

What's Happening

All times are Central

Today

Farm Bureau- 100 years

The Green County Farm Bureau will have a member appreciation day Sept. 25 to celebrate 100 years of service to Kentucky. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 295 Industrial Park Road, Greensburg. Free lunch will be available for members and there will be multiple vendors on hand with giveaways while supplies last.

Retired teachers to meet

The Green County Retired Teachers will meet Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Greensburg United Methodist Church. A meal will be catered by Buffy Scantland and Attorney Adam Stearman will be the guest speaker.

City Hall to be closed

City of Greensburg will be closed Wednesday, Sept. 25 through Friday, Sept. 27 for training. A drop box is located in the parking lot for your convenience. If immediate assistance is needed please call 270-932-4202.

Tomorrow

Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive Thursday, Sept. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Greensburg United Methodist Church on West Court Street in Greensburg. Eat iron-rich foods and drink plenty of water.

Author at Library

Christian Fiction Author, Ann Gabhart, will be at the Green County Public Library on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 3 p.m. for a book talk and book signing. Copies of her works will be available for purchase.

Weekend

Green Hill Luncheon

Green Hill Rehabilitation and Care will host a First Responder and Community Appreciation Luncheon Friday, Sept. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Green Hill, 213 Industrial Drive, Greensburg. For questions, call 270-932-4241.

Happening Soon

Book Clubs to meet

Between the Lines Book Club will meet at the Green County Public Library Monday, Sept. 30, at 10 a.m. Who Dun It Book Club will meet at the Green County Public Library Monday, Sept. 30, at 11 a.m.

Gun Safety Class

A gun safety class, taught by an instructor registered with the NRA will be held at the Library on Monday, Oct. 7, at 4:30 p.m. Register by calling 270-932-7081.

Ongoing events

Chair Yoga

The Green County Public Library's Chair Yoga class will be held every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the library.

Story Hour

Story Hour, a specialized educational and fun hour for children ages 2-5, meets at the Green County Public Library every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

Lapsit Program

LapSit Lullaby, for children ages birth to 2 years old, meets every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Library.

Reunions

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The England Estes Haynes Reunion will be held on Sept. 28, at the Bethlehem Church Pavilion. The meal will be served at noon.

The Family of Johnnie and Betty Nelson will hold a reunion Oct. 6, at the Summersville Fire Department at 12 p.m. It will be a potluck dinner and all are invited. For more information contact Margie Walker at 270-469-5956 or Suzy Burton at 270-299-5876.

Turning the Tide on Opioid, Substance Abuse

MITCH MCCONNELL
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

Families in nearly every neighborhood of our country have suffered because of the opioid and substance abuse epidemic. For years, the situation just seemed to get worse as addiction hurt more families. Kentucky has tragically been among the hardest-hit states. Thankfully, however, our years-long efforts are finally producing a glimmer of hope.

A new report released this summer showed overdose deaths in Kentucky declined last year by nearly 15 percent—the largest drop in more than a decade. Across the country, states saw similar good news culminating in a five percent decrease nationwide.

Every life saved from an overdose should be celebrated, but there is, of course, much more work to do. The drop in fatalities last year gives us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to do all we can to help combat this crisis.

Our comprehensive strategy harnesses local, state and federal leadership to attack the scourge of addiction from every angle. Together, we are helping protect Kentucky families from the heartbreak caused by substance abuse.

In response to my request, President Trump's Drug Czar Jim Carroll personally called to inform me Boyd County will be included in the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program. With this designation, local law enforcement will have increased coordination with federal officials as well as access to resources, equipment and technology. It'll help them play a vital role in the response to this epidemic.

These coordinated efforts make a real difference for the men, women and children who battle substance abuse every single day. Last year, HIDTA program initiatives around the country removed more than \$16 billion of drugs from our streets. That's why I've worked with multiple administrations to expand its reach in our state. Today, nearly half of all Kentuckians live in a HIDTA county and benefit from these additional federal resources.

Just as we're at the center of the deadly consequences of substance abuse, Kentucky is also home to leading experts promoting long-term recovery. Earlier this year, I hosted Drug Czar Carroll to see firsthand the innovative solutions we're developing in the Bluegrass State.

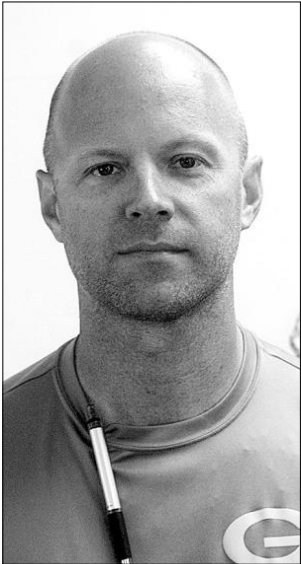
As Senate Majority Leader, I've mobilized the federal government to address this urgent crisis with landmark legislation and unprecedented levels of resources, including securing more than \$200 million of federal funds delivered to Kentucky.

I frequently contact high-ranking members of the Trump admin-

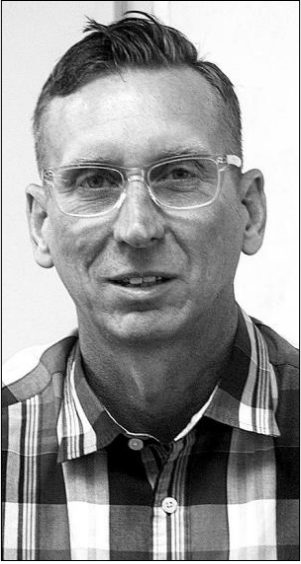


What do you like about the fall season?

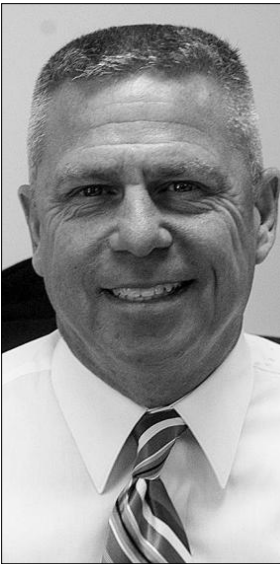
By Roving photographer Clevis Jeffries



“It’s my favorite time of the year because of football, hunting, and great weather.”
——Jeremy Whitlow



“It’s my favorite season because of cross country, football, and the fall festivals.”
——Erik Edwards



“I enjoy the fall activities such as Cow Days.”
——Mike Griffiths



“The smell of autumn in the air brings back memories of playing high school and college football.”
——Don Sharp



“I like the beautiful colorful leaves, Cow Days, and the cooler weather.”
——Jewell Akin



“I enjoy the cooler weather.”
——Donna Shots

istration in support of Kentuckians’ applications for competitive federal grants, offering my assistance in their efforts to bring resources to our Commonwealth.

The University of Kentucky recently received the largest federal grant in its history to continue researching cutting-edge treatment strategies. I was proud to work with President Eli Capilouto and his team to secure \$87 million for a large community intervention program across Kentucky. UK’s ambitious project will focus on high-risk individuals in 16 Kentucky counties with the goal of reducing opioid overdose deaths by 40 percent in three years.

This summer, I also helped deliver an additional \$48 million in federal grants to fight the crisis. By injecting these resources directly into local communities, we’re advancing prevention, promoting treatment and boosting law enforcement efforts. If your organization would like to apply for a competitive federal grant, please call my office (502) 582-6304 or visit mcconnell.senate.gov.

President Trump signed into law two bills I authored last year focused on particularly painful aspects of substance abuse. My “CA-

REER Act” recognized the vital link between steady employment, transitional housing and long-term recovery by encouraging partnerships between treatment professionals and Kentucky job creators. I appreciated working with Congressman Andy Barr, who sponsored this measure in the House. The president also signed my “Protecting Moms and Infants Act” to protect the youngest victims of the addiction crisis.

While each of these achievements is a milestone worth marking, we are far from declaring victory. In fact, many Kentucky communities are now seeing an alarming rise in meth. At all levels, we must work to keep dangerous substances out of our communities and to help those on the road to recovery. As long as I serve in the Senate, I’ll continue fighting to help prevent and treat addiction in Kentucky.

Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, is the Senate Majority Leader. He introduced the “Comprehensive Addiction Recovery through Effective Employment and Reentry (CAREER) Act and the “Protecting Moms and Infants Act,” both of which President Trump signed into law last year.

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