



Greensburg-Green County A proud past — A promising future Way Back When

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Jan. 27, 2010

Investigating gas prices - City Council members voted to ask the state Attorney General's office to look into possible gasoline price gouging in the city.

Homeless count - There will be a count to determine the number of homeless people in Green County Jan. 28.

New building for fire department - Mayor Lisle Cheatham announced that the construction of a new building to house the fire department and the ambulance service will proceed with a grant of \$545,000.

Lady Dragons state bound - As champions of the Touchstone Energy Region 5 All "A" Classic Basketball Tournament, the Lady Dragons will advance to the state tournament.

Jan. 26, 2000

Volleyball approved - The Green County Board of Education voted to begin a varsity volleyball program at GCHS.

Winter weather - Several inches of snow

covered Green County roadways creating hazardous driving conditions.

Boots found in wall - A pair of boots, which probably date to the 1830s, were found in the wall of a circa 1830 house being remodeled by owners Mickey and Sue Vaughn.

Ice causes accident - Two Magnolia residents were injured in a single-vehicle accident on ice-covered KY 61 near Allendale.

Jan. 25, 1990

Cookies for sale - Local Girl Scouts are taking orders for cookies to be delivered in March.

Flu cases decreasing - The number of influenza cases in the county has decreased.

Garbage pick-up cost increases - The cost for residential garbage pick-up has increased by 18 percent.

Local publisher wins award - Publisher of the RECORD-HERALD, Walt Gorin, won a 3rd place award for his column during the Kentucky Press Association Convention.

Jan. 24, 1980

State Troopers commissioned - Don-

ald Wade Pierce and Rollin Wade Hedgespeth, Jr. were sworn as state policemen.

Dehoney honored - GCHS student Ben Dehoney has been selected as a member of the Kentucky All-State Band.

Hancock competes for title - Miss 1979 Green County Fair Debbie Hancock competed for the title of Miss Kentucky County Fair.

Mell, Helen Blaydes - Cold and frosty morning. I have just got through washing, but I can't hang them out until the frost goes off my line.

Jan. 29, 1970

Fire guts cabinet shop - Heritage Cabinet Shop in the Penick Addition suffered extensive damage to the inside of the building and equipment therein.

Clark Casual in Florida - A second rattan furniture plant is nearing completion at Plant City, Florida, according to owner William Clark.

Barn and equipment burns - A fire, on the Willie Milby farm near Gabe, destroyed a dairy barn and milk-

ing machines causing \$6,000 in damages.

Simpson growing pines - Fifteen years ago Guy Simpson planted 2,000 pine seedlings on his farm to improve the soil. He now has a fine pine grove.

Jan. 29, 1960

Hospital pledges - The Green County Hospital Campaign Office reports that over \$120,000 in pledges have been received in the hospital drive.

Pickett - We are glad to see the weather warm up some after it has been so dreadful cold.

Obituaries - James Alvin Marcum, 84, Jan. 19; Claudie Jackson Pierce, 78, Tuesday; Nettie Price Judd, 63, Jan. 23; Birdie Paxton Whitlock, 80, Sunday; Martha Helen Caven, 43, Jan. 22.

B & G Motor & Equipment ad - 1958 Ford ranch wagon, \$1,450; 1957 Ford 4-door sedan, \$1,295; 1959 Vauxhall, \$1,350; 1959 Pontiac, \$2,495; 1955 Oldsmobile, \$695; 1954 Pontiac 9-seat ranch wagon, \$450; 1956 Ford sedan, \$895.

Elk research using helicopters launches soon

Researchers will use a helicopter to locate and capture elk this month as part of a major research study on elk reproduction and population growth. The research will be conducted throughout Kentucky's elk zone and will launch this month.

"Netting by helicopter is the best way to live-capture elk for this important study on reproduction and survival," said Kyle Sams, acting deer and elk program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "After fitting the elk with transmitters, we will release them back into the wild near their point of capture so we can learn more about their behavior."

The effort marks the start of an ambitious three-year capture program to include hundreds of elk across eastern Kentucky. The study is a collaborative effort between Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and the University of Kentucky. The department will fund the effort and provide technical guidance while the university will analyze the data collected and report its findings.

The capture-and-release effort will be carried out on private lands with prior landowner permission and some public lands across the 16-county elk zone in southeastern Kentucky. This will optimize the geo-

graphic distribution of data collected.

All captured elk will be released back into the wild near the capture site.

Cow elk will be fitted with special devices that will alert researchers when a calf is born. Researchers will then be able to more effectively locate newborn elk, which will then be fitted with transmitter collars for further study.

Bull elk will be fitted with tracking collars so researchers can better gauge the survival of the elk.

Spurring this research is the transition of elk habitat across much of eastern Kentucky over the past two decades, from vast open grasslands to denser brush and young forests today. Being able to locate newborn elk in forested areas will provide researchers a better understanding of the entire elk population. Previous studies primarily relied upon young calves captured in open areas.

This year's capture effort is expected to last 5-7 days. Its duration is dependent on weather conditions and success. Researchers hope to capture 75 elk, split about evenly between bulls and cows.

Biologists also will use the opportunity to conduct live disease testing on elk to help gauge the herd's health.

Red River Gorge group signs \$700K contract

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The idea to possibly develop a destination resort near the Red River Gorge has now produced a \$1 million grant, a local advisory board, a contract for a master plan and a non-profit that wants everyone to hold on a minute.

"This is a long journey that we'll all be in together," said Elmer Whitaker of Whitaker Bank. He serves on the Red River Economic Development group, (RRED) a Chamber of Commerce spin-off of bank presidents and judge executives that quietly started thinking about development several years ago. That group voted Friday to hire Stantec, a national planning group, to develop a master plan of what a development in one of Kentucky's most important and ecologically fragile areas. RRED also has an option to buy an 891-acre parcel of land just off the Slade exit owned by local businessman Ian Teal.

Stantec will be paid \$769,000 out of \$1 million, \$500,000 from the state and \$500,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The firm will look at everything from environmental issues to branding to public engagement.

The RRED also appointed a local advisory board full of people with local credentials, such as Dario Ventura, co-owner of Miguel's Pizza in Slade, which is the eating and camping center for hikers and climbers in the area, and Nancy Hamann, the owner of Scenic Cabin Rentals.

Ventura said the advisory board will try to get opinions about the region's

needs because there is such a wide variety. "This place is finally blooming," Ventura said. "We don't want it to go in the wrong direction."

Slade is growing some small businesses and Ventura fears that a giant resort might kill that momentum.

"The worst case scenario is one that comes in and vacuums up what's best about this area," he said.

And that's the perspective of Red River Gorge United, a newly formed non-profit of people who came together because they were alarmed at the top-down approach of the Chamber folks and initial talk of a resort, luxury houses, wedding venues, restaurants, or a distillery.

"Instead of deciding that a destination resort sounded like a good idea ... at least some of us in the community feel the best thing to do is have a more open approach to it and say what does the community need and want in this area," said Kristen Wiley, a member of the new group. "I think there should have been more outreach before there was even a concept."

The issue of who is local and who is not has become contentious, a kind of purity test for who gets to speak for the Gorge or who gets to speak for Eastern Kentucky. This kind of tribalism raises its head often in places that attract a lot of out of town-

ers, but it's pretty counter-productive. Sure, a pro-coal Powell County native might have a different perspective on development and environment than a full-time rock climbing guide. But Powell County needs more jobs AND needs to protect the environmental wonders of the Gorge.

What's more alarming, and what could also use the efforts of such concerned citizens is that not one of the four counties involved—Powell, Wolfe, Menifee and Lee—have any kind of planning or zoning rules. So, as several people have pointed out, the private land that's a potential site, could be turned into a hog farm tomorrow.

Although much of the Gorge itself is part of federal land, it seems a bit crazy that there are no protections or even the possibility of protection for the places around it.

It's also good that people are asking questions about who's going to be making money off this project. Dave Adkisson, the former president of the Chamber of Commerce, recently retired and is volunteering as a facilitator to this project. He has pledged transparency, a pledge many of us have heard before. So it's good a group like RRGU will be keeping an eye on the process.

People also need to keep an eye on unintended consequences. How could develop-

ment support more than just service industry jobs a resort would bring? Would it be better to spread development out between the four counties instead of bringing it all to Powell? Will new development make property taxes too expensive for local residents?

"We have to make sure it's the growth to protect our culture and our environment," said Powell County Judge Executive James Anderson.

The master plan is due July 31, and the RRED's option to buy is Sept. 30. At that point, it's not clear what would happen. Private investors could take over the project and ignore any of the community input gathered for months before.

Friday's meeting went on for about three hours, and included civil questions from business owners, hikers, climbers, and local residents. Dario Ventura said the project had brought out more community involvement than he'd ever seen here.



GREEN RIVER LIVE

Saturday, January 25
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