



Election is Tuesday

Kentucky voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 5 to elect state officials

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There will be seven races on the Green County ballot, including a special election to fill an expired term for the judge in the court of appeals. Topping the races will be the governor and lieutenant governor offices. Incumbent Republican Governor Matt Bevin and Lt. Governor Ralph Alvarado, will face Democrat challengers Andy Beshear and Jacqueline Coleman and Liber-

tarians John Hicks and Ann Cormican.

Voters was also elected secretary of state, Attorney General, state auditor, state treasurer, commissioner of agriculture and judge of the Court of Appeals.

In Green County there are 8,811 voters registered for the upcoming election. Of those, 5,670 are registered as Republicans, 2,712 are Democrats, 115 are Independents, 11 are Libertarians, one is a Constitutional Party member and 302 are registered other.

The total number of registered voters is down 23 from November 2018. Democrats have increased in Green County in the past year by 77, while Republicans have fallen by 32. There are 15 fewer registered as independence and seven fewer registered as



Photo by Tom Mills

Dean Blair, left, a former Green County magistrate, signed paperwork to vote absentee at the County Clerk's office Monday, while Deputy Clerk Jana Shofner Edwards, center and County Clerk Jessica Shofner Baker looks on. Absentee voting is underway now for those who will be unable to travel to their polling location on election day.

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Absentee voting is underway now at the Green County Clerk's Office. On election day, polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and voters in line by 6 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Anyone unsure of their voting location may visit to Kentucky Secretary of State website or call the Green County Clerk's Office.

A sample Green County ballot is located on page 12A.

Halloween is Thursday

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Halloween is Thursday and Greensburg and Green County are both ready for the big evening. As of press time, talk of an impending shower isn't changing the schedule of festivities.

The annual OctoberFest event will be held at the Courthouse from 3 to 5 p.m. CDT on Court Street.

Business and local community entities will be set up and ready to hand out candy and treats to all the little ones.

"Everyone is invited and welcome to attend," said Green County Judge-Executive John Frank. "Octoberfest is always a fun time and is a clean, family friendly affair. Please feel free to join us... from 3-5 CT in front of the courthouse."

Trick-or-treat hours are set from 4 to 7 p.m. CDT in the City of Greensburg for those going house-to-house.

Jane Todd Crawford Hospital Auxiliary will have Halloween Fest for kids from 4 to 7 p.m. Hospital departments will have decorated tables and treats for trick-or-treaters.

The Greensburg/

Green County Fire Department will have trick-or-treating and open house from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be candy, glow sticks, cupcakes, firefighters and fire trucks, station tours, blood pressure checks, info on upcoming recruitment opportunities and more.

The Summersville Fire Department will have a free soup supper starting at 4 p.m. Thursday for the community. Treats for trick-or-treaters will be given throughout the night and the SVFD Haunted Screams event will run from 6 to 7 p.m. for children and adults after 7 p.m.

South Greensburg Baptist Church will have a Fall Festival beginning at 4:30 to 7 p.m. CT and Greensburg Baptist Church's fall festival will be in the Christian Life Center from 5-7 p.m. Thursday.

Bethlehem Baptist will have a Trunk-or-Treats event in the Green County High School parking lot from 5 to 7 p.m. CT.

Check this week's church page on 6A for more trick-or-treat and Halloween festivities. The community is invited to all events.

Stay safe.

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Along with all the fun comes safety concerns, especially when it comes to crossing roads, pedestrian safety, impaired driving and even the candy.

Did you know:

Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than any other day of the year, according to The National Safety Council. In 2017, October ranked No. 2 in motor vehicle deaths by month, with 3,700. July was No. 1, with 3,830 deaths.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these tips to ensure a safe Halloween:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children around neighborhoods.
- If older children are going alone, plan and review their route.
- Agree on a specific time children should return home.
- Teach children to never enter a stranger's home or car.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.

• Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home and it can be checked for any open or suspicious packages.

• All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant.

• Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision.

• If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks.

• Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

• Motorists should watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs; enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully; and watch for children in dark clothing.

• Parents should discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

• If you go to a Halloween party where there is alcohol, do not drink and drive.

If each person would practice these tips and take extra precautions to ensure their own safety and the safety of others, there's no doubt Thursday will be a happy Halloween night.



Photo submitted

Green County seventh grade Lady Dragons traveled to Lexington this past weekend and competed in the KBC 7th Grade State Tournament. They returned home Sunday as Gold State Champions. Front Row: Meredith Abell, Riley Underwood, Grace Bale, Mia Blaydes, Mackenzie Johnson; Coach Carol Henderson, Caselynn Brown, Kinsley Robertson, Kaylee Judd, Emma Emmons, Sarah Matney, Kennedy Jackson, Coach Tammy Thompson.

Lady Dragons bring home title

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The Green County Middle School Seventh Grade Lady Dragons packed their bags and headed to Lexington Oct. 26-27 for the 2019 KBC 7th Grade State Tournament.

This team recently ended their regular season undefeated with a 19-0 record, and claimed both season and conference champions titles.

In their quest to add one more championship title to their resume, the Lady Dragons joined 24 other squads from around the state who also sought a state championship title.

Pool play games tipped off the tournament to determine seeding in the cham-

pionship bracket. The team quickly synced after a one point, 31-32, loss against Robert Campbell and they were determined to keep moving forward.

Their next pool play game against Lincoln County Middle School was a challenge, but the team pulled out a victory with a score of 34-31.

The Lady Dragons secured their spot in the State Championship bracket.

The Lady Dragons faced off against Southern Lexington in the first round of the tournament and proved their caliber of play with a victory of 49-23.

The team advanced to the second round in the championship bracket, but struggled to hold onto their lead against Bardstown

Middle School and fell 33-41.

The team moved out of the Championship Bracket and into the Gold Bracket.

Gold Bracket action started early Sunday morning with a face-off against Menifee County. The Lady Dragons moved one step closer to Gold after a 57-49 win.

Point Guard Caselynn Brown led the team with 12 points, Kinsley Robertson-10, Grace Bale-9, Mia Blaydes-9, Kaylee Judd-9, Meredith Abell-6, and Riley Underwood-1.

Abell ran Saturday afternoon in the High School's Class A Region 2 race and earned an individual medal with an eighth place finish. She kept her momentum up as she traveled from Bowling

Green to Lexington to join her teammates.

In the semi-final game, the Lady Dragons remained focused on the prize. Green County defeated Southwestern Pulaski 38-22. Bale led the squad with 11 points, Robertson-8, Judd-5, Brown-4, Abell-3, Underwood-3, Kennedy Jackson-2, and Blaydes-2.

The small, rural team of Green County earned a well deserved spot in the finals game of the Gold bracket 7th Grade State Championship. Their bodies were fatigued, but this young squad showed their level of determination and pure grit as they entered their fourth game of the day, the final game.

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