

What's Happening

All times are Central

Tomorrow

League of Citizens

The Greensburg/Green County League of Citizens will meet Thursday, Jan. 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the Green County Public Library Community Room.

Happening Soon

GCPL children programs

Every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., the Green County Public Library has Terrific Tuesday Story Hour for 2 to 5 year-olds and Thursdays at 10 a.m. a LapSit Lullaby program for babies and toddlers, birth up to 2 years. For more information, contact the library at 270-932-7081.

Color Me Calm

Color Me Calm, an adult coloring program, takes place at the Green County Public Library every Thursday at 10 a.m.

Chair exercise event

Join the Green County Public Library every Tuesday, from 1 to 2 p.m., for Chair Exercises.

Head start apps

Green County Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year for eligible three-four year olds. For more information call 270-932-6618.

Tax preparations

Free assistance with income tax preparation is available for residents of Green, Taylor and surrounding counties from the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. Services will be held each Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 9 at the Greensburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 699 Old Hodgenville Road, Greensburg. Other times may be available by appointment, call Brenda Cook at 270-932-7459 for more information.

Christian Fiction Book

The Christian Fiction Book Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 7, at 10 a.m. at the Green County Public Library.

Red Cross Blood Drive

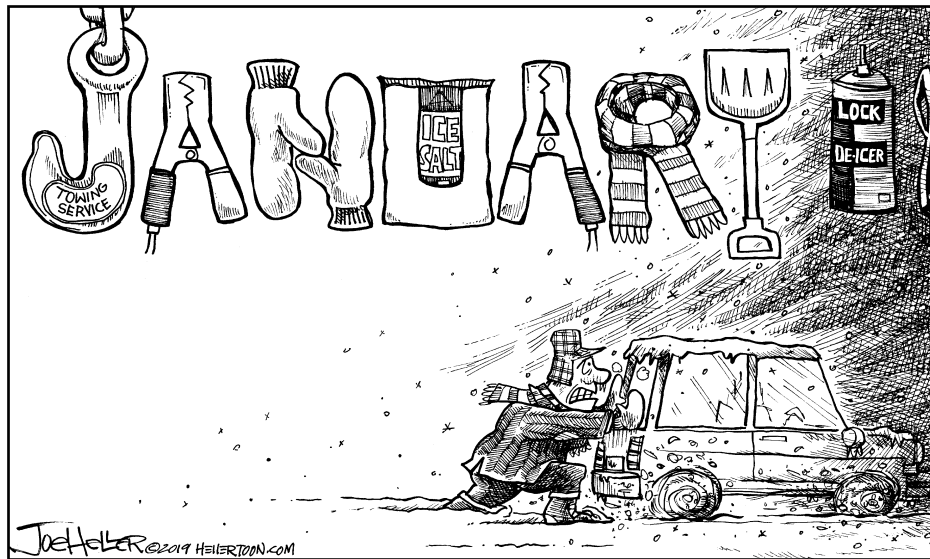
The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive Thursday, Feb. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Greensburg United Methodist Church on West Court Street in Greensburg. Eat iron-rich foods and drink plenty of water. The goal is 70 units.

GCIS SBDM Council

The Green County Intermediate School SBDM Council will hold it's regular monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the school conference room.

GCPL to host author

The Green County Public Library will host local author, Kyle Romines, for a book talk and book signing Monday, Feb. 4, at 4 p.m.



Do you think the groundhog will see his shadow on Feb. 2?

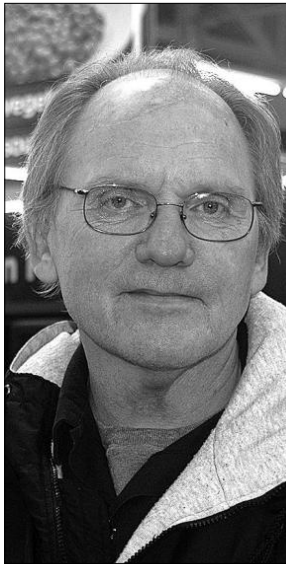
By Roving photographer Clevis Jeffries



“Yes, I think it will be sunny and he will see his shadow.”
——Charlene Ambach



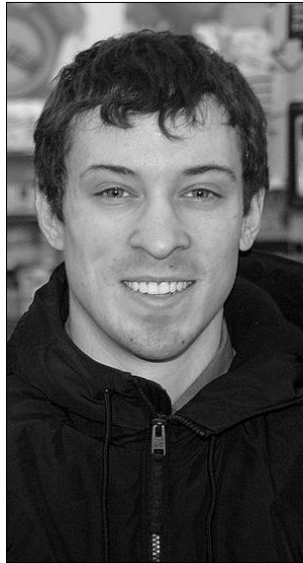
“The groundhog won’t see his shadow and spring will come early.”
——Katie Burr



“The groundhog will see his shadow and there will be six more weeks of winter.”
——Chuck Ball



“He will see his shadow because it will probably be sunny.”
——Ashlyn Cantrell



“The groundhog will probably not see his shadow and spring will come early.”
——Corey Houk



“I think the groundhog will see his shadow and there will be six more weeks of winter.”
——Philip Price

A view from Casey County: Meeting Larry Rowell

This column was submitted to the Casey County News by Donna Carman, Larry's former co-worker

BY DONNA CARMAN
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

It was the spring of 2008 and time for this former editor of The Casey County News to review the applications of college students who were seeking summer positions as an editorial intern with the Kentucky Press Association. I flipped through them – dismissing the ones I thought lived too far away to want to work in Liberty, Ky.; the ones who couldn't string two sentences together; and the ones who specified they wanted to work for the “big” papers.

Then I came across an application from Larry Rowell. Larry could put two sentences together (stories these students had written were included with their applications); he lived in Campbellsville (hey, that's almost in the back door); and he loved small town papers. But Larry was not your typical journalism college student – Larry was 52.

I would like to say I hired Larry for that summer intern job,

but I didn't. Instead, he was hired for that same position at the Central Kentucky News Journal in Campbellsville, which was better for him anyway. Less driving.

Fast forward a couple of months and I found myself in need of a staff writer. Becky Cassell, then editor of the CKNJ, had nothing but praise for Larry and pointed out he was looking for a job. So I made the drive to Campbellsville for an interview with him. My first impression of Larry was “cheery.” He was a people person, I could tell right off the bat. He came walking toward me, smile on his face, and hand outstretched. (I did not know until sometime later that Larry was a pastor.) I'd already read some of Larry's stories, so I knew he could write. When I met him, I knew he'd do well with the public, so it wasn't a hard decision to offer him the job. Later, Larry would tell me that I asked him if he'd ever been arrested I don't remember that.

So, Larry moved to Liberty and Casey County in the fall of 2008 and joined the staff of The Casey County News. He had intentions of selling his home in Campbellsville with his



Photo courtesy of Donna Carman

Larry Rowell sampling some of the giant apple pie at the Apple Festival.

wife, Edwina, joining him here. However, it was not the best of times for homes to sell, and about eight months into the job, Larry came to me and asked if there was any way he could give up his rented apartment in Liberty and make the drive from Campbellsville each day to work. Of course; we would make it work.

And it did. I like to think we were a good writing team, Larry and I, even if we did butt heads sometimes. We would sit down each Tuesday afternoon after one issue had gone to press and plan the next one. I didn't have to worry about something not being cov-

ered if I wasn't around because I knew Larry understood how this game worked. That's not to say all was perfect, because nothing ever is, but I do know we tried our best.

He used to joke I made his stories bleed as I sometimes gave him back copy that had a lot of red-ink editing. His skills as a journalist and a photographer improved, and I couldn't have been more proud of him when he would receive awards and honors. But the biggest honor to him was always a compliment or a thank you from someone he was able to help through his stories.

Larry and I worked together a little more than three years as I left The Casey County News in November 2011. He was offered the editor's position but declined, saying he didn't want that responsibility. But he should have taken it, and he eventually did. We had more than one talk about it, with me telling him he was already doing the job anyway.

Larry retired in September 2017, and the community really missed him. It was a very sad time for me personally as well, as Larry was the last person at the Casey News that remained from the close-knit group I used to work with. But newspapers weren't done with Larry as he answered the call eight months later to fill in for the editor at the Greensburg Record-Herald, who was recovering from a stroke. Larry fit right into that community too, and we would see each other from time to time as my work took me to Greensburg two or three times a week.

As Christmas approached, I asked Larry one day if he'd ever played Santa Claus. He said he had, but it had been a long time.

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