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Alcohol Beverage Ordinance passed by council members

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The Greensburg City Council met Dec. 29 for the purpose of swearing in the new council for 2021.

CW VanArsdale, Julie Smyrichinsky, Tony Morgan, Connie Judd, and Jerry Cowherd met inside the Community Center and were officially sworn

in. Marty Young, also on Greensburg City Council, was sworn in later, due to a scheduling conflict.

Mayor John Michael Shuffett is looking forward to the future of Greensburg.

"Tuesday saw the swearing in of the next city council," said Mayor Shuffett. "I'm excited for the potential of this group and

of our town."

In the final order of business in 2020, the Greensburg City Council met via Zoom Wednesday, Dec. 30. This meeting was also broadcast on Facebook Live.

Council members oversaw the opening of sealed bids on surplus city property. Those who held a winning bid were contacted di-

rectly.

Council members passed the second reading of the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance by a unanimous roll call vote.

The ordinance can be found on page 11A in this week's *Record-Herald*.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, Jan. 11 at 5 p.m. CT.



Photo by Angelina Alcott

Green County's Distinguished Young Woman, Lindi Compton, focuses on the state competition, which will air Jan. 21-23.

State DYW: Compton to compete in final segment Jan. 9

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Green County High School senior Lindi Compton was named the 2020 Distinguished Young Woman of Green County Sept. 26.

Lindi, the daughter of Mike and Karen Compton, will complete the final segment of state competition January 9, with the finals airing January 21-23.

The Green County senior, who earned the coveted DYW title in the midst of a pandemic, remains positive and thankful, regardless of how differently the program has been.

"Of course I am a little disappointed to not be able to participate in a live program and have the 'normal' DYW experience," Compton said. "But the DYW committees have done everything in their power to make this year's program as special as possible for us. I'm honestly just thankful to be able to have any program, no matter what it looks like."

For the local program, participants

were recorded Sept. 19 individually with only judges, emcee, and videographer present for interview, talent, self-expression, and fitness. The breakdown: Scholastic 25%, Interview 25%, Self expression 15%, Talent 20%, Fitness 15%.

In preparation for state, Compton recalls her first zoom meeting for state orientation, which was a bit different.

"Orientation was a three hour zoom meeting," said Compton.

Traditionally, each state competitor is placed with a host mom; they spend an entire week living in the home with the host family. This year being different on all accounts, Compton only spoke with her host mom leading up to competition strictly via Zoom.

A number of aspects factored change into competition and it was new for everyone.

"It was a challenge to prepare; everyone was figuring it out," said Compton. "I had to figure it out as I went along."

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Photo courtesy of the City of Greensburg

The 2021 Greensburg City Council was sworn into office Dec. 29 at the Community Center. Pictured are Greensburg Mayor John Shuffett, along with council members Connie Judd, Jerry Cowherd, CW VanArsdale, Julie Smyrichinsky and Tony Morgan. Marty Young was sworn in shortly after.

Sen. Givens gives a look at 2021

"It's an honor to get to serve."

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The Kentucky legislature convened yesterday in Frankfort for this year's session and Senator David Givens expects several key items to come before the body.

Givens serves the 9th District which is made up of Green County, along with Allen, Barren, Metcalfe, Monroe and Simpson counties.

"Another one-year budget is going to be one of the largest things we wrestle with this year," Givens said.

The legislature will have to deal with the state's pension system and in particular, the Kentucky Teacher Retirement Fund.

In odd numbered years, the legislature meets in what is called a short session. They will be assembled the rest of this week and then resume meeting on Feb. 2. The last day for new Senate bills to be filed is Feb. 12. After that, the session continues through March with meetings and voting taking place.

Givens is one of 30 Republicans in the 38 member senate. The 100 member House of Representatives also contains a heavy Republican majority with 75 Republicans which forms the majority of the House.

Another key topic that Givens expects the



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Senator David Givens, who serves the 9th District, says the one year budget will be one of the largest things the Kentucky legislature will deal with this year.

Senate to deal with is the possible limiting of the governor's authority in times of emergency.

"We want to make sure the governor can use the appropriate but measured use of emergency powers," Givens said.

Other items that the Senate is expected to deal with involves funding post-secondary education. Givens is a member of the Education Committee, which is chaired by Senator Max Wise, Campbells-

ville. This committee has the responsibility of dealing with matters of public primary, secondary and higher education and other related issues.

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected many small businesses in the state and Givens believes that unemployment legislation will also be a big topic for discussion.

"We want to help create more opportunities for all Kentuckians, and we realize that not everyone has

the same opportunity," Givens said.

Givens will have the opportunity to have input in lots of ways because of his service on six different Senate committees.

In addition to the Education Committee, Givens serves on the Health and Welfare Committee, Committee on Committees, Agriculture Committee, Rules Committee and the Appropriations and Revenue Committee. He also serves as the vice-president of the Senate as a result of his election to that post by other senators.

"It's an honor to get to serve," said Givens. "I have a great deal of appreciation for the community for re-electing me and especially to my family and co-workers at Central Farmers Supply. I have complete confidence in them and their ability to run the business which allows me to be away during this time."

Givens has completed 12 years as a state senator and is beginning his fourth term from this district.

During this session, Givens says that he wants to hear input from people in the community and he encourages people to contact him by email at David.Givens@lrc.ky.gov or may leave a message for him by calling 502-564-3120.

Baby Leftwich could be the first 2021 baby

BY CRYSTAL CECIL

Sarah Leftwich.

There is a potential winner in the 55th *Greensburg Record-Herald's* first baby of the new year contest.

Lana Kate Leftwich was born January 2 at 11:01 a.m. ET at Taylor Regional Hospital to parents Zachary and

Anyone who knows of a baby born earlier to Green County parents has until noon Friday to contact the *Record-Herald*. If not, Miss Lana Kate will be declared the official first baby and receive numerous gifts from area merchants.