

EEC announces Green to receive grant

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Five Kentucky school districts will receive \$231,237 to reduce diesel emissions from their school bus fleets, the Energy and Environment Cabinet. Final approval was announced last week, and Green County is included.

The funds were made available through the Kentucky Division for Air Quality's Clean Diesel Program and the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

School districts in Green, Bullitt, Jefferson, Franklin and Letcher counties will

use the funds to replace older-model, diesel school buses with new diesel buses that will emit 98 percent less particulate matter and 90 percent less nitrogen oxide than the older buses they are replacing.

Green County announced the acceptance of the grant at the Feb. 14 meeting.

"These new, cleaner buses will make a difference," said Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Charles Snively. "Students in these districts will breathe easier, and their communities will benefit from cleaner air."

Exposure to diesel

exhaust can cause serious health problems like asthma, and can worsen existing heart and lung disease. Children and the elderly are especially vulnerable.

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

The five school districts will replace a total of 10 diesel school buses. The awards to each school district are: Bullitt, \$25,524, Jefferson, \$54,621, Franklin, \$72,122, Letcher, \$26,102, and Green, \$52,867.

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.

While diesel engines manufactured today are cleaner than ever, tightening school budgets mean older, diesel buses that emit high levels of particulate matter and nitrogen oxide pollution may continue to operate for decades before they are

replaced.

"It is extremely important for us to maintain a modern bus fleet," Green County School District Director of Transportation Adam 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."

Whitlock says the two 72-passenger buses are scheduled to be in service for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

National Day of Prayer is May 2

The Green County Paul Cox National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. CT in front of the Old Courthouse.

The event will be held at the Greensburg United Methodist Church in the event of rain.

For information call 270-932-5658 or any member of the Green County Ministerial Association.

Concert

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Allen O'Neal (vocal and acoustic guitar) began his career in gospel music with his father, Ed O'Neal, who owns a well-known quartet from Kinston, N.C. named The Dixie Melody Boys.

Frank Sutton, Nashville (vocal and bass guitar), began his career with the Dixie Melody Boys in the 1980's also. Frank was initially hired to play bass but within a year he also took over the baritone vocal part. A few months later Frank was moved to bass and vocals for the DMB Band.

Olan Witt, Nashville, (drums), owns and operates an entertainer tour bus leasing business and is also actively involved in his home church, as well as the Bridge Ministry which helps meet the needs of the Homeless and Poor throughout middle Tennessee.

Jordan Humphrey, (keyboard and guitar), Hamilton, Ohio, is one of the newer members of Jackson Heights. He is the son of band member Kent Humphrey. Jordan is an accomplished musician playing many different instruments.



Photo submitted

The Joymakers will be in concert with Jackson Heights at the Greensburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church Friday night. The concert starts at 7 p.m. CT and the community is invited.

And last, but certainly not least, Greensburg native Jeremy Edwards joined the group in 2018. Edwards is a guitar instructor, session and stage musician, and runs a residential painting business. He loves getting to spend time with his wife, Heather, and their children, Nathaniel and Evelyn, as well as being involved in their home church.

Being longtime friends with Kent and Jordan, Jeremy said he jumped at the opportunity when asked to join Jackson Heights.

"I'm so thankful and proud to be part of this band," Edwards said. "I've always said God's music should be held at the highest standard, this definitely does that on all levels from the songwriting, singing and musicianship

as well as the production."

Edwards said he looks forward to playing in Greensburg for only the second time in his career with Jackson Heights. He also looks forward to the Joymakers joining in on the event.

"The Joymakers will be joining us," Edwards said. "They are a gospel quartet with a full live band founded and based in Greensburg, which features Kent's Dad, Leland Humphrey."

The Joymakers was originally established in 1957 and are always a community favorite.

Current group members are: Buddy Lowe (group founder), Tim McClain (lead vocal), Leland Humphrey (baritone vocal), Allen Poynter (tenor vocal), Ben Gee (bass vocal), Danny Hughes (piano, harmonica), Mark Noe (drums), Wayne Edwards (bass guitar), and Joe Hislope (electric and acoustic guitars, banjo, dobro, and fiddle).

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. CT Friday night. The community is invited to attend the free event. There will be no admission charge. A love offering will be taken during the event.



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Gadansky talked about a Jefferson County judge who became a victim involving a warrant for your arrest scam.

The chief operating officer warned against communication techniques such as phishing, spoofing and ransomware encryption attacks.

Phishing involves scam artists sending texts, emails, or pop-up messages to get people to share their personal or financial information.

Spoofing is a fraudulent or malicious practice in which communication is sent from an unknown source disguised as a source known to the receiver and can apply to emails, phone calls, and websites.

He commented that Facebook has removed, over a three-month period, 837 million spam posts, 583 million fake accounts, 2.5 million hate speech posts and 1.9 million terrorist posts.

"It's a dangerous

world out there, unfortunately," Gadansky said.

Ransomware encryption attacks block access to one's computer system until a sum of money is paid.

"The internet is a public source - be wary."

The Better Business Bureau provides five tips to protect yourself from financial fraud, including keep Social Security and account numbers private, never wire money to someone you don't know, be wary of online links in phishing emails, recognize that credibility can be faked, and report suspicious sales pitches and scams to the authorities.

To learn more about scams, visit the website, www.bbb.org/scam.

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