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Bear making rounds



Photo courtesy of Larissa Marr

A bear was spotted last week in several areas of Green County. This photo was taken near the road construction on Edmonton Road. The bear was also photographed near Clover Lick Road.

Freedom Music Fest is Friday

*Celebrating
the 4th,
on the 5th*

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The Green County Cattlemen's Association will celebrate Independence Day Friday night, July 5, with some big names featured at the event.

The Green County Freedom Music Fest will begin at 5:30 p.m. CT Friday evening at the Cattlemen's Pavilion on U.S. 68 north. Admission is free.

The event features an evening of music by local bands, food concessions, and a fireworks show to cap off the night at approximately 9 p.m.

Groups scheduled to perform are: 4th + Main, The Lindsey Family and Raymond Dick Stillwell.

The Cattlemen's Association will sell steak sandwiches, hamburgers and hot dogs, and the Greensburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church Crossroads program will be selling ice cream.

Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs.

Hodges reflects on first year

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Green County Superintendent of Schools, Will Hodges, has just completed his first year on the job and he already knows what he likes best about the job.

"The days I get to be back in the classroom with the teachers and the students is the best part of my job," Hodges said. "I can be having the worst day but when I step in the classroom and I see the good things that are happening there, that's what I get excited about. I love seeing the interaction."

Hodges is a former math teacher at Green County High School, but he has spent the last eight years in Green County Schools



Will Hodges

administration. Previously, Hodges was the Finance Director of the district, putting him in close day to day work with other administrators in the board office.

"I was working with Jim (Frank) for seven years," Hodges said, "so I was aware of most things this job requires, but it chang-

es when you take the head seat. The biggest thing is just knowing that in the end, good or bad, it stops with me and I want everything and everyone to be successful."

Hodges understood that there would be some adjustments that he would have to make when he took over the superintendency.

"The biggest adjustment was having the weight of everything and the stress that goes along with that."

However, Hodges remains optimistic about the tasks that he is faced with every day.

"I have the greatest job in the world," Hodges said. "I love my job; I love Green County and I'm passionate about our children. Every morning and every night, I'm think-

ing how we can make this a better place for our students."

Hodges knows that sometimes his work is not seen by the community, but is felt throughout the district as he strives to bring the school system's vision to the forefront.

"The motto of the school system is 'We Care' and as part of our vision, my challenge is to provide a bridge to bring the community in and make them a part of what we are doing," Hodges said.

As with most school systems in the state, Hodges admitted that finances are problematic here.

"Statewide, funding is a challenge," Hodges said, "and it trickles down into the district."

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Independence Day: A Celebration of Freedom and Unity

Since the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the Fourth of July has been observed as a day for patriotism and unity. It is on this day that exemplary visionaries dared to create a new form of government for a new people — a country in which freedom reigned. It is with celebration, reflection, and remembrance that we observe this Independence Day. "We, the people of the United States, have faced insurmountable odds since our young country's conception but continue to fight for our God-given rights unique to the United States of America..."



Senate
report
State Sen.
David
Givens

The Fourth of July is an opportunity to reflect on our country's past and to take pride in our nation's enduring principles. This day marks the first time it was decided that every person is born with certain God-given rights and the Declaration of Independence is still known as one of the most powerful statements of all time.

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Scott receives two prestigious dispatcher awards

Eighteen law enforcement dispatchers graduated Friday from the Public Safety Dispatch Academy at the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training, and Green County dispatcher Sammy Scott received two prestigious awards.

The graduates hail from communications centers across the state, and comprise DOCJT's 126th telecommunications academy class, which first began in 1999.

The students graduating from the Public Safety Dispatch Academy represent the successful completion of a highly structured and comprehensive curriculum. The five weeks of training consisted of 205 hours of academy instruction to satisfy mandated training requirements.

Major training areas included identifying the role and responsibilities of the dispatcher, correct phone and radio procedures, handling emergency and non-emergency calls for service, emergency medical dispatch protocols and use of the state and national criminal databases.

This class included 11 trainees of distinction. To earn this recognition, a student must not fail any tested area, not receive any disciplinary action, earn an evaluation rating of acceptable in every observed category and score an average of 95 percent or higher on all academic tests. Students who achieve this distinction are given a special academy pin to wear on their uniforms.

Greensburg/Green County E-911's Sammy Leland Scott received



Photo submitted

Greensburg/Green County E-911's Sammy Leland Scott, center, received the Distinction Award and also the inaugural Legacy Award. He is pictured with Beverly Fitzgerald and Chief Wayne Hedgespeth.

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award is given to graduates who have gone well above and beyond

what is expected of them.

"Mr. Sammy Scott,

the first recipient of the Legacy Award... You sir are an inspiration to us all," Jewel Wireman, DOCJT, said. "Dedication and hard work and remaining the most positive person I've ever met in my life. It was my job to help teach you these last 5 weeks however I think you taught us a lot as well."

Greensburg Police Department and E-911 Center boasted of Scott on Facebook Monday saying that he is an inspiration to the community.

"It is my pleasure to work with Sammy," Greensburg Chief of Police Wayne Hedgespeth said. "He is a unique individual, an asset to our E-911 Center and undoubtedly an inspiration to all who know him."

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