

What's Happening

All times are Central

Today

GCHS SBDM Council

The Green County High School Site Base Council will meet at 12:30 p.m. at Los Agaves in Greensburg Wednesday, June 9.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading has started at Green County Public Library. If you missed sign ups, you can still call to sign up 270-932-7081 and participate. Calendars are available online on our Facebook page and at the library.

Preschool enrollment

If interested in the Green County School's Preschool program, there is still time to enroll a child. Students must be 4 by August 1, 2021. If interested, call 270-932-6601 or stop by the board office for more information.

Weekend

Christian Fiction Books

The GCPL Christian Fiction book club will be meeting June 11 at 10 a.m. at the community center.

Flag retirement event

On June 14, a brief ceremony to retire old flags will be held at the VFW Post 5813 at 1 p.m., followed by the burning of old American flags. Anyone who has American flags which are no longer usable is welcome to bring them to VFW Post 5813 on Hidden Valley Road in Greensburg. A marked container is provided in front of the building for anyone who wishes to bring flags before June 14. The public is invited to the ceremony.

Happening Soon

Library Board meeting

Green County Public Library's monthly board meeting will be held June 15 at 3 p.m.

VFW meeting

The James L. Pruitt Post 5813 VFW and Auxiliary meeting will be Thursday, June 17 at 6 p.m. at the Post home, 150 Hidden Valley Road, Greensburg. There will be a potluck dinner.

Green River Beekeepers

The Green River Beekeepers will meet June 17 at 6 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension office. Dr. Tammy Potter, the KY State apiarist, will be presenting and taking questions. Green River Beekeepers serves Green, Taylor, Larue, Casey and Adair counties. All area beekeepers and those interested are encouraged to attend.

Chair Exercises

GCPL's chair exercise class will be held June 18 at 9 a.m. at the community center. Registration is required. Register by calling 270-932-7081.

GCIS SBDM Council

Green County Intermediate School SBDM Council will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 24, at 4:30 p.m., in the school conference room.

Ongoing events

GCPL operations

Green County Public Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library will be open Saturday June 12 from 8-12. Extended curbside service is offered 15 minutes before opening and after closing during the week. Please call 270-932-7081 for more information.

Lapsit, Story Hour

GCPL's Lapsit for is held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the community center. Story Hour is held at the community center each Tuesday at 10 a.m. Registration required.

History Museum open

The Green County History Museum on the second floor of Longhunters Coffee and Tea Co. is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Admission is \$3.

Adult education

Green County Skills U-Adult Education is meeting students at the Green County Public Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. by appointment. For more information or scheduling, call 270-465-7736.



Beshear announces incentives to get people vaccinated, scholarships and three \$1 million drawings

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NEWS

As coronavirus vaccination rates in Kentucky keep slowing, Gov. Andy Beshear has announced new lottery-style incentives: \$1 million each for three residents who have received at least one dose, and 15 education scholarships for children between the ages of 12 and 17 who have received at least one shot.

"We know Covid vaccines are life-saving. And now, for some people, they're going to be life-changing," Beshear said at a Friday news conference in the Capitol rotunda.

In Kentucky, the daily number of vaccines given has dropped below 10,000, and the last seven days saw 44% fewer shots than the week before.

The New York Times estimates that at the current rate, it will take Kentucky about two months to get 70% of its adults vaccinated with at least one dose.

Beshear said he expects the incentives will result in a "significant increase" of vaccinations, noting that Ohio's simi-

lar \$5 million sweepstakes saw a nearly 30% spike in vaccinations after its rollout.

Statewide, 46.7% of Kentuckians have received at least one shot, 57% of adults have had at least one, and 38.7% are fully vaccinated.

The drawings will be held July 1, July 29 and Aug. 26 and winners will be announced the day after the drawings, on July 2, July 30 and Aug. 27. The last date to enter for each drawing is the day before the drawings.

Beshear said the money for the "Shot At a Million" drawings will come from the federal government's initial coronavirus relief funds.

Entry into the drawings are free and must be completed at shotatamillion.ky.gov, or by calling 855-598-2246 to enter. Once a person enters for a drawing, they will be eligible for all future drawings.

Entry requires your name, birthdate, email address, phone number, home address and the name and location of your vaccination. Participants must agree to the rules and agree to have their vaccination information verified.

Entry for the scholarship drawings has additional requirements: a parent or guardian's name, email address and phone number. The scholarships can be used at a Kentucky public college, university or technical or trade school and will include tuition, room-and-board and books. "If you've already gotten your shot, good for you, you're eligible. All you have to do is sign up," Beshear said. "If you haven't gotten your shot, well get it. Protect your family and get qualified for this amazing opportunity."

Go to vaccine.ky.gov to find a vaccination site.

Not eligible for the incentives are non-residents of Kentucky; inmates incarcerated for a felony; employees of the governor's office, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and Kentucky Interactive LLC, and blood relatives, spouses or household members of such employees.

Kentucky Health News asked if there had been talk of offering incentives to coun-

ties with low vaccination rates, such as the 21 that are less than 25% fully vaccinated or those along the southern border, where rates are like the low rates in Southern states, putting them at risk of more contagious variants.

Beshear acknowledged that the lower vaccination rates in Tennessee affect the border counties, and noted that it is important that every county gets the same information about the vaccines. He said in a call with judge-executives this week, the state asked to bring a vaccine mobile unit to all their festivals.

The governor said offering incentives on a different scale could be an option, and added that local governments could use some of their recent American Rescue Plan Act money for such incentives.

Fiscal Court holds special called meeting

By CRYSTAL CECIL
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The Green County Fiscal Court met in a special called session Thursday, June 3 at 9 a.m. CT at the Green County Courthouse. The meeting was also broadcast via Facebook Live and available for playback from the Green County Fiscal Court Facebook page.

The county bill list was reviewed for approval by those in attendance. On the bill list, the bill for Ridge View Construction needed to be paid in a timely manner. The bill was for metal on the rescue on the sides of the rescue building. The bill pay was approved. On the agenda, Budget Amendment #21006 was reviewed.

Approval was needed on receiving half of the Patriot Act Funds, approximately \$1,062,000, which has been received. Currently there is no direction as to how this will be spent.

"We got the money, we might not ever be able to spend it, but we've got it," Judge-executive John Frank said.

The budget amendment was approved, unanimously. The last order of business, was discussion and consideration to the Green County Cattlemen's Association.

"In the past we have given them \$1,000 for concerts, and fireworks combined, somewhere around the 4th of July," Frank said.

The musical group Shenandoah is interested in putting on a

concert Sunday, July 4, with firework show to follow, free to the public.

The Cattlemen's Association requested the City and County contribute \$6,000 each and the Cattlemen will be putting in \$10,000.

"I'm all for this, for having some kind of community event," Frank said.

After discussion, it was determined that the event was being hosted by Green River Live, as announced on radio.

A motion was made to give \$1,000, same as previous years, to the Cattlemen's Association for the event, whether it is for the music, fireworks, etc.

The next regularly scheduled Green County Fiscal Court will meet Thursday, June 24 at 9 a.m. CT.

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