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Finally — snow in county



Photos courtesy of Karla Deaton

This beautiful horse enjoyed the peaceful snowfall Friday morning in the Ebenezer community. Karla Deaton captured this beauty on Penitentiary Bend Road while on a snow-day-traditional joyride with her dad, Carl Deaton. This tradition, which started around five years ago, allowed for some beautiful photographs, new scenery and adventurous time well-spent together. Below, a barn owned by Brad and Chrissie Posey, dons a barn quilt with the initials of the late Lynne Givens.



City Council addresses outsourcing payroll

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The Greensburg City Council, in its regular called meeting Monday evening, approved the outsourcing of its employee payroll services

to Paycor Payroll Solutions, headquartered in Norwood, Ohio.

“Engaging Paycor to manage the city’s payroll benefits City Hall by streamlining our workload, allowing us to better serve the public,” said

Mayor John Shuffett.

In other business, Mayor Shuffett informed council members regarding the intent to reduce the boundaries of a parcel of property located on Quail Valley Drive. The Green County Fiscal

Court recently voted for said property to remain in the city limits.

“The Fiscal Court elected to leave the property in question within the city limits, and I believe that satisfies most parties,” he said.

Better Business Bureau warns of February scams

BBB

From the fires in Australia to earthquake relief in Puerto Rico, many consumers are looking for ways to help victims in these areas. Before you donate to any charity, make sure to check out give.org first.

It’s February, and love is in the air, but beware of romance scams! If your potential love interest postpones meeting you in person, asks you to send them money, or only wants to chat by email or text, you may be dealing with a scammer instead of a new love.

If you receive a text message from FedEx about a delivery, delete it immediately! Consumers are reporting these unsolicited text messages about setting delivery preferences with a link to fix the issue. Never click on links from someone you don’t know!

Although Microsoft is no longer providing support for their Windows 7 operating system, scammers are tricking consumers into paying for updates or expiring licenses. If you get a call from someone claiming to be with Microsoft, just hang up!

Beware of census impostors! While some of the questions may sound personal, census workers will NEVER ask for your social security number, account numbers, or money. If you have any questions, visit the official website at census.gov.

Don’t fall for a utility scam! Scammers are calling local consumers saying their water will be shut off if they don’t pay immediately over the phone. If you suspect there’s an issue with your service, hang up and call the utility company directly by using the phone number from your bill.

If someone calls you claiming to be with the social security administration, hang up! These con artists may say your social security number has been linked with a crime or it has been stolen and they need to verify your number. Never give your social security number to someone over the phone!

If you receive a call from someone offering you a government grant, hang up the phone! Scammers are telling consumers they qualify for free grants because they pay their bills on time or are good citizens, then ask

for money to cover taxes or an application fee. This is a scam!

A consumer told BBB they almost fell for a pet scam. While searching for Persian kittens online, they found a website that could ship the kitten to them. The consumer was instructed to send over money to “hold” the kitten. Don’t fall for it!

Tax season is underway, and so are the IRS scams. Scammers are pretending to be the IRS and threatening to arrest consumers and demanding payment over the phone. If you receive a call like this, just hang up!

Schools back in session

*Feb. 17 is
makeup day*

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Green County schools were back in session last week... for one day.

Schools were out Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 due to illness and low attendance at all schools in the District. Returning back to session on Wednesday, the decision was once again made to close for the remainder of the week.

“After being out for the recommended five days, our attendance was still below an operational rate,” Superintendent of Schools Will Hodges said, “So, we felt it best to give students, staff and families a few more days to become healthy.”

Thursday was a Gold Day and students were to complete work at home and turn in upon return Monday. To make up one of the days that was not a Gold Day, Green County schools will be in session Feb. 17, President’s Day.

Attendance was better on Monday; officials say attendance percentage was around 92%.

In 2019, schools were closed Feb. 27-March 1 for the flu and other illnesses.

“The flu seems to arrive at different times each year,” Hodges said. “This year is a little earlier than last year. There have been many years we were able to avoid any breaks in instruction due to sickness, but the last two years have brought about large number of influenza cases.”

Once again, the school district’s Facebook page carried the updates as well as reminders for staying healthy:

“1. Wash jackets, hats, backpacks, lunchboxes, and items that travel with your child each day

2. Consider sanitizing non-washable items with Lysol/Clorox wipes.

3. Remind children about the importance of proper hand washing techniques and covering their mouth and nose if they sneeze or cough!”