



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

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**March 3, 2011**  
**BOE chose Frank**  
- Jim Frank has been chosen as the new Green County School superintendent.

**Storm causes damage** - Several properties were damaged by high winds Monday.

**Truck crashes into building** - A pick-up truck jumped the curb and crashed into the entrance of Brenda's Flowers and Gifts.

**Truck blocks road** - Legion Park Road was blocked for 45 minutes when a semi and trailer became stuck in mud while trying to turn around.

**Feb. 28, 2001**  
**Ice** - Green Counties awaken Thursday morning to an ice covered landscape.

**Patterson dies in accident** - Nathan B. Patterson died Wednesday in a single-vehicle accident on Milder Creek Road in Taylor County.

**School construction to begin** - The winning bid for construction of the new

GCES was \$250,000 under estimate.

**Nature Conservancy office** - Richie Kessler, director of the Green River Bioserve, has asked the City Council's permission to lease the old Waterworks Building for office space.

**Feb. 27, 1991**

**Four killed in accident** - Three members of the Dobson family, Susan Dobson, 54, Sandra Dobson Vetter, 29, and 5-year-old Timothy Wayne Vetter, died in a two-vehicle accident north of Summersville. Katie Faye Hall Compton died in the crash, also.

**Bus drivers licensed** - Thirteen school bus drivers have received the new Commercial Driver's License now required by law.

**Local restaurant on TV** - A WLKY TV crew was in Greensburg to film Judd's Restaurant, aka known as "Dolphuses", to be used in a story on The Kentucky Headhunters.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coffey celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniver-

sary February 17 with family and friends.

**Feb. 26, 1981**  
**One classy auto** - A 1955 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery, owned by Hubert Paxton, was first in its class at the Karl Kasper Car Show.

**Curry opens business** - Larry Curry has opened Curry's Watch and Antique Clock Repair in Campbellsville.

**Fund started for Gregorys** - A fund has been started to benefit Robert and Alfred Gregory, who lost everything in a fire.

**Mell, Helen Blaydes** - Today is gloomy and windy. We are expecting thunder storms later today.

**March 4, 1971**  
**Pickett retires** - Howard Pickett, who has been superintendent of the Greensburg Water Works for 31 years, has retired.

**Working for a rec center** - Thirty-four teenagers spent Wednesday and Thursday nights working to remodel the rear of the state garage building on Hodgenville Avenue for a rec center.

**Improving the park** - Under the supervision of Rev.

George K. Bowling a fence is being constructed around the croquet court at American Legion Park.

**Coffey awarded medals** - Pvt. First Class Robert A. Coffey, who was killed in Vietnam Feb. 25, 1969, has been awarded the Military Merit Medal and the Gallantry Cross with Palm by the Republic of Vietnam.

**March 3, 1961**  
**Blizzard hits area** - Friday's sunny, 70-degree weather turned into sleet, snow and cold wind on Saturday. Snow blew into drifts 4-feet deep.

**A new post office** - The Post Office Department will construct a new post office at the corner of South Main Street and Columbia Avenue.

**Pierce** - We sure were thankful for the 68-degree weather Monday, after having one of the worst snow storms we have ever seen on Saturday.

**Polio drive** - The people of Greensburg and Green County donated \$1,837.52 to the March of Dimes Polio Drive.



Green County Public Library Genealogy  
Laura Johnson



Dr. David C. Donan, pictured about 1903.

Dr. David Crews Donan was born in Hart County, Kentucky on September 13, 1836. His mother was Elizabeth Gillaspay from Virginia. His father, David Crews Donan, was from North Carolina and a veteran of the War of 1812. They married in Barren County in 1823.

David's father died in 1841, leaving instructions in his will that provided for the education of David and his three brothers. The family, which was Catholic, sent David to be educated at St. Joseph's College in Bardstown. He went on to become an accredited physician, graduating from Kentucky School of Medicine in 1859.

Dr. Donan married first to Bettie Washington Hazel, who preceded him in death in 1879. They had made their home at Three Springs, a community lying in Hart County, near the borders of Green, Barren, and Metcalfe counties. He attended patients in the surrounding area. The couple had two daughters: Martha Lillie Donan (1873-1948) and Lucy Ann Donan (1876-1956). Martha married Milton Thomas Cann and lived in Miami, Florida. Lucy married Albert S. Edwards and lived in Hart County.

The doctor married for a second time to Victoria Grady in 1881. They had two sons: David Cummins Donan (1882-1947) and Arthur Liston Donan (1885-1967). David married Adeline J. Callaway and lived in Union County, Kentucky. He became a physician like his father. Arthur married Elizabeth Sugg and lived in Webster

County, Kentucky. He worked in the coal industry.

Victoria was an accomplished businesswoman in her own right. She passed the State Board of Pharmacy examination in 1906 then operated her own drug store at Three Springs as well as overseeing two good farms.

Dr. Donan was a practicing physician for over half a century, helping countless people. He had also been a major stockholder of the Greensburg and Hardyville Telephone Company, elected as President of their Directors in 1902. He made an unsuccessfully bid for Democratic State Senator in 1903.

Noted through local word-of-mouth, Dr. Donan is believed to be the namesake of the Donansburg community of Green County. He reportedly surveyed the area for the railroad company that planned to put a line from Greensburg through to Glasgow. Tracks laid in 1879 never went farther than Greensburg, but the area retained his name. The post office at Donansburg was established June 1, 1888.

Dr. Donan died at his home on October 19, 1928 at the age of 92, survived by his wife and four children.

## Bridges—A young civil rights activist

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

The history of African Americans has been shaped by many influential figures, including various civil rights activists. Ruby Bridges may be one of the youngest.

At age six, Ruby Bridges became the first African American student to integrate the formerly all-white William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans.

Although Bridges lived five blocks away from William Frantz Elementary School, she had to attend kindergarten several miles away at an all-black segregated school.

Bridges volunteered to take an entrance test to be able to attend the all-white school. The test was purportedly designed to be extremely difficult so that students would have a hard time passing it, and thusly New Orleans could avoid



Ruby Bridges

de-segregation if all the African American children failed the test.

Individuals from the NAAP informed Bridges' parents that their daughter was one of only six African American students to pass the test.

On November 14, 1960, she was escorted to class by her mother and the United States Marshals Service due to the presence of angry mobs outside the school.

Bridges was the first African American student to attend the school and the first black child to attend an all-white elementary school in the south.

The first day of school proved poor as nearly all of the white parents at the school had kept their children home and Bridges spent the day with the principal. The ensuing days weren't much better.

Eventually, only one teacher in the school, Barbara Henry, formerly of Boston, agreed to teach Bridges.

Bridges never missed a day of school that year, even though she ate lunch alone each day and no one played with her at recess.

Her early foray into civil rights prompted Bridges to establish The Ruby Bridges Foundation to promote tolerance and change through education.

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In Kentucky, 662,000 people struggle with hunger and may not know where they will find their next meal. That number includes one in every five kids who may not have enough to eat.

Kentucky has the highest rate in the nation of food insecurity among adults age 50-59. Nationally, the food insecurity rate among adults age 50-59 is 10.6 percent while in Kentucky the rate is 17.3 percent.

*Attention Newlyweds*

Send me your wedding photo!

If you were married in the last 12 months, we would like to publish your favorite wedding/honeymoon photo in the Record-Herald Bridal Section, which will go to the printer soon.

Please include the adjacent information and submit original photos (JPG format) to [news2@record-herald.com](mailto:news2@record-herald.com)

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