

Howard Stables with Championship Win



Photos submitted

Billy and Gwenn Howard and Julie and Larry George of Howard Stables in Greensburg had a successful 2021 Show Season and World Celebration in Decatur, Ala. winning six world titles and six reserve world titles. Billy Howard won the Weanling World Grand Championship and Weanling World Championship with It's All About Choo, a filly that was raised by Larry George. Julie George won the Yearling World Grand Championship and Yearling World Championship with Perfections Perfect Lady, owned by Don Hancock of Princeton, Ky. Julie also won several world and reserve world championships on horses that she owns and is trained at Howard Stables: Ms. Belle Meade, Ladies Auxiliary Trail Pleasure World Champion, Sheeza Silver Sensation, Western Keg Shod Trail Pleasure World Champion, and she earned two reserve world championships with her 2 year old, Absolut's Perfect Finish, in aged divisions against older horses.

Tucker to be at Glover's Station

Local writer Lanny Tucker will be at Glover's Station Antique Mall this Saturday, Nov. 27 offering a variety of books.

Tucker will be there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT.

His books include

History of Green County, Historical Photos of Green County, Osceola, the Lost River Town of Green County, Photos in Green, Deeds of Blood 1840, Micajah Harpe Vampire, and Twenty-Eight Plays Remembered.

The Greensburg Rotary Club Christmas Lighting Contest will be judged Dec. 6 - 15. Watch the Dec. 1 Record-Herald for details.

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Education Assessment and Accountability Review: As Chairman, I, along with other committee members, heard chatter around the profound impact virtual learning has on academic performance statewide. The Office of Education Accountability shared some lessons learned from Kentucky's NTI program. On the surface, attendance rates on regular and NTI days were similar. But decoding the data paints a bleaker picture. Poverty-stricken school districts experienced disproportionate impacts on student achievement goals. Chronic absence nearly doubled for black, Hispanic, and limited English proficiency students. The report also shows that, on average, 68% of school days were remote from 2019-21, and the higher rates of distance learning are associated with drops in academic performance. The number of students scoring proficient or distinguished on statewide test scores plummeted: elementary math (-17%) and elementary reading (-15%) and middle school reading (-16%) and math (-19%). Students are also failing at least one class at even higher rates (+11%).

IJC on Tourism, Small Business and Information Technology: As a member, I and other committee

members met this week to discuss First Frontier Appalachian Trails and Lexington Center expansion and the continued recovery of convention business in the Commonwealth. The presenters from First Frontier Appalachian Trails shared plans to create a major adventure tourist destination by connecting 19 Eastern Kentucky counties by all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails. The proposed trails are patterned after the Hatfield-McCoy trail systems in West Virginia. The planned ATV trails will have a huge economic impact on our region. First Frontier Appalachian Trails already has approximately 350 miles of trail mapped out for this project. That converts into overnight stays, eating out, and shopping. The committee also heard from the Central Bank Center and VisitLEX. Presenters shared that Lexington hotels lost \$153 million dollars in hotel room revenue from March 2020 through October of 2021. The overall economic impact loss to Lexington from the meetings and convention attendees is now over \$42 million dollars.

On October 3, 1863, expressing gratitude for a pivotal Union Army victory at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln announced that the nation would celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on the last Thursday in November.

As we reflect upon God's wonderful grace and prosperity, may we lift each other up in prayer

and gratitude. God Bless You in Abundance! Happy Thanksgiving! In God We Trust.

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