awards.

**4-H members receive awards** - Green County 4-H members, Janet Patterson, Martha Pepper, Bob Durham, Donna Pepper and Freddie Price, received awards at the

Awards Banquet held in Somerset.

**Ad - Simmons Electric Co.**, owned and operated by Homer P. Simmons, has opened for business on West Court Street.

**Obituaries** - Flora Ann Cantrell, 67, Jan. 24; Ida Marie Akin, 76, Jan. 26; Garland True Stephens, 70, Jan. 22; Harry L. Russell, Sr., 83, Jan. 27.

**Jan. 30, 1959**  
**Creal store robbed** - The S. D. Swinhart Store at Creal was robbed of cigarettes and clothing.

**Taylor heads Fair Board** - Bill Taylor was elected president of the Green County Fair Board.

**Pierce** - The oil boom is getting stronger here with 2 good wells on the farms of Clifford Jones and Ivie Pierce.

**Obituaries** - Eugene T. Higgason, 96, Jan. 20; Ulysses G. Hamilton, 86, Jan. 24; Marvin Akins, Tuesday; Robert Neil Frederick, 39, Tuesday.

# 1,000 books by Kindergarten

The Green County Public Library would like to invite all children who have not yet entered kindergarten to take part in a new program that encourages reading from an early age.

Each participant will receive a log to record books read, with a prize at each interval of 100 books.

Books can be duplicated. If your little one has a favorite book, it can be counted every time he or she reads it, or has it read to them.



Please stop by the library to receive a log and sign up.

At the end of the year, there will be a celebration for all children who have participated in the program.

For information or questions, please call 270-932-7081.

## LG&E and KU offer winter season reminders

With colder temperatures and winter weather on the way, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are offering a few seasonal reminders to help area residents stay safe and comfortable in their homes.

- Keep warm air in and cold air out - Ensure heating systems are operating efficiently. Seal leaks and gaps around the home with caulk, spray foam or weather-stripping. Make sure warm-air registers are not blocked by drapes or furniture. Check out additional cold weather energy saving tips on our website.

- Build an emergency kit - Keep an emergency kit on hand that includes a battery-powered radio, flashlights for everyone in the family, fresh batteries for any devices, a first-aid kit, and over-the-counter and prescription medications. Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for a complete list of essential emergency kit supplies.

- Stay away from fallen power lines - Strong wind, snow and ice accumulation on tree branches can sometimes cause them to break and fall into

power lines. Consider all fallen lines dangerous. Stay away and contact the utilities.

- Contact LG&E and KU - LG&E customers should call 502-589-1444 to report a downed wire or power outage; KU customers should call 1-800-981-0600. LG&E and KU customers with registered accounts can also report an outage online at [lge-ku.com](http://lge-ku.com) or by texting OUTAGE to 4LGEKU (454358).

- Check out the online outage map - Customers can access the LG&E and KU outage map on the website from their mobile device to track weather conditions and receive near real-time information about outages throughout our system, a summary of outages by zip code and county, and an estimated restoration time.

LG&E and KU's system is built to withstand extreme conditions. When winter weather moves across Kentucky, the utilities are prepared to safely and quickly respond to severe weather impacts and reliably meet customers' energy demands.

Visit [www.lge-ku.com/storm](http://www.lge-ku.com/storm) for more storm safety information.

## Tired of telemarketing calls that look local? This lawmaker is fed up

BY JACK BRAMMER  
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Your phone rings. You don't recognize the number but you see it's in your area code. Safe enough, you think. You answer and you immediately learn someone is trying to sell you something you don't want. You have been duped.

Annoying? Very much so, and a Kentucky lawmaker wants to stop it.

State Rep. Kevin Bratcher, R-Louisville, has pre-filed a bill for the 2019 legislative session, which begins Tuesday, that would require anyone who makes a phone call seeking a solicitation or contribution to list his or her true caller identification number or leave it as unknown.

"People are getting bombarded with fake phone numbers all the time. It is fraud and devious," said Bratcher in a recent interview in his Capitol office.

Bratcher, a retired education supervisor who has been a member of the state House since 1997, said his bill would cover all phone calls except those dealing with police investigations.

The idea for the legislation, said the lawmaker, came from his constituents.

"Practically every one has a story about being bothered by a telemarketer," he said. "My bill should curb that frustration. Basically, if you call to sell something, you have to put in a true phone number."

Telemarketers can easily come up with fake numbers through apps, Bratcher said.

"I once got a call from my own phone number," he said. "You certainly are going to answer your own cell phone number. These people who are trying to get to you don't care how they get connected with you. They are like the old vacuum salesmen who will say anything to get

their foot in your door."

It's called "Neighborhood Spoofing" when scammers disguise their phone number and display it as a local number on a user's caller ID, according to First Orion, a business based in Little Rock, Ark., that says it tries to provide transparency in communications that empowers people to trust their phones again.

It says mobile scam calls in America have increased from 3.7 percent of total cellphone calls in 2017 to 29.2 percent in 2018. It projects that number will increase to 44.6 percent in 2019.

Not only is this spoofing annoying to the person being called, the legitimate owner of the number used to make the call often gets angry return calls from the recipients of scam calls.

Bratcher said he has gotten national attention for the legislation he unveiled earlier this month.

"CNN did something about it," he said. "I've gotten a call from the Speaker of the House in North Carolina, who wants it. The Indiana attorney general is interested in it. I don't think any other state has this."

Bratcher's legislation calls for a fine of \$500 for the first violation and \$3,000 for every subsequent offense.

He said it still will allow people to call using "unknown" phone numbers. He recalled how he once was with Gov. Matt Bevin and the governor got a call from an unknown number who happened to be President Trump.

The primary problem with Bratcher's legislation appears to be that it would be difficult to enforce. The bill calls for enforcement by he state attorney general and Kentucky's Commonwealth's attorneys, but many of the problematic calls originate in other states or other

countries.

Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear said he is "for anything that will limit unwanted phone calls" and is willing to work with Bratcher on his legislation.

He described the National Do Not Call Registry, designed to prevent telemarketing calls for people who don't want them, "a joke."

Kentucky had a No Call list but as of June 26, 2007, it has been maintained by the National Do Not Call Registry under the Federal Trade Commission. The national registry is designed to give you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls but Beshear said telemarketers are "winning the day" with improved technology that allows them to be devious or commit fraud.

Hardin County Commonwealth's Attorney Shane Young, president of the Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorneys Association, said he likes the goal behind Bratcher's bill "but I don't know how great it will work."

"I don't know if he has the right agency to enforce it," Young said. "Commonwealth's attorneys now are flooded with felonies in crowded court dockets. I don't know about us trying to enforce what would be a misdemeanor."

Young noted that many of the deceitful calls likely originate in other countries. "Those would be extremely difficult to catch but I must admit I got two telemarketing calls today from El Paso, Texas," he said.

Bratcher said he thinks Commonwealth's attorneys "can do the job but I would be glad to talk to them if they have any concerns."

Bratcher said many of the fake ID phone calls come from within the United States. He mentioned "a non-

profit whose name you would recognize based in Washington, D.C., that sometimes uses a fake ID to get more access to people."

The legislator declined to identify the non-profit.

"As long as you use a legitimate number to call somebody, fine," said Bratcher. "It's when someone tries to be devious that upsets me."

His legislation would be particularly valuable to small businesses, Bratcher said. A painter with five employees told the lawmaker he has to answer every local number.

"He doesn't want to miss a potential customer, so he answers every call," Bratcher said.

He said cellular phone companies are "cautious" about his bill. "They want to see how much this would affect phone usage," he said. "They are reviewing it."

One phone company, said Bratcher, told him that technology will be in place within a few years to stop fake phone numbers.

"I told them when that day comes, I will be glad to stop my legislation," he said.

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Physical Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
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