

# What's Happening

All times are Central

## Today

### Industrial Dev. Board

The monthly Industrial Development Authority Meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 4:30 p.m. at the Green County Courthouse, 203 West Court Street.

## Weekend

### Virtual after-school

Green Co. Public Library's virtual after school program, DIY bottle rockets, will be posted Friday, Sep. 18 at 2 p.m

## Happening Soon

### Flu Clinic is Sept. 24

CVS pharmacist Meg Lewis PharmD will be providing a flu shot clinic at Greensburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church Sept. 24, from 4-7 p.m. Please bring insurance/Medicare card; cost is \$40 if no insurance. Weather permitting, this will be a drive through flu clinic. If weather is bad the clinic will be in fellowship hall.

### Book discussion group

The library book discussion group will meet Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. at the community center.

## Ongoing events

### Prizes from GCPL

Green County Public Library is in a giving mood! Any child who checks out a book during September will be entered into a prize drawing to win a Teddy Bears' Picnic family basket. Also, since September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, sign-up for a free library card to be entered into a separate drawing for a \$25 Los Agaves gift card. Contact the library, 270-932-7081, for more information.

### GCIS SBDM Council

The Green County Intermediate School SBDM Council will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 4:30 p.m., in the school library.

### Freedom from Smoking

There will be a program for tobacco users who are interested in putting down the habit. The first meeting of "Freedom from Smoking" will be on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 5 p.m. This will be a live virtual course. Pre-registration is required. For more information contact 1-800-928-4416, ext. 1150.

## Reunions

The family reunion of Oscar Milby and Gracie Skaggs Milby is cancelled for this year.

The James Bailey Simpson Reunion is cancelled for Sept. 27, 2020.



## What are your favorite hobbies?

By Roving photographer Clevis Jeffries



"I enjoy working with my flowers and crafting."

—Beverly Clark



"I enjoy cooking and watching movies with my family."

—Brittany Judd



"I like to home decorate for myself and others and crafting."

—Marla Durrett



"I like to go shopping and take afternoon walks."

—Amanda Scott



"I love deer hunting and cross stitching."

—Carol Scott



"I enjoy shopping for home decor and singing."

—Alyssa Scott

# Some ole-fashioned values...

As I begin today, let me say that I just woke up from a dream and what follows is the essence of it. My friend Nancy Ballard sent me a terrific article the other day and I would like to share it with you. It begins, "I grew up in rural America in the '50s and '60s. On any given day, you could walk through the high school parking lot and observe that half the vehicles parked there were trucks with windows rolled down and doors unlocked. Most of them carried, as standard equipment, an FFA sticker and a gun rack with at least one gun, usually loaded. You could make the same observation at any of the four high school campuses in our county. Amazingly, I do not ever recall reading or hearing about mass shootings in any of these high schools. She then makes this statement: What has changed in America is not the accessibility of guns, but the character of man.

On the wall in my parent's home is a plaque awarded to my father in recognition of service for 27 years on the local school board. He told me that



By Jim Davidson

for years, a standard requirement on every teacher's contract was membership in a local church. I remember starting every school day with the pledge and a prayer. I remember when abortions were illegal, when the divorce rate was not 50% because couples stayed together for the kid's sake, when there were no "X" rated movies, when milk cartons didn't have missing kid's faces on them and I didn't know anyone personally who used drugs. I remember when kids were taught respect for authority and accountability to God.

Last night I attended a high school football game that was covered by local and national news. The news coverage was not about the football teams, but about the defiance of a court order by one brave little Texas town to preserve the right to pray before a football game. The more this country struggles to free itself from religion, the more we become entangled

in the consequences. It is an observable truth that the best time you will ever make on any American city freeway is on Sunday morning because there are no traffic jams going to church.

For those that believe that separation of church and state is not enough, that the world would be better off without religion, ask yourself this question. How many hospitals, universities, orphanages, homeless and abuse shelters have been founded by the ACLU or the American Atheist Society? Is it the inclusion of the word Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, etc., in the name of so many of these institutions that proves by actions, not just words, who really care for the suffering of mankind and desires to make the world better.

The question people should be asking is not "Why does God allow tragedies?" but "When

will we realize that no nation in the history of the world, have ever separated itself from God and evolved to a better society." Well, how about that? This really gets to the heart of the matter and was written by an unknown author who really had her finger on the national pulse.

Here is a question we could all ask ourselves. What has changed in America? The real problem that faces our nation is not guns in the hands of our citizens but the decline

of ethical and moral character by millions of people in this country. If the gun control people in this country would spend the same amount of time, money and energy removing "violence" from television programs and video games, we would be much better off. Good night. I am going back to sleep.

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