



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

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Feb. 25, 2009

Two schools closing - Students attending the Summersville and Pierce Elementary Schools will be transferred to city schools next year.

Wreck claims life - Russell A. Greenway died in a two-vehicle accident on US 68.

Fire destroys home - The Haskinsville home of Tim Anderson was destroyed by fire.

Kelly donates 20th gallon - Lifetime blood donor Clinton Kelly donated his 20th gallon of blood to the American Red Cross's blood drive.

Feb. 24, 1999

Fiscal Court sets salaries - Green County Fiscal Court set the yearly salary of Judge/Executive Mary Ann Blaydes Baron at \$53,636.66. Jailer Thomas Marcum's salary was set at \$20,000 per year.

Homecoming queen - Senior Mindy Turner was crowned GCHS Basketball Homecoming Queen.

Fiscal Court appoints two - The Fiscal Court appointed Sam McKinney to the position of dog warden. Ronnie G. Milby was appointed deputy judge/executive, assistant road foreman and solid waste coordinator.

Milestones - Lura McCubbin will celebrate her 100th birthday Feb. 28. Finis and Janetta Milby celebrated 57 years of marriage Feb. 21.

Feb. 23, 1989

Ronald to retire - Eugene Ronald, who served as chief executive officer of the Greensburg Deposit Bank for 19 years, will retire Feb. 28.

Johnson recovering - W. L. Johnson is recovering from an accident at his home Nov. 30, when he suffered several broken bones.

Heavy rainfall - The county has received 9.1 inches of rain since Feb. 12.

Between Newt and Pierce, Nellie Coomer - Seems like so long since the flu started and it's still going.

March 1, 1979

County school su-

perintendent named - The Green County Board of Education has selected Marshall "Buddy" Lowe to succeed Lucile Guthrie as superintendent of Green County schools.

Drugs - The selling and use of drugs is becoming a problem in the county's schools.

KET filming in Greensburg - Actors and film crew members from KET are in Greensburg filming a segment of "This Other Eden".

Republican rally - Jefferson County Judge/Executive Mitch McConnell attended the Republican Rally at the courthouse.

Feb. 27, 1969

Man charged with robbery - A LaRue County man was arrested and charged with the robbery of the Vance store at Hudgins. The store has been robbed 3 times in 6 months.

Grand Opening for Golden Thimble - The Golden Thimble Fabric Shop, located in the Franklin Theatre building, will have their grand opening.

Obituaries - Ches-

ley W. Norris, 80, Feb. 18; Garvis E. Martin, 57, Feb. 21; Lorena Sublett Paxton, 74, Feb. 25.

Higgason Implementation Co. ad - 7 HP garden tractor with 34 inch mower, \$499.95; 1-row cultivator, \$49.95; 4-ton wagon, \$119.95; rotary cutter, \$259.95.

Feb. 27, 1959

Mail delivery extended - The Greensburg Post Office will be delivering mail to Taylor Ave., Cedar St. and Durham Court beginning March 2.

Parking lot to open - Mayor W. T. Boyd announced that the new parking lot at the west end of Court Street will open in 2 weeks.

Autographing party for Giles - There will be an autographing party at Chester's Restaurant March 4. Janice Holt Giles will be present to sign her latest book "Land Beyond the Mountains".

Obituaries - Lambert B. Asbury, Jan. 23 in Toole, Utah; Pleas Simeon Murrell, 69, Feb. 20; Malia Florence Beams, 46, Feb. 19.

HMH celebrates 65 years of healthcare in Central Kentucky

Hardin Memorial Health (HMH) officials celebrated the healthcare system's 65th birthday with business and community leaders at the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon today. HMH President and CEO Dennis Johnson highlighted the system's growth from the beginning to today.

Johnson told the group HMH is now one of the largest healthcare systems in Kentucky - ninth in baby deliveries, fourth in endoscopies, sixth in outpatient surgeries, fifth in outpatient volumes and operates the second busiest emergency department.

"Although we opened with 81 employees, today HMH is the third largest employer in Hardin County with approximately 2,800 employees, 450 providers and 50+ locations,

servicing one-tenth of Kentucky's population," said Johnson. "While much has changed, what has remained the same over the past 65 years is the commitment to caring for our patients' physical, emotional and spiritual needs."

Johnson said the people of HMH are what makes it so special.

"Their skill, care and compassion are second to none," he said.

Johnson said HMH attracts employees from throughout the region as well as many who commute from Louisville because of HMH's strong reputation and patient-centered culture. He explained that HMH's culture results in low nursing turnover (9.4 percent), well below the national average of 14.9 percent.

"Low turnover means better continu-

ity of care and better patient outcomes," he said. "We work diligently to create an environment where people are supported and encouraged."

Johnson went on to explain to the group that HMH offers patients many of the benefits found in a metropolitan healthcare system. He touted HMH's cutting edge services, from its multidisciplinary breast and lung cancer programs, to its expanded robotic surgical services as well as its advanced total hip and knee replacement certification and its leading sexual assault nurse examiner program.

"All of these advances mean better care for our patients," he said.

Johnson praised the HMH Board of Trustees' vision to grow the system and its commitment to the strategic plan to provide

much needed services, recruit the best providers and expand and enhance HMH facilities to improve overall patient care.

Johnson called the pending sale of HMH to Baptist Health critical to the region's future healthcare services and economy.

"In Baptist Health we have an incredible partner that is aligned with our strategy and committed to investing in the region's healthcare needs," he said. "In the next 10 years, they plan to invest \$235 in capital expenditures to enhance and expand the healthcare services provided by HMH, with a vision to grow and strengthen HMH's presence. That not only translates to improved healthcare but also more job opportunities and a significant regional economic development opportunity."

KS & WCC awards over \$2 Million in tobacco settlement funds to Ky. farms

The Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission has selected 403 projects to receive \$2,468,051 in tobacco settlement funds for projects on Kentucky farms, the Energy and Environment Cabinet announced today.

The Soil and Water Conservation Commission is administered by the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, Division of Conservation.

The Commission has obligated more than \$157 million in state cost share over

the past 25 years. This money goes to Kentucky farmers to install practices on their farms that protect water quality and prevent soil erosion. Projects include practices such as livestock waterers, grassed waterways, rotational grazing establishment and cover crops.

Funds are distributed with the assistance of the 121 soil and water conservation districts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the State Cost Share program,

visit <http://conservation.ky.gov/Pages/>

StateCostShare.aspx.

Pizza driver gets \$700 tip when shows up at church

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A Papa John's delivery driver received an unexpected surprise Sunday when he showed up in the middle of a sermon at Nelson Christian Church with a pizza order.

About 30 minutes prior, Pastor Mark Jones caused a few chuckles and perplexed looks from the congregation during the 10:40 a.m. service when he whipped out his cell phone on stage to make a call.

"I need to order a pizza please," Jones told the order taker. "I would like to have an extra-large pepperoni pizza and an order of breadsticks."

While the pizza was a snack for the leadership meeting after church, the purpose of the mid-service delivery was to help Jones illustrate his final sermon on generosity.

"We are going to blow somebody's mind today," Jones told the churchgoers after ending the call. "We're getting ready to have our offering, and any loose cash that's in the offering plate is going to be the tip for the driver."

When employee Stephen Greenwell walked through the door with the order, Jones brought the man up on stage, shook his hand and gave him a small pink box that contained the money collected throughout the morning — \$717.

Greenwell said he's been delivering pizzas for about six months

and is the father of two young girls. He's received large tips before, but nothing compared to Sunday's surprise. After being handed the tip, Jones led a prayer for Greenwell, blessing his family, before allowing the young man to return to work.

During his sermon Jones spoke about how generosity must be motivated by love, not selfishness, and that when others give cheerfully, they honor God and, in many cases, create a ripple effect of kindness and compassion.

One example shown by video to the churchgoers Sunday was of a young boy named Myles Eckert who in 2014 found a \$20 bill in the parking lot of a restaurant and chose to give it to a soldier eating at the establishment. Eckert's act of kindness, which made the news, later inspired more than \$2 million in donations to charity.

But generosity is not just about handing over a \$20 bill to a stranger or putting money in the offering plate, Jones said. Generosity could be lending a car to someone whose car is in the shop; visiting someone in the hospital; making a meal for someone going through a hard time; donating blankets to a homeless shelter.

"There's any number of ways we can be generous," he said. "It's about giving more than expected. It's giving our best, not just the leftovers. It's open hands and open hearts."

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