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School Board adopts 2021-22 School Calendar

Two special recognitions at meeting

STAFF REPORTS

The Green County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday. During the meeting, the Board of Education resumed employee and student recognitions for the first time since being paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Green County High School Principal Ben Davenport was presented with the Board of Education's Golden Apple "Above and Beyond" Award. Mr. Davenport was recognized for over two decades of

service to the Green County School District.

The nomination letter mentioned that over his career Mr. Davenport has devoted significant time to helping students. The letter elaborated that Davenport has been with students all along their education journey beginning with their first day of school and seeing students through graduation, referencing Mr. Davenport's prior service as Green County Primary School principal and his current role as the high school

principal.

Green County High School student Will Bonta was also presented with a certificate of recognition for outstanding achievement. Bonta was recently announced as the state-wide winner of the KACTE Entrepreneurship Event. Bonta's project was a business model related to USDA-certified beef and earned the \$1,000 first-place prize.

In items of business, the Board of Education approved second-reading and adoption of the

2021-2022 School Calendar and 2021-2022 Preschool Calendar.

The first day for students will be August 3, 2021.

The board also amended the 2020-2021 school calendar. The last day for students in the current school year has been set to Thursday, May 27 with graduation set to Friday, May 28.

Other items before the board included approval of the 2021-2023 bank depository bid from Limestone Bank and adoption of the 2021-2022 student

GREEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Calendar 2021-22

Jul. 27-30, 2021	Prof. Development
Aug. 2, 2021	Opening Day
Aug. 3, 2021	First Day for Students
Sept. 6, 2021	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 1-8, 2021	Fall Break
Nov. 24-26, 2021	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 17 - Jan. 3	Christmas Break
Jan. 17, 2022	MLK Day Holiday
Feb. 21, 2022	President's Day Holiday
March 11, 2022	Break
April 1-8, 2022	Spring Break
May 17, 2022	Last Day for Students
May 18, 2022	Closing Day
May 20, 2022	Graduation

School Day (Monday-Thursday): 7:30-2:25
School Day Early Release (Friday): 7:30-12:25



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Photos submitted

Rep. Reed: Priority legislation further supports rural communities



As communities across the state recover from February's ice storms and March's flooding, the legislature is preparing for the final days of the 2021 Session. I would like to focus on some of the steps we are taking to improve

the rural areas of our state. I have long been an advocate for rural Kentucky and the people who live here. It is my home and I am proud to live among men and women who believe in hard work and the value of life. I am pleased that we have taken some steps to make life in rural Kentucky even better. Among them is HB 320, legislation I sponsored to get broadband to the "last mile" of underserved or unserved Kentuckians. Quite

frankly, HB 320 allows cooperatives to do the same thing for broadband expansion that they did a century ago for electric.

Broadband is an essential infrastructure in our digital economy. It is every bit as essential as roads and bridges are to our economic development efforts. We must take a targeted approach to accelerate access to broadband in our state's most underserved areas. HB 320 would allow electric co-

operatives regulated by the Public Service Commission to qualify for the financial assistance available to other broadband providers through the Broadband Development Fund. The measure also contains language that more than doubles the amount of money available to the fund. The bill builds on legislation passed during the 2020 legislative session.

See Reed, 11A

BBB Warns: Fraud Alert – Unemployment claims reported

STAFF REPORTS

BBB serving Louisville, Southern Indiana, and Western Kentucky has received multiple reports of fraudulent unemployment claims. Local consumers have received notices from either their state unemployment benefits office or employers regarding applications for unemployment benefits, despite the fact the individuals never applied for the benefits. Scammers, taking advantage of the ongoing pandemic and the resulting increase in unemployment rates, are stealing consumers' identities to file fraudulent claims.

If you have received a notice regarding an unemployment benefits application and you have not filed for benefits, take the following action steps to safeguard your identity, finances, and

credit:

Report the fraud to your local Office of Unemployment (OUI). You can find your local office by clicking here. If you speak with an individual at your local OUI, keep a record of that person's name and when you spoke.

Report the fraud to your employer. Keep a record of whom you speak with and when.

Report the fraud to the IRS. You can find the appropriate form by clicking here.

File a police report with your local police department. Obtain a copy of the report so you can provide it to credit agencies. You can find more information on the major credit reporting agencies and request your free reports at annualcreditreport.com.

Report the fraud to the FTC. You can do so by clicking here.

See BBB, page 12A

Givens: Week 7 of Regular Session



I want to speak to recent severe weather events. The governor declared a state of emergency concerning flash flooding, affecting communities from far southwestern Kentucky to far southeastern Kentucky. The recent's declaration comes only a week shy of a

year since the governor declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19. Both figuratively and literally, it seems we continue to be hit by storms. The pandemic has threatened the elderly and immune-compromised as well as contributed to an unemployment crisis. Severe winter weather covered our Commonwealth in ice and left our people without power. Most recently, torrential rain has caused flooding of homes and businesses. It was indeed a "perfect

storm" as we received record levels of rain on top of melting ice. I pray for the safety and well-being of all who have been impacted by recent weather.

While crafting the state budget remains at the forefront of everyone's minds, we are staying the course to uphold our other legislative obligations as members of the General Assembly by passing bills that include specific reforms and amendments to keep the Commonwealth moving forward.

Activity from the Senate Chamber included passage of another Senate priority bill, Senate Bill (SB) 5. Among numerous other measures, it is a bill that works to mitigate the negative impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had on Kentucky's economy and infrastructure. In this case, notably to support and provide reassurance to various sectors of our society trying to reopen or continue operation.

See Givens, 11A