

Tucker speaks to Rotary Club

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Local author and historian Lanny Tucker spoke to Greensburg Rotary members Oct. 22 about his hobby as a writer, and the publishing of his books which focused on Green County and its history.

The local author's impression of Green County's Old Courthouse and its past fostered a love for local history, expressed through his writings and photographs.

In 2007, Tucker's first published work was entitled "History Among Us," which featured interviews, stories and photos of Green County.

Four years later, in 2011, he wrote "Osceola - The Town the River Claimed."

The book centered on the small town of Osceola, which existed from 1860 to 1900, located in the bottomlands of Little Barren River on Highway 88 in Green County.

The town had a nickname, "The Wicked Little River Town," Tucker said.

"In 1870, it had a population of 125 with four taverns."

The author noted that the book, "Kentucky Place Names" states the town got its name from a Native American war chief from Florida who died in 1832.

Because of several floods experienced by the town, Osceola was abandoned in 1900, he said.

Last year, Tucker wrote the historical fiction novel, "Harp's Head," which featured cousins Micajah Harp and Wiley Harp, who became the first recorded serial killers in America.

These men, known as Big Harp and Little Harp, murdered more than 30 people in a rampage across Tennessee and Kentucky.

Both men met their fate regarding the murders, with Big Harp's confession to the posse resulting in his immediate execution and decapitation.

Referring to the setting of the book, the writer said, "The book takes place in Greensburg during the Civil War."

Tucker said that the book's front cover



Lanny Tucker's books are for sale at Longhunters Coffee and Tea Co. and Glovers Station.

shows reflections on Green River.

As a revised version of his previous book, "History Among Us," his work, "History of Green County, Kentucky," was published last spring, which is a chronicle of Kentucky's 16th county.

The book's front cover highlights a photo of Greensburg's historical footbridge.

Also in 2019, Tucker released his latest book featuring a collection of photographs entitled, "Photos in Green."

He said, "It's 64 photographs of different Green County scenes."

A majority of the photographs were taken with his smartphone, the author said.

Next spring, Tucker plans to release his new book called, "Deeds of Blood," inspired by a true story which occurred in Green County in the 1840's.

Beginning with "Harp's Head," the local author's books were published through Amazon.

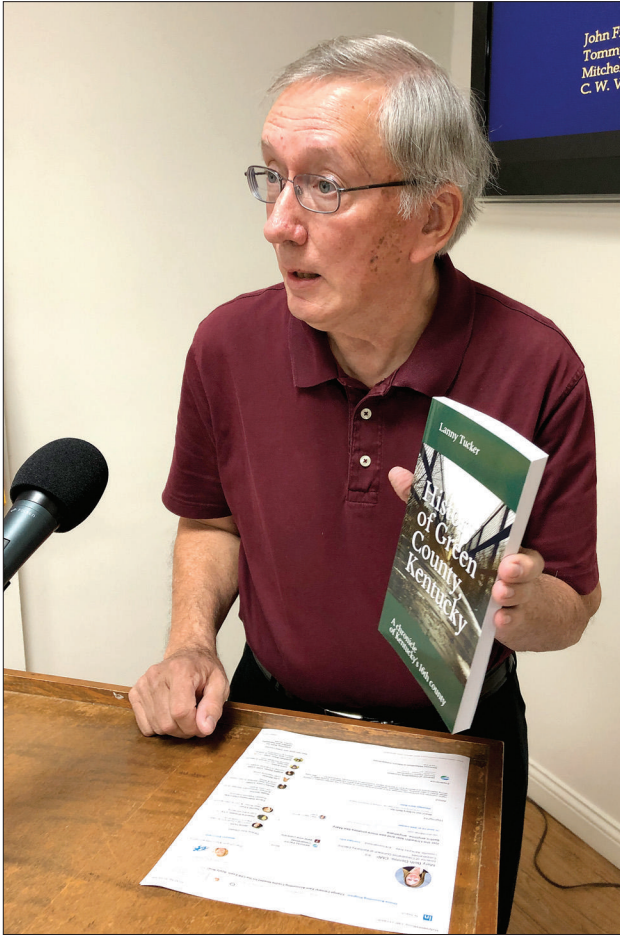
The company adheres to a policy of "print on demand."

Tucker's books are also available for purchase at Glover's Station Antique Mall, Longhunters Coffee and Tea Company or by contacting him.

The author attributes the start of his writing career while working six years for the Greensburg Record-Herald owned by publisher Walt Gorin.

His career, to date, includes the writing of 25 plays, books of local history, and taking photographs covering an array of subjects.

Tucker will participate in the upcoming Green County Genealogical Society Book Fair hosted by the Green County Public Library Nov. 2.



Photos by Walt Gorin

Lanny Tucker displays History of Green County, which is one of five books he has written about local history.



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Tyron Vanarsdale, 45, 315 Dillon Street,

Columbia, was arrested Oct. 23 at the Green County Courthouse by Deputy Tim Stumph on a Green County Circuit Court Warrant, Fleeing or Evading Police, Wanton Endangerment.

Matthew Stone, 28, 1984 Hall Cemetery Road, Greensburg, was arrested Oct. 23 by Deputy Tim Stumph, on a Green County Warrant, Contempt of Court.

Dragon Pride



Photo submitted

Green County Superintendent of School Will Hodges and his son, eighth grader, Houston, show off a Dragon Pride sign. Green County Schools would like to challenge the community to cover Greensburg and Green County with a consolidated display of dragon pride. Yard signs are available at Green County Middle School for \$12. All profits support the Green County School System and your favorite dragons.



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