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IGA – Blackberry cobbler and chicken legs

If you missed my cupcake column a few weeks ago, you may need to catch up. In the meantime, I'll remind you... I don't actually like cupcakes, but I bake them— often.

What I DO like is cobbler. It's my favorite food in the entire world and I have no interest in baking it myself.

Last week, a little birdie told me IGA was closing.

"Where will I get cobbler?!" is the first thing that came out of my mouth.

Yes, there is a much bigger problem than my lack of cobbler for lunch, but that's the first thing that popped into my mind and out of my mouth.

I visited the local IGA



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deli 3-4 times a week to get cobbler, always on blackberry or peach days. The deli girls were familiar with my plate lunch order— a chicken breast and cobbler for both vegetable choices. Or on a really stressful day, I ordered the vegetable plate option with three servings of cobbler, no vegetables.

Don't judge.

Back to the bigger picture...

Ya'll, our IGA is closing. Houchens, as I'll forever call it, is leaving us. I'm super sad. I'm



Everyone has their own special memory. Houchens held my hand through adolescence; IGA gave me cobbler and my kiddo chicken legs. What's your memory?

sad for the employees; I'm sad for the shoppers; I'm sad for Greensburg; I'm sad for myself.

I don't have a definite reason as to why they are closing. Of course I called the store and they

directed me to headquarters. Headquarters hasn't return my calls as of press time.

The reason, I guess, doesn't really matter. The doors were shut Monday and Tuesday.

The store will be open Wednesday, I'm told. They will be open on a day-to-day basis a store employee said.

So, if you're reading this today, you better get over there.

Thirty employees will lose their current position. I'm told some of them will relocate to other stores, but that isn't all rainbows and sunshine as we know. Relocating is hard. Finding a new job is even harder.

Not nearly as important, there will be yet another empty space occupying our pretty town.

Anyone around my age (I'm 32), will likely recall the "good old days" sitting outside of Houchens/IGA with

friends. Not doing a thing, just talking and staying out of trouble (for the most part). Small town life at it's best.

The whole situation is disheartening.

It makes me wish I'd shopped there more than I did. Don't get me wrong, I was in there several times a week for things other than lunch. And it was usually my husband rolling in at 7:55 p.m. just before closing to grab something at the last minute— but still, makes you wonder, "what if?" I had bought a few more packs of my favorite bacon, or that awesome chicken breast in the meat department.

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District to purchase two, top-of-the line buses

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Green County Schools announced the purchase of two new school buses and approved acceptance of a grant supporting the bus purchase at the February 14 Board of Education meeting.

The two 2019 International school buses costing approximately \$212,000, will be partially purchased with monies from the Kentucky Clean Diesel Grant program.

The District was selected to receive the Kentucky Clean Diesel Grant, an amount of \$52,867.50, following the application submitted by Green County Schools' Director of Finance Zachary Leftwich and Director of Transportation Adam Whitlock.

The grant program, offered by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division for Air Quality, was designed to help reduce diesel emissions and im-

prove air quality by reimbursing grant recipients up to 25% of the total cost of purchasing a new school bus.

"We are very excited about the Kentucky Clean Diesel Grant. Without this grant, the cost to purchase these two buses would have exceeded \$212,000," Green County Schools' Director of Finance, Zachary Leftwich said. "With the funding provided by the Clean Diesel Grant program, the buses will end up

costing the district less than \$80,000 each."

"This helps us keep our fleet modernized which equates to safety for our students, cost-efficient savings for the district and the tax payers in Green County, and important emission reductions for our community," Leftwich said.

According to the EPAs quantifier model, it is estimated that there will be a 90% reduction in specific diesel emissions from the 1996 and 1997 buses

being replaced and the 2019 models.

Green County Schools Superintendent Will Hodges said the grant is a win for everyone.

"Anytime we are able to reduce operational expenditures and instead infuse those dollars toward providing a higher quality of education for our students, it is a huge win for everyone involved with our district," Hodges said.

Whitlock says the two 72-passenger buses

es have been ordered and are scheduled to be in service for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

"It is extremely important for us to maintain a modern bus fleet," Whitlock said. "Both of the buses being replaced were in excess of 20 years old and after they reach a certain age it can be costly and difficult to find the parts needed to keep them safe and operational."

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Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday

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Change your clocks. before heading to bed Saturday.

Standard Time will give way to Daylight Saving Time at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 10.

The change means the loss of an hour of sleep, but the days will seem longer since sunset will occur an hour later.

As an example, when you go to bed on Saturday night, set

your clocks ahead one hour.

Sunrise and sunset will each be an hour later on Sunday than they did just the day before. It will be dark longer in the morning but the light will last

longer in the evening.

Daylight Saving Time will end and we will return to Standard Time Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019. That's when you will get your lost hour of sleep back from the spring time change.

Gov. Bevin to be in G-burg on Tuesday

Governor Matt Bevin and members of his cabinet will be in Greensburg Tuesday, March 12 for a meeting 9 to 11 a.m. CDT upstairs at Longhunters Coffee and Tea Company.

At approximately 12 noon, the public is invited to meet with the Governor and Cabinet Secretaries at Longhunters.



Gov. Matt Bevin

Unemployment drops to 4.3%

Kentucky's annual unemployment rate dropped to 4.3 percent in 2018 from 4.9 percent in 2017, while nonfarm employment gained 10,500 jobs, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. It was the lowest annual jobless rate for the state since 2000 when the rate was 4.2 percent.

The U.S. annual unemployment rate

dropped to 3.9 percent in 2018 from 4.4 percent in 2017.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for 2018 was 1,972,312. This figure is up 19,280 from the 1,953,032 employed in 2017.

The number of unemployed Kentuckians for 2018 was 89,310, down 11,415 from the 100,725 unemployed in 2017.

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Fire destroys house



Photo courtesy of Beverley Fitzgerald

Firefighter Matthew Taylor works to extinguish a fire at 944 Pleasant Run Church Road Wednesday night. Units arrived at the vacant house, owned by James Hayden, at 8:17 p.m. CT after a passerby called in the fire at 8:06 p.m. Green County Fire Department was assisted by Taylor County Fire and Green County EMS. Units were on the scene for two hours.