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Date	7-9	7-10	7-11	7-12	7-13	7-14	7-15
High	88.5	89.6	88.4	86.2	88.8	86	84.6
Low	66.6	67.9	71.2	65.3	62.9	67.7	70.3
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Green River Live to have big entertainment

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Green River Live provided speakers for last week's Greensburg-Green County Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Jason England, Marketing Manager at Green River Live, gave lots of exciting details about one of the newest entertainment venues in south central Kentucky. Green River Live is owned by Randall Smith, Corey Goff and Dennis Brinley.

Green River Live, located in the old Tabernacle Campgrounds in Summersville, will soon be opening to provide live country, rock and gospel music to the area.

England, who also works at Campbellsville University, emphasized that the goal for Green River Live is to provide a welcoming atmosphere that is family friendly.

"We don't want to compete with anyone," England said, "but instead we want to add to the community."

David Lee Murphy is set as the opening headliner at Green River Live, Friday, August 30.

Murphy, a Nashville recording artist and writer, has written or co-written songs such as Jason Aldean's "Big Green Tractor", Thompson Square's "Are You Gonna Kiss Me or Not" and Kenny Chesney's "Living in Fast Forward."

Green River Live has a house band, Heart of Kentucky Band, that will play most Saturday nights beginning August 3. The band

is comprised of Nashville musicians who have toured all over the world in sold out arenas, playing with some of the top acts, including Alan Jackson and the Gaither Vocal Band.

"The piano player alone has played on more than 100 top ten records," England said. "We think the house band can bring in more people than you've ever seen."

There is a lot of excitement in Nashville because of Green River Live's opening.

"I've been contacted by so many people in the last twenty-four hours," England said, "and I believe that it will be remarkable to see who walks through the doors. We have lots of artists and connections and word is spreading."

Construction is still underway on the site which will seat 1,000 people.

"We've put in state-of-the-art equipment," England said. "There is not a bad seat in the house because the worst seat in the house is only forty-five feet from the stage. Every seat in the building is a high back, leather seat. The stage is magnificent. We have an eight-piece band and it's not crowded with all them on the stage."

Everyone involved in this venture knows that this has the potential to have a huge impact on the community. "We are excited, not just for the talent we are bringing in, but what it will do for the community," England said.

Randall Smith, one

of the owners, told the chamber members, "We are so excited to work with the people of Green County. We want to make the area grow."

The facilities at Green River Live will have a concession area as well as a merchandise area.

"We are exploring the options for a restaurant," England said, "but our vision does not include the sale of alcohol. We want families to feel good about coming here. We want to create a destination event and we are told that a restaurant is one of those things we will need."

During the Chamber meeting, Green River Live emphasized one of their goals is to attract artists who will stay in the community, do things in town and stay connected to the area.

Lannie Harden, who spoke to the Chamber of Commerce members on behalf of Green River Live, is excited about the Summersville location for the new music venue. "We are centrally located to Mammoth Cave, one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World, and Abraham Lincoln's birthplace, one of the most popular presidents, that this is such a drawn for people to come to the area," Harden said.

The owners also have a plan for the traffic that will be coming into Summersville.

"We want to make sure we don't disturb our neighbors," England said, "so we have put in a new entrance to the facility from William E. Lobb Drive. We



Randall Smith



Jason England



Lannie Harden

are working on a plan for good traffic flow and we'll need a couple of months to make this work."

Green River Live owners have 15 acres for parking and upgrades. Presently, the parking lot is all gravel, waiting for it to settle but there is a plan to add blacktop as soon as possible.

There will not be a charge for parking.

"We know that there is only so much discretionary money for people in a small town," England said, "so we have no plan to add another charge for parking."

Tickets for all headliner concerts are available on Ticketmaster which opens up the possibilities of many more people finding out about the concerts.

"We know that when someone has a Ticketmaster account, they get information about all the concerts in their area," England said.

Tickets for the August through December season are available.

"We expect to have five to seven headliners in that time period," England said. "We

will also have about 20 Saturday night performances by the house band, so we'll have a total of 25-27 shows. If someone wants a season ticket just for the house band, the price is \$1,000. If someone wants a season ticket for all the shows, including the headliners, the price is \$1,500 and if someone wants a meet and greet with the performers, then the cost is \$2,000. And right now, people can pick out your seat for the entire concert season."

Tickets for the David Lee Murphy concert are already being sold and about 15% of the tickets are sold, even though the concert is still six weeks away.

Ticket prices for this concert range from \$35 to \$75 and are available through Ticketmaster.com.

Prices for other headliner events will vary, depending on who the artist is and the amount they require in order to be here.

Tickets to hear the Heart of Kentucky band is \$20 per ticket. Their shows begin Saturday, August 3. Dave Shuffett, a well known Green County native, is

serving at emcee for the shows.

"We need the community support," England said. "Please tell your friends about us. Help us spread the word."

There are some jobs that will be created by this business.

"We will be hiring ticket takers and ushers," England said. "It is so important for us to get the right hires."

Some of the artists who appear on stage will be the up and coming musicians who may be just two or three years away from making it big in the music industry.

"We have a talent finder in Nashville," England said. "They have told us that in a large city such as Louisville or Lexington, people will come from a four-hour radius for a concert. But we know that in a town the size of Somerset, people will come from eight hours away to hear the musicians they want to hear."

Green River Live has a Facebook page and their website is greenriverlive.com which will give more information about upcoming events.

Gov. announces special session

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Gov. Matt Bevin said last week he will convene the Friday, July 19 at 8 a.m. EDT.

Since the conclusion of the 2019 Regular Session, Gov. Bevin and his team have worked closely with state legislators preparing for a special ses-

sion to save Kentucky's quasi-agencies, including regional universities, health departments, domestic violence centers, and community health centers, from the financial stress caused by the state's looming public pension crisis.

The Governor publicly introduced a proposal to

provide immediate fiscal relief to the state's quasi-agencies and provide long-term options that will offer these organizations the ability to continue operation and save critical community services. This bill has been thoroughly vetted and improved with input from legislators.

Tucker to sign books

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Local author and photographer Lanny Tucker, will be at the Green County Public Library Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. CT for a book signing featuring his newest work, Photos In Green.

This book showcases images of local sights in Green County telling stories through

photographs. The book was Amazon's number one new release in early June.

Copies of Tucker's previous works, History of Green County, Kentucky and Harp's Head, will be available for purchase.

The books may also be purchased on Amazon or locally at Glover's Station Antique Mall or Longhunters Coffee and Tea Company.