



Governor: Flags to fly at half-staff

In accordance with a proclamation from the White House, Gov. Andy Beshear has directed that flags at all state office buildings be lowered to half-staff until sunset on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, to commemorate the milestone of more than 500,000 American lives lost to COVID-19.

The Governor and First Lady joined President and Mrs. Biden and Vice President Harris and Mr. Emhoff in observing a moment of silence Monday evening at sundown in remembrance of those who have died from the virus.

Gov. Beshear encourages individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the commonwealth to join in this tribute. Flag status information is available at <https://governor.ky.gov/flag-status>.



Photo by Angelina Alcott

Jase and Reese Estes take advantage of the ice-covered Hugh Paxton Road Feb. 18, enjoying an afternoon of sledding after the county saw a whopping 7.1 inches of snow and ice. Sleet visited the county early last week, bringing in 2.3 inches, according to local weather forecaster Corey Houk. Wednesday and Thursday's snowstorm covered the ice with an additional 4.8 inches of good old snow. Green County road crews worked diligently to keep the roads travelable, but Mother Nature made it difficult. The Greensburg E-911 Center received approximately 30 requests for assistance during the winter weather event.

Limited free tax preparations

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Though running a bit later than normal, the AARP Foundation Tax Aide free tax assistance service will once again be offered this year, however, things will be different.

The program is under strict rules due to Covid-19 and they have been delayed by about three weeks, organizers say.

"We are going to try to accommodate as many of

our current customers as possible," Brenda Cook said.

There will be no walk-ins this year; taxes will be taken by appointment only.

Only the taxpayer and spouse will be able to come into the building. Tax preparers will scan materials, attendees will take all materials with them as they leave. One of the counsels will file the taxes and appointments

will be made to return to pick up the tax returns at a later date.

The program, previously located at the Greensburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church has had to move to a different location this year.

"We do thank the Church for the many years they have let us use their facility to help all of you," Brenda Cook said.

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Green County hires new head football coach

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Kirklyn "Colt" Phelps has been named the head coach of the Green County High School Football Dragons.

A widely attended meet and greet was held Friday evening at GCHS, allowing the team, parents, and community members a chance to welcome the new coach.

An assistant coach at Ashland Paul Blazer High School since 2013, Coach Phelps brings with him a winning record to Green County. He is coming in with the 2020 KHSAA Class 3A State Championship title under his belt. The team achieved an impressive 32-5 record.

Phelps served as Varsity Offensive Coordinator from 2018 for the Ashland Paul Blazer Tomcats. During this span, the offense averaged over 4,500 yards per season.

The 2020 Tomcats were undefeated, securing the state championship. Leading up to that, 2019 brought a district championship title, along with a regional runner-up finish and regional runner-up honors in 2018.

The new head coach grew up in Louisa, Ky., in Lawrence County, a location he says is similar in geographics to Greensburg, with



Photo by Angelina Alcott

Kirklyn "Colt" Phelps has been named the new head football coach of the Green County High School Dragons. Phelps, who served as Varsity Offensive Coordinator for the State Championship winning Ashland Paul Blazer Tomcats, plans to build on the toughness of the Green County boys and looks forward to coaching in a supportive community.

about 1,200-1,300 people.

Coach Phelps attended the Lawrence County school system through middle school before moving to Ashland, where he played football for Ashland Paul Blazer High School.

Phelps attended Marshall University where he pursued civil engineering, and finished his undergraduate degree at Morehead State University.

"After tutoring a bit, I fell

in love with teaching."

He has since taught math from 7th through high school including math, Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, calculus, and other similar courses.

"After a few years of teaching, we started the engineering program at Ashland, Project Lead the Way," he said. "I taught Intro to Engineering and Principles of Engineering there."

Phelps went on to describe his interest in the Green County Area Technology Center.

"Some of those classes taught heavier mathematics... a pretty cool class. I'm hoping to do something like here."

"I've talk to Jordan Turner at the ATC; he's got some really cool stuff and ideas and I'm really excited about all of that!"

Phelps is hoping to obtain a teaching job in some capacity in the school system, to both utilize his background in education and reaming close to the students.

Why Green County?

"I was sitting there talking to my wife shortly after we won the state championship game at Ashland," Phelps said. "I told her I felt like I had checked all the boxes when it came to accomplishments in Ashland— building my resume, having so many experiences. It's been a lifelong dream to be a head coach and I've always wanted to give back to a small community like where I grew up... a community that really rallies behind the kids."

"Then I saw this job open up," he said. "I looked at Taylor, my wife, and said 'I think this might be an opportunity.'"

Phelps said he came to Greensburg and immediately fell in love with the town.

"It's got all the right vibes... the community support and potential for doing what we want to do."

From there, all the cards fell into place.

"I took a shot at it and here we are."

All the way from Ashland, a county which borders Ohio and West Virginia, and a solid 4+ hour drive, it's a question he will likely receive a few times... How did you find Green County?

"I'm a fairly well-read and researched guy; I've done a lot of research on the area and I talked to a lot of coaches when thinking about applying."

The answers received gave him the push he needed.

"I had a resounding and similar message from coaches around the area and anyone that would know... 'Great community support,' and 'a bunch of tough kids.'"

"To me, I don't think you can have much of a better compliment than that."

Phelps wants to build on the toughness of the team.

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