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Flood traps family; rescue is successful

By CRYSTAL CECIL
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Two adults, one child and six animals were rescued Sunday when water levels continually surrounded their home, according to Green County Rescue Squad Chief Nick Cheatham.

Green County E-911 Center received a phone call at 2:43 p.m. Sunday afternoon requesting assistance at 1760 Caven Bend Road.

Water from Green River, directly behind the property, had surrounded the residence, with water inside being approximately knee-deep, Cheatham said.

"We used swift water rafts to get to the resi-

dence and get them to dry land," Cheatham said.

Rescuers were on the scene for just over two hours.

No injuries were reported. The residents will be staying with family members until they can return home.

Green County Rescue Squad, Green County Fire Department, Green County EMS, Grab Fire Department, Campbellsville Fire Department and Campbellsville Special Operations Team were all on the scene.

"Everything went well. This could've been a lot worse," Cheatham said. "The water was high and it was swift, so it definitely could have been much worse."



Photos courtesy of Green County Search and Rescue / Zachary Maier



A family on Caven Bend Road was rescued via raft Sunday afternoon after heavy rainfall and flooding caused Green River to infiltrate their home. On Monday, Governor Matt Bevin declared a statewide emergency in response to the rainfall which has caused widespread flooding and critical infrastructure damage across the state.

Statewide emergency declared

Governor Matt Bevin declared a statewide emergency Monday in response to continued heavy rainfall which caused widespread flooding and critical infrastructure damage across the Commonwealth.

Green County escaped the brunt of nature's wrath, but not entirely, as the one

Caven Bend family had to be rescued when rising Green River waters invaded their home.

The governor's executive order enables the mobilization of state resources to be utilized in support of cities and counties as needed.

Kentucky Division of Emergency Management activated the

state Emergency Operation Center Friday. KYEM has received 36 county and 11 city state-of-emergency declarations.

Green County Judge Executive John Frank said he does not anticipate taking that step locally.

"We were very fortunate, considering the circumstances," he

said Monday. "Other than the family that was rescued, most of the damage we had was limited to debris on low water bridges and downed trees."

The Kentucky Mesonet monitoring station at Bengal reported 2.63 inches of rainfall Saturday.

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Magistrates act on several issues

By CLEVIS JEFFRIES
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The Green County Fiscal Court met in regular session Feb. 21.

The Court was informed of the rural secondary recommended

improvements for 2019-2020, including KY 487 from US 68 to some .3 mile before Howard School Road, a distance of about 3 miles; KY 417 from US 68 to Riverview Avenue, a distance of about .5 mile; and KY

329 from Poplar Grove School Road to V.D. Milby Road, a distance of about 2.8 miles. The total cost for improvements amounted to approximately \$970,000 which includes asphalt resurfacing, routine maintenance and traf-

fic and other expenses.

"We are thrilled to receive this funding to continue to improve roads throughout the county," said County Judge-Executive John Frank.

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Future Farmers of Green County



Photo by Angelina Alcott

Green County Intermediate School student Brayden Davenport arrived to school in a fun way Friday morning. His dad, Green County High School Principal Ben Davenport, participated in Drive Your Tractor to School Day to close out National FFA Week.

Schools closed the rest of week

Green County Schools announced Tuesday that schools will be closed for the remainder of the week.

Schools will be out of session Wednesday, Feb. 27 through Friday, March 1 due to sickness.

Students should complete Gold Day #4 prior to returning to school on March 4.

"We have been fortunate this far,"

Green County Director of Finance Zachary Leftwich said, "Other schools have been out, but we have just now dropped below where we need to be."

The Board of Education will adjust the school calendar at the next Board Meeting, scheduled March 14.

The last known local school closure due to illness was October 2009.

Fire Dues need to be paid now

By CRYSTAL CECIL
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Fire dues are being collected for Green County property owners who live outside the city limits. Payments were due Jan. 1.

The annual membership keeps the local fire departments operating.

Property owners who become fire department members and pay their annual dues, will pay no more if they need the department's services. The dues are critical to help with equipment and operating expenses.

"Without the fire dues we wouldn't be able to operate," said Green County Fire Chief Lawrence Gupton. "We can't operate off state aid and insurance collections. These dues need to be paid."

Members who

require fire department services are not charged. Non-members will receive a bill.

"The minimum charge for non-members will be \$500 and the maximum is unlimited up to \$2,500," Chief Gupton said.

Properties in Greensburg have fire coverage paid for by their city property taxes, but property coverage outside the city limits, even if owned by a city resident, is not included in county property taxes.

County fire dues are \$60 per year for the first deed in an owner's name and \$20 for each additional deed.

To pay dues, contact an officer or firefighter from the department that serves the area in which the property is located, or call 270-405-3018 or 270-932-3231.