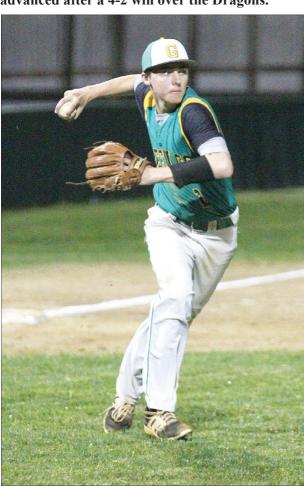


Gunner Bush strikes out five Eagles in a row during the first round of Fifth Region Class 'A' Tournament Friday evening at home. Campbellsville advanced after a 4-2 win over the Dragons.



Third baseman Kellen Whitlow scoops a bunt and throws to first for the out.

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#### Green Co. (19) vs. Hart Co. (4) April 9

The Dragons opened their week in Hart County, a district match-up against the Raiders.

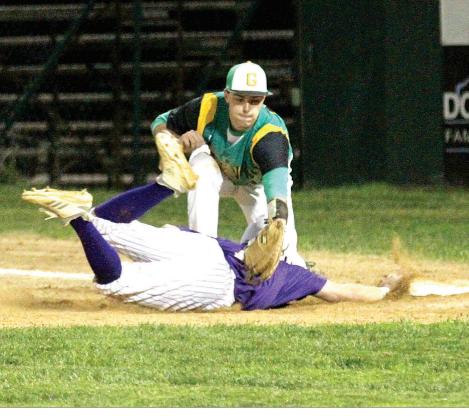
Dennis Rose's first at bat set the tone for  $the\,Dragons.\,He\,earned$ his first of four hits in the game, singled and would score the first run of the game after hits from the Bush brothers.

After Brody Bush struck-out the first two batters, Hart County matched Green County on the scoreboard when one of their runners scored after a teammate hit a double.

The Dragons added two more runs in the second inning. Jackson Johnson took one for the team and was hit by a pitch. Johnson scored off another bomb to center field by Rose. Rose scored on a single by Gunner Bush.

Dragons showed off their strength and accuracy when they stifled the Raiders' attempts to steal third base, not once, but twice. The second inning ended quickly and the Dragons entered the top of the third with a 3-1 lead.

The Dragons scored seven runs in the third inning. Kellen Whitlow started the base rotation with a walk. Jacob Keith advanced to first after he was hit by a pitch. Hits from



After a throw from catcher, Bryce Blakeman tags the runner on first. The Dragons outscored district teams Hart County and Caverna 36-4 earlier in the week with a 19-4 win at Hart County April 9 and a 17-0 shut out at Caverna April 11.

## GCMS Lady Dragons show strong defense in Russell Co.

The Green County Middle School Lady Dragons traveled to Russell County April 13 and competed in the 2019 Lady Lakers Invitational.

The squad showcased their strong defense when they held the first four teams to a total of three runs and committed only two errors in five games.

Their offense dominated. They scored a total of 54 runs in the Invitational. They moved swiftly through the competition: Russell Co 12-1, Pulaski

Co 13-1, Casey Co 14-1, and Russell Co 8-0 before falling 11-6 in a close fought Champi-

onship game to Marion Players included: Catie Church, Allie Burriss, Kaylee Judd,

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# Dragon Baseball is in full swing

Jacob Scott, Johnson, Rose, Bryce Blakeman, and Brody Bush all allowed teammates to score runs. Hart Countv scored three runs. Blakeman caught a ball in foul territory to end the third inning.

The big inning for the Dragons to seal their win, was the top of the fourth inning, with a total of nine runs scored. The seniors would remember this inning as they were each gifted with being hit by a pitch.

Brody Bush finished with four strike-outs. Johnson took over on the mound for the what would be the final inning of the game. Johnson got the strike-out for the final out; Green County run-ruled Hart County 19-4.

#### Green Co. (17) vs. Caverna (0) April 11

Braeden Sluder added a shut-out to his resume April 11 as he pitched two innings at Caverna against the Colonels. Sluder allowed zero hits, zero walks, and struck out two batters.

Casen Murray closed the game for the Dragons in the bottom of the third inning. Murray struck out two and the final out was a play made by second-baseman Warren Biggs.

The Dragons scored seven runs early in the first inning. The game started with Rose being hit by a pitch, but as the Dragons do, they capitalized on each opportunity. They scored on Colonel errors, and ran the bases swiftly as Rose and courtesy runner Keith scored after a line-drive by Brody Bush. Ball magnets, Blakeman and Whitlow were also hit by pitches in the top of the first. Keith would double to score Whitlow and Johnson for the final two runs of the inning.

The Colonels went three up, three down while up to bat. Scott's speed in center field often proves problematic for the opponent.

Six more runs added to the scoreboard in the top of the second inning for the Dragons.

A number of the seasoned Dragons subbed out of the final inning. Cade Kessler, Blayde Milby, Creighton Robertson, Casen Murray, Nathan Davis, and Cole Edmonds all got on base. Kessler, Milby, and Davis scored the final three runs for the Dragons.

#### Green Co. (2) vs. Campbellsville (4) April 12

It was battle of the bats, umps, and errors in the first round of the Fifth Region Class 'A' Tournament Friday at American Legion Park. The first match-up of the teams proved to be an entertaining event.

The teams locked down scoring in the first two innings. Brody Bush was on the mound for the Dragons. Two strike outs in a row ended the Eagles atbat for the first inning. He upped the anty in the top of the second and struck-out the first three batters who stepped up to the plate.

The Eagles returned to the plate in the top of the third and scored one run and would score a second their second run from an error in the fourth inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, Scott was first to the plate. His hit to left field allowed him to arrive safely at first. Scott stole second as he maneuvered away from the tag attempt. Sluder and Johnson each struck out following Scott. Rose battled while at-bat and his perhit to score Scott. Rose promptly stole second base and arrived safely with a scorpion slide in. Young got a solid hit that was missed by the infield and he proved why you always run hard to first. His hit tied the game as Rose scored, 2-2.

Johnson replaced Brody Bush in the top of the seventh inning. Eagles scored two additional runs before the third out. The Dragons fell to the Eagles 4-2 after they failed to score in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Eagles advanced to the Fifth Region Class 'A' Championship April 13 and defeated Bethlehem 6-2.

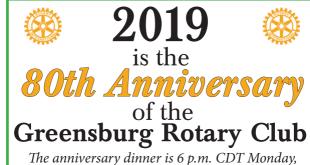
#### Green Co. (7) vs. LaRue Co. (15) April 15

Green County hosted LaRue County Monday, April 15 for their first district match-up of the season.

LaRue picked up an early 6-1 lead in the first two innings. The Dragons battled back. Blakeman and Gunner Bush each had home runs, but were unable to match the Hawks'

The Hawks scored a final six runs in the top of the seventh inning to the Dragons two runs; a run by Johnson scored on a stolen home base and an RBI by Brody Bush scored Rose. The Dragons fell 15-7.

The Dragons hosted Washington County last night and travel to Monroe County today.



April 29. All Rotarians and spouses and past Rotary Presidents and spouses are invited to attend.

### Upcoming Rotary Speakers

April 23 • John Frank April 29 • Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Longhunters (no day meeting Tuesday, April 30) May 7 • Joy Coffey and Interact kids Rotary meets at 12 noon each Tuesday at the Masonic Lodge on Main Street

