

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

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Oct. 19, 2011

Hunting dogs rescued - Billy Joe Lowe called on the rescue squad to recover his two hunting dogs from a sinkhole in the McKinney Corner area.

Park under construction - The area behind the Greensburg Methodist Church is being turned into a family activity park.

Top quality log - Alvin and Arnold Matney recently cut a quality white oak veneer log near Exie. The log has been sold and will be exported to either Spain or Japan.

Cheerleaders reunite - Many former GCHS cheerleaders attended the fifty year celebration at the GCHS football field.

October 17, 2001

Accident closes 61 - An overturned tractor-trailer blocked Hwy 61N at Happyville for over twelve hours Monday night.

Health fair - Approximately 400 people attended the JTC Health Fair to receive health screenings.

Dragons compete - The GCHS Marching Dragons earned the right to perform in state competition. The 5th District tournament was won by the Lady Dragon's volleyball team. The GCHS football team upset top ranked Somerset 24-7.

Rendezvous time - The annual Glover's Station Rendezvous will feature a living history village at Legion Park.

Oct. 16, 1991

Matney injured - Bennie Matney is in critical condition after being struck on the head by a tree limb while felling a tree in the Newt community.

Fire destroys warehouse - Burley Tobacco Warehouse No. 1 was destroyed by fire. Arson is suspected.

Prince and Princess

cess crowned - Prince Blake Judd and Princess Lindsay Flood were crowned during the Little League Super Bowl.

Auction ad - Green River Realty and Auction will offer for bids the fixtures, equipment and inventory of the Woodson Lewis Building Oct. 26.

Oct. 15, 1981

Political rally - Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Martha Layne Collins will be the keynote speaker at a political rally at American Legion Park.

Homecoming queen - Dottie Doutaz was crowned GCHS Homecoming Queen.

Bridge being replaced - The bridge over Little Pitman Creek on Marshall Ridge Road is expected to be completed by mid-November. The bridge collapse in July after being hit by an auto.

Shared birthday - Perry Squires and Omer Risen, acquaintances for over fifty years, recently learned that they shared a birthday, each being born on May 2, 1905.

Oct. 21, 1971

Thieves hit Goff Motors - Three Ford lawn tractors were stolen from the Goff Motors Company.

Man escapes fire - A sleeping tenant narrowly escaped from a burning frame apartment house on Hodgenville Avenue.

Buy a star - Local homes and businesses are urged to buy and display a \$10 nineteen-inch star for to make Greensburg a

"City of Stars".

Cars are plentiful - A recent survey shows that some Green County families own more than one automobile. There are 119 passenger cars for every 100 families for a total of 4,090 registered vehicles.

Oct. 20, 1961

Home razed - The former J. L. Wilson home, recently the McKinney Funeral Home on the corner of Main Street and West Columbia Avenue, was torn down to make room for the new post office building.

Zoning Commission organized - Representatives of the Division of Planning and Zoning advised the City Council on forming a Planning and Zoning Commission for the city.

Ad - The White Swan Jamboree is open every Saturday night on Hwy. 61 at Summersville. Entertainment is offered by 18 individuals.

Pierce - We had our first frost October 16.

Business marks anniversary - John Durham and Sons will celebrate their fortieth year in business with sales throughout the store on October 27 and 28.

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# Summersville Baptist Church



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In September of 1898, Rev. J. W. Crawley and Rev. H. S. Bell conducted a series of tent revival meetings in Summersville on the spot where the church now stands. Following those meetings, Rev. Crawley invited ministers and deacons of the nearest churches to assist him in constituting a new Baptist church at Summersville. They met for that purpose on October 16, 1898 and established the Summersville Baptist Church.

Charter members were: Dr. W. J. Risen, 1864-1936; Rev. Hugh S. Bell, 1874-1946, and his wife, Mildred, 1871-1963; Joseph C. Marion Gumm, 1858-1942, and his wife, Martha Ella, 1863-1961; Edd Larimore, 1842-1901; Lewis

Green Larimore, 1859-1945, and his wife, Eliza Ray Larimore, 1865-1950; John Larimore, 1848-1910, and his wife, Mary J. Gibson Larimore, 1848-1909; James H. Larimore, 1858-1918; William Lindsey Larimore, 1825-?; Luther E. Larimore, 1853-1918, and his wife, Sarah Jane Noe Larimore, 1865-1947; Elvira Malinda Dobson Larimore, 1844-?; Rachel E. Ward Cantrell, 1844-1908; Sarah Hallie Mitchell Chaney, 1837-1904; Margaret Ellen Coakley Smith, 1849-1929; and Lewis Franklin Risen, 1871-1951.

The organized body of believers met for regular worship services in a store building owned by John Mitchell on Gabe Road and their membership increased quickly. Summersville Baptist Church joined the Russell Creek Association of Baptist in 1899.

Ground was donated by W. J. Risen and his wife, Henrietta J.

Risen, to construct a church building upon "for and in consideration of love and affection for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his gospel; and, also Baptist doctrine and principles."

The land was given on July 31, 1899. The original church, a white one-room frame building, was dedicated October 16, 1902; exactly four years after the congregation was organized. The pulpit, adorned with a wooden hand on the front with the index finger pointing upward, clearly showed the purpose of the place.

Rev. J. W. Crawley was the first pastor of the church. In the early years, pastors did not receive a salary. Instead, they were compensated by contributions which were solicited by a committee.

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