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District schools rank well *GCMS students top nine in state*

STAFF REPORTS

Green County Board of Education hosted a town hall meeting last Wednesday to provide information regarding the state's new accountability models.

After nearly four years of development following the December 2015 passage of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Kentucky's new 5-star accountability system for public schools is live.

The system can be viewed in the form of an online dashboard on the Kentucky School Report Card (www.kyschoolreportcard.com), where reports for each school and district will show graphics displaying the overall identification of one to five stars, federal classifications, the performance on indicators (from very low to very high), and any statistically significant achievement gaps.

For the 2018-2019 school year, 89 schools (by level) received one star; 251 received two stars; 643 received three stars; 233 received 4 stars; and 56 received 5 stars.

All Green County schools were 3-stars, with the exception of Green County Middle School, which was an impressive 4-stars. GCMS was a mere 1.3 points away from being a rare 5-star school.

School specifics:

Green County Primary & Intermediate

The testing occurs by the intermediate students so the primary school automatically inherits the

GREEN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

GREEN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RANK 9TH OUT OF ALL 173 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

GCMS RANKS 29TH OUT OF 319 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Intermediate's star-rating and accountability data.

Green County Middle School

In addition to being the #9 Middle School District in the state, Green County Middle School is one of only 20 schools in the state to be recognized by Commissioner Wayne Lewis for "extraordinary growth."

According to Commissioner Lewis, student academic growth for several elementary and middle schools did see some gains on this year's assessment results. Growth is calculated by comparing a student's K-PREP performance level on reading and mathematics (and English language proficiency for English Learners) from last year to this year. More than 200 elementary schools saw high growth, and 72 saw very high growth.

For middle schools, 41 saw high growth and 26 saw very high growth (see table 12 of the Media Briefing Packet).

Commissioner Lewis is recognizing 20 Kentucky schools for extraordinary growth and academic progress on a first Commissioner's List. Among those schools, Green County Middle School is named. Those 20 schools have had at least a 10-point gain in proficiency from 2017-2018

to 2018-2019 and received a Very High label for the growth indicator (elementary/middle schools) or the transition indicator (high schools) in 2018-19.

Lewis will be presenting the principal of each school with a certificate for its growth progress in the coming weeks.

Green County High School

An area the local district would like to highlight at the high school is their "transition readiness" index score. These numbers do not represent an actual percentage of students that are transition ready, but is an index score assigned by the state. Green County's index score was at 82.9, much higher than the state average of 66.8.

Overall, this means that a large percentage of GC students are academic or career ready.

"As a school district, that is our overall goal," Green County Superintendent of Schools Will Hodges said. "From primary through 12th grade, when a student graduates our goal is for that student to be ready to continue with post-secondary/vocational education or to begin their career."

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Homecoming Queen



Photo by Dale Curry

Kylie Jackson was crowned the 2019 Football Homecoming Queen Friday night during the game against Clinton County by 2018 Queen Emma Howell. Jackson represented the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was escorted by Noah Wright.

Busy weekend ahead at Green River Live

Lonesome River Band, Russell Moore and iiird Tyme Out

BY DALE CURRY
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Green River Live welcomes two bluegrass bands to the

stage Friday, October 11.

Lonesome River Band and Russell Moore and iiird Tyme Out bring their unique sounds to the Summersville community for the first time.

Lonesome River Band was formed about 37 years ago but their most recent album, "Outside Looking In", was released May, 2019.

The band played last weekend in Athens, Ala. at the Annual Old Time Fiddler's Convention and will play Saturday and Sunday in Richmond, Va.

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There's something about that song

Dumas Walker memorialized in hit song

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CFR NEWS

"Well, let's all go down to Dumas Walker's." This intriguing invitation is the first line of 1990 hit song "Dumas Walker" by Country rock band The Kentucky Headhunters.

Written by the band's members at the time, Doug Phelps, Fred K. Young, Gregory Glen Martin, Richard Oren Young and Ricky Lee Phelps, the song almost did not make it onto their 1989 debut album, "Pickin' on Nashville," because their record label believed the story was to regional to have any national appeal. The band insisted, and the catchy tune became a No. 15 hit that stayed on the charts for 26 weeks.

"What they didn't see, was the reaction we got to it every night that we played it in front of a crowd, and it didn't matter where we were playing either," Doug Phelps said in a 2007 interview on the Liberty 'n' Justice website. "What we discovered was that there



Photo courtesy of Claudia Johnson, CFR News

Headhunter Richard Owen recalled a fond memory of Dumas Walker. "Dumas could take two marbles, just one trick for instance, and set them two inches apart maybe, at 30 yards away," he said. "And I couldn't even see the marbles, and he could hit another marble, it would go between those marbles, hesitate, and come back to him, and of course nobody knows how he did that, really..."

was a Dumas Walker's in most everyone's lives, and by the time you added a good groove to it, people

were hooked!"
Yes, Dumas Walker's was a real store, and there actually was a man named

Dumas Walker who owned it. According to Phelps, Walker, lived and owned a package store just across

the Kentucky/Tennessee line at Moss, Tennessee, an unincorporated community also known nationally for its log home manufacturer, Honest Abe Log Homes.

"Dumas Walker's was a place where you could buy beer, snacks, fireworks on the 4th of July and just a small place where the old timers could hang and visit," said Phelps, who was not originally from the area. "It was a part of the Kentucky boys' lives growing up, and we just decided to write a song about it and him as sort of an 'ode to Dumas.'"

Walker was a world champion marble player for the game of Rolley Hole. The game is a team sport competed in by adults with handmade marbles. Walker was so good that people would come from miles away to watch him play. The National Rolley Hole Marble Tournament is held each September at Standing Stone State Park to preserve and celebrate this traditional game.

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