

What's Happening

All times are Central

Today

GCPS SBDM Council

The Green County Primary School will hold their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the school's conference room. The meeting will be open to the public.

Tomorrow

Book signing at GCPL

Author Lisa Colodny will be at the library for a book signing Thursday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. Her most recent works include Chimera, Wavering Moon, and Turbulence. The library will serve refreshments and there will be books available for purchase.

GCIS SBDM Council

The Green County Intermediate School SBDM Council will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 4:30 p.m., in the school conference room.

Genealogical Society

The Green County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Green County Public Library. For more information, call Martha Houk at 270-932-4950 or Brenda Taylor at 270-932-4201.

Weekend

Stuff the Cruiser

The Greensburg Dollar General Market and the Greensburg Police Department are holding a stuff the cruiser event to kick off the holiday season Saturday, Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dollar General Market. Food and toys collected in the event will assist less fortunate children and adults in Green County. Everyone is encouraged to donate food and toys. Joe Creason will have food available.

Angry Birds 2 at GCPL

The library will be showing "Angry Birds 2" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

Happening Soon

Evening Story Hour

The Library will have an evening Story Hour on Monday, Nov. 18, at 4:30 p.m., for children ages 2-5 years old.

GCPL Board meeting

The Green County Public Library will hold its monthly board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

GCHS SBDM Council

The Site Base Meeting for Green County High School will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the conference room at Green County High School.

Masonic Lodge meal

Greensburg Masonic Lodge 54 will have their annual Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. All master masons are asked to bring a dish and dessert. Meat furnished by the lodge. All masons are asked to attend. Call Greg Jeffries 270-405-3596 for more information.

Ongoing events

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga takes place at the Green County Public Library every Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m., every Friday morning at 10 a.m., and the fourth Monday evening of the month at 4:30 p.m.

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.

Walking program

The library holds a walking program with Ms. Missy every Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. No registration required.

Do we believe what we want to believe?

THE WINCHESTER SUN

According to a new study, even those who are most social media savvy have a difficult time discerning "fake news" from reliable content.

"We all believe that we are better than the average person at detecting fake news, but that's simply not possible," said lead author Patricia Moravec. "The environment of social media and our own biases make us all much worse than we think."

The study from the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin, titled "Fake News on Social Media: People Believe What They Want to Believe When it Makes No Sense At All," finds the average person is most likely to believe news found on social media that aligns with their political beliefs, even if it is sensational and inaccurate.

Researchers started by asking 83 social media-proficient undergraduate students 10 questions about their own political beliefs. Each participant was then attached to an EEG headset and asked to read 50 political news headlines as they would appear on a Facebook news feed. Each participant was asked to assess the credibility of the headlines they read.

UT News reports, "Forty of the headlines were evenly divided between true and false, with 10 headlines that were clearly true included as controls: 'Trump Signs New Executive Order on Immigration' (clearly true), 'Nominee to Lead EPA Testifies He'll Enforce Environmental Laws' (true), 'Russian Spies Present at Trump's Inauguration — Seated on Inauguration Platform' (false)."

The students rated each headline's believability, credibility and truthfulness.

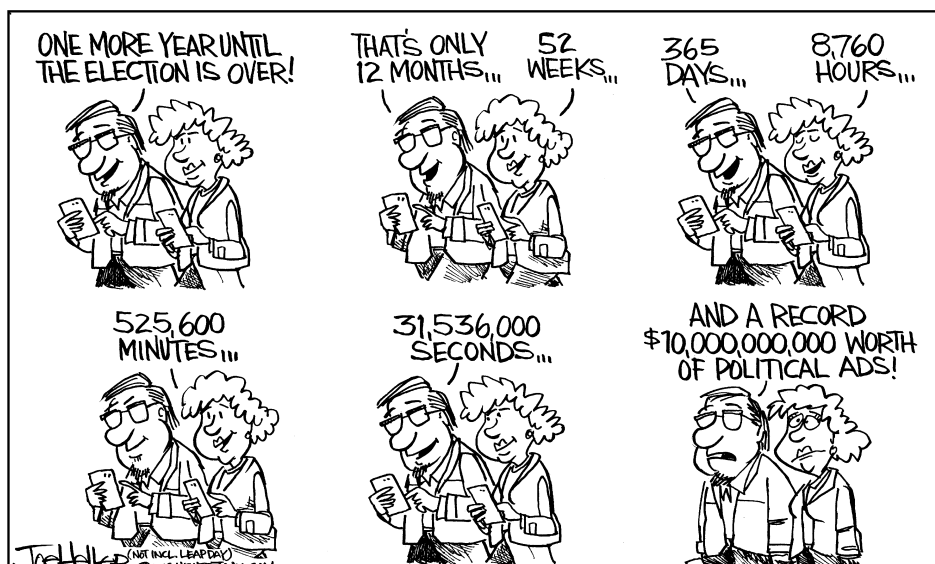
The study found even with a flag indicating the news could be fake, users were only able to accurately assess 44 percent of the news they were presented in the study.

According to the authors, "We found that the presence of a fake news flag triggered increased cognitive activity and users spent more time considering the headline. However, the flag had no effect on judgments about truth; flagging headlines as false did not influence users' beliefs."

"A post hoc analysis shows that confirmation bias is pervasive, with users more likely to believe news headlines that align with their political opinions. Headlines that challenge their opinions receive little cognitive attention (i.e., they are ignored) and users are less likely to believe them."

Political affiliation made no difference in their ability to determine what was true or false, UT News reports.

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Which basketball team(s) will you follow this season?

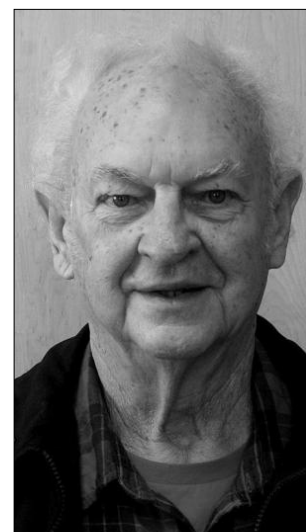
By Roving photographer Clevis Jeffries



"I will follow the Kentucky Wildcats and Tennessee Volunteers, because I'm a die-hard Kentucky fan and married to a Tennessee fan."
—Lisa Eason



"I will follow the Kentucky Wildcats and the Green County Dragons, because I think they both will have a good team this season."
—Troy Sluder



"I will follow Kentucky and Louisville basketball, because I enjoy watching them play on television."
—Wendell Sullivan



"I will follow the Chicago Bulls and New Orleans Pelicans, because they are my favorite teams in the NBA."
—Noah Signmon



"I will follow UK basketball, because I bleed blue through and through."
—LaDonna Willis



"I will follow the University of Kentucky, because I like Coach Calipari."
—Jennifer Tucker

ported identity as Democrat or Republican didn't influence their ability to detect fake news," Moravec said. "And it didn't determine how skeptical they were about what's news and what's not."

The findings indicate people are most likely to believe what they want to believe — information and news that aligns with their political ideas and beliefs — even if it isn't true.

When people are swayed by fake news, they are unable to make well-informed decisions about what's happening in our world.

Especially as we approach a major election, social media users will begin to see more and more information that is not factual on their news feeds.

According to a BuzzFeed News report, during the last three months of the 2016 presidential campaign, the 20 top fake news stories on Facebook generated more engagement — shares, likes and comments — than the 20 top stories from real news websites.

"The fact that social media perpetuates and feeds this bias complicates people's ability to make evidence-based decisions," Moravec

said. "But if the facts that you do have are polluted by fake news that you truly believe, then the decisions you make are going to be much worse."

So how can we better discern fake news from real news?

FactCheck.org offers some helpful tips to spot fake news (<https://youtu.be/AkwWcHekMdo>):

— Consider the source: Are you familiar with the source? Is it legitimate? Has it been reliable in the past?

— Read beyond the headline: If a provocative headline drew your attention, read a little further before you decide to share it. The headline doesn't always tell the whole story, even in a real news story.

— Check the author.

— What's the support? Many times these bogus stories will cite official — or official-sounding — sources. But once you check into it, the information doesn't back-up the source.

— Check the date.

— Is this some kind of joke? There is such a thing as satire. It could be funny, but it's not news.

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