



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

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

April 29, 2009

Gas leak closes street - West Hodgenville Avenue was closed to traffic for 4 hours after a construction crew replacing water lines struck a gas main.

Deaton promoted - Campbellsville High School Principal Mike Deaton was promoted to superintendent of the district.

Educators honored - GCHS Principal Todd Tucker and GES teacher Donna Patterson were named Highly Skilled Educators.

Queen and king - The 2009 GCHS prom queen and king are Hayli Davis and Jef-

frey Campbell.

April 28, 1999

Rumors cause school absences - The rumor that a bomb would explode at GCHS caused approximately 350 absent students on Monday.

Auto hits house - A car struck a house at the corner of East Hodgenville Avenue and Depot Street after it was hit by another vehicle at the intersection.

BETA members attend meeting - The Green County BETA Club attended the 3rd District meeting at WKU. Four members, Jessica Shuffett, Amanda Patterson, Jamie Buchanan and Kim Shuffett placed in 3rd

District competition.

Yards sales popular - Yard sale season was off to a great start with 16 ads in the classified section.

April 27, 1989

Rabies in Taylor County - County residents are urged to be watchful of unusual behavior animal behavior. A rabid fox has been reported in Taylor County.

Church musician honored - Helen Winn was honored by Greensburg Baptist Church for 33 years of service as church organist and pianist.

Teachers receive awards - Three Green County teachers, Nancy Gibbs, Ada Mae Handy and Norma Lewis, received Excellence in Teach-

ing Awards.

Milby retires - Finis Milby retired from his job as bus driver for the Green County school system after 38 years.

May 3, 1979

Band participates - The GCHS Band and Drill Team is in Louisville to participate in the Pegasus Parade at the Kentucky Derby Fest.

State Farm office opens - Lawrence Gupton, agent for State Farm Insurance, has opened offices here.

Anaconda sponsors art contest - Winners in the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company's art contest were Jesssica Fredericks, Kathy Price and Elizabeth

Fredericks.

Giant dry land fish - Wendell Sullivan has gathered morel mushrooms, known locally as dry land fish, every Spring. He found a 10 inch long and 14 inch around giant this year.

May 1, 1969

Gun collection stolen - Thieves broke into the home of Dr. Kenneth DeSimone Sunday afternoon and left with 53 guns.

Purses stolen - Three purses belonging to employees of Henderson's 5 & 10 were stolen Saturday afternoon.

Plant starts production - Production has started at Greensburg Manufacturing Company.

Bigsreen at Skyline - A new 75 feet by 37 1/2 feet screen has been erected at the Skyline Drive-In Theater.

May 1, 1959

County assessment - Green County tax rolls reached a record high of \$15,506,477.

Wells producing - The Green County oil field is producing 32,000 barrels of oil per day.

Speech contest winners - The girls' 4-H speech contest winners were Marsha K. Coakley and Betty Bardin.

Newt - We've been having March winds and April showers this week, but hope to have May flowers next week.

Kentucky rates of child abuse highest in nation

THE WINCHESTER SUN

Kentucky ranks first in the nation in a terrible way according to a recent report.

The most recent Child Maltreatment Report, issued in late March by the the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, reveals Kentucky has the highest rates of child abuse in the nation.

According to the report, Kentucky had 22,410 child abuse victims in 2017, the last year for which data is available. That equates to a rate of about 22 victims per 1,000 children in the Commonwealth, which is more than twice the national average rate of nine.

There were also 10 child fatalities attributed to abuse in Kentucky in 2017.

Data for the "Child Maltreatment" report has been collected every year since 1991 from child welfare agencies in all 50 states along with Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C.

Data is provided through the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System, which clarifies that child victims are counted if a state is able to determine a "substantiated case" of abuse or neglect.

Kentucky's rate has increased annually from 2013 (17.3 percent), with a more than 27 percent increase over the four-year period. In 2013, there were 17,591 cases of abuse reported in the state. In 2016, when the rate was 19.8, and 20,010 cases were reported.

More than 15,000 of the victims in 2017 were first-time victims, meaning more than 7,000 children were repeat victims of child abuse that year.

Of the cases reported in Kentucky, most (21,313) were attributed to neglect. There were 487 cases of medical neglect, 1,533 cases of physical abuse, 44 cases of psychological maltreatment and 852 cases of sexual abuse — and many of these cases involved more than one of these serious issues simultaneously.

More than 3,000 of Kentucky's cases of child abuse involved

alcohol abuse by their caretaker and nearly 12,000 involved drug abuse.

Also according to the report:

— Nationally, evidence indicates children are most likely to be abused by their parents.

— Children in their first year of life have the highest rate of victimization at 25.3 per 1,000 children of the same age in the national population. In Kentucky, 3,090 cases were reported in children younger than 1 year in 2017.

— "Child fatalities are the most tragic consequence of maltreatment," according to the report. "For 2017, 50 states reported 1,688 fatalities."

This deplorable rating really comes as no surprise as even in Clark County there is an evident problem related to child abuse.

"Clark parents arrested for child's 'filthy' living conditions," "Father pleads guilty to shaking infant," "Mother charged after children ingest cocaine," and "Clark man arrested for sexual abuse" are just a few of the headlines from this newspaper in the first four months of 2019.

While many die each year, and others are treated, there are likely thousands more cases in our state where the abuse goes unreported.

These children survive, but are destined to deal with the negative ramifications of their childhood abuse for the rest of their lives — often prohibiting them from becoming well-functioning, healthy, productive adult citizens.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, a time dedicated to honoring and remembering the lives lost too soon to abuse and neglect. The month also serves as an opportunity for the community to band together to raise awareness, educate about risk factors and indicators and advocate for children.

It's a problem that has no easy solution, but one that must be addressed from multiple angles and quickly.

We can all take part in reversing this negative trend and helping survivors.

The most important things we can do are advocate and educate.

Learn about the indicators of abuse. There are many, including unexplained bruises, cuts, welts, scars, fractures and burns.

There are also behavioral indicators, like aggressiveness or withdrawal.

Other obvious signs are children who are frightened of their parents or say they are afraid to go home. Be mindful of children who report being extremely

hungry, who exhibit bad hygiene or dress inappropriately for the season.

Watch for children in your community who are often unsupervised, especially for long periods of time or in potentially dangerous scenarios.

Report potential abuse to the police or by calling the Child Help National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4ACHILD.

Encourage your legislators to support laws that protect children and strengthen punishments for abusers.

Additionally, our state must continue fighting against addiction, including drugs and alcohol. They play a huge role in the quality of life for our families and children, and as this research indicates, contribute to child abuse and neglect in our state.

Our state needs to also allot more funding for DCBS and other child welfare programs. There are shortages of qualified social workers

and foster parents to help these children find their way out of abusive homes and into loving, safe places.

Finally, we need to improve access and funding for programs for parents, including parenting classes, HANDS programs, educational programs and other assistance programs to reduce the burden of stress many parents, especially first-time, young

or low-income parents feel, which might result in abuse or neglect.

Childhood should be fun. It should be a time of growth and learning. It's a time to be nurtured and loved.

Our children are our future and they deserve better.

Be mindful. Speak up. Stop abuse. Report it. Be an advocate. Help make the world a better place for children.

2019

is the

80th Anniversary

of the

Greensburg Rotary Club

The anniversary dinner is 6 p.m. CDT Monday, April 29. All Rotarians and spouses and past Rotary Presidents and spouses are invited to attend.

Upcoming Rotary Speakers

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

Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

1. Tenor
5. Panthers' signal caller
8. Systems, doctrines, theories
12. Rulers
14. Indonesian coastal town
15. Type of cuisine
16. Kids
18. Single Lens Reflex
19. Extra seed-covering
20. Force out
21. Feline
22. ___ & Stitch
23. Semantic relations
26. A larval frog or toad
30. Sport for speedsters
31. One who is learning
32. Request
33. Famed WWII conference
34. Relieved
39. English broadcaster
42. Car signal
44. Grass part
46. Trivially
47. Serve as a warning
49. Centers of activity
50. An electrically charged atom
51. Small swelling of cells
56. Irritates
57. "___ your i's, cross your t's"
58. Removed
59. "Death in the Family" author
60. When you hope to arrive
61. German district
62. Turner and Kennedy
63. Midway between south and southeast
64. Emerald Isle

CLUES DOWN

1. Mathematical optimization search method
2. Country along the Arabian peninsula
3. Pointed parts of pens
4. Lake ___, one of the Great
5. Peruvian region
6. State capital of Georgia
7. Those killed for their beliefs
8. Typeface
9. Shri! cry
10. Sends via the Postal Service

11. Holds grain
13. Occurring at a fitting time
17. Vogue
24. Born of
25. Get the job done
26. Teletype (Computers)
27. Small southern constellation
28. Decaliters
29. Area near the concert stage
35. Social insect living in organized colonies
36. Winter activity
37. Snakelike fish
38. Not wet
40. In addition to
41. In league
42. Barrels per day (abbr.)
43. Monetary unit
44. Marked
45. Emerges
47. Shape by heating
48. Early Slavic society
49. Italian automaker
52. Racing legend Earnhardt
53. A type of name
54. ___ Strauss, jeans maker
55. Famed garden

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