

Weather Record						
Date	6-21	6-22	6-23	6-24	6-25	6-27
High	91.5	94.6	86.6	89.9	91.1	86.3
Low	53.3	62.6	65.2	60.4	64.1	73.2
Prec	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reporting period for each day runs from midnight to midnight. Statistics from Kentucky Mesonet's Bengal Station.						



Update to the City Footbridge

Photos by Dale Curry



The iconic footbridge in downtown Greensburg, is now handicapped accessible. Handrails have also been added to help people who may need those to use the steps.

The renovation of the footbridge is now complete. The footbridge is one of those downtown spots that visitors find unique and residents often remember the first time they crossed it.

Landrum tells her story to Rotary Club

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Justine Landrum, one of the owners of Longhunters Coffee and Tea, shared her life story at last week's Greensburg Rotary Club meeting. Landrum, the granddaughter of American immigrants, grew up in Pennsylvania. Her grandparents had come through Ellis Island and settled in different towns in Pennsylvania.

One of the highlights of her teenage life was a trip to Rome for Easter. "I had attended Catholic grade schools and high school," Landrum said, "and I was given an opportunity to go to Italy. We went to Florence and Pisa, and attended Mass at The Vatican."

But she also confessed that the most fun part of the trip was when they returned home after eight days and would get together with the local Italian guys.

Landrum grew up often assisting her father with his accounting job.

"I helped dad with taxes and payroll when I was still young," she said.

Landrum earned her B.S. degree in accounting in 1978 from the University of Scranton.

"I wanted to pursue a job with the government," she said.

Her first job was head of general accounting and payroll with the Naval Aeronautics Center.

"I was just right out of school and walked into a job with timekeepers, payroll clerks as well as a payroll su-



Justine Landrum

pervisor," she said. She then became busy preparing to become a CPA, being registered in Indiana.

As a systems accountant connected with Fort Benjamin Harris, she began traveling the world, especially in German and Korea.

It was also while she was at this assignment that she met her soon-to-be husband, Bill.

After their marriage, they continued their travels and relocations, courtesy of the military.

Following a stint in Washington, D.C., Bill was assigned to Germany but was deferred travel which meant that he could not take his family with them for nine months.

But a few months before he was to leave, she received a call offering her a job also in Germany and that meant that the children could also go with them.

Landrum was placed in positions of administrative responsibility which sometimes meant that she encountered corruption in accounting practices and had to rectify those practices.

"We loved living in Germany," Landrum said, "but we arrived

in 1989 and the next year was Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and Bill went to the Middle East."

Landrum spoke about the difficulties that faced several of the spouses who were left behind in Germany while the soldiers in the families went to the Middle East, leaving behind young children and families who were away from their families in the US.

The Landrums continued to move around after Desert Storm and Bill was eventually assigned to the War College.

"We had a wonderful year there," Landrum said. "We were 100 miles away from my mother's house in Pennsylvania which was great for my family."

Landrum was still in accounting in the military when 9/11 occurred and almost all the accounting records were destroyed.

"That was the first year that the army didn't close their books," she said.

Eventually the Landrums moved to Kentucky, even though she still needed three years to retire.

Fortunately for her, the job she had at the time allowed her to work from home while still doing some traveling from time to time.

She retired August 31, 2011 and on November 11, 2011, Longhunters was opened.

She said that her husband, Bill, was the face associated with the restaurant for a while and that allowed her to visit the grandchildren.

That changed in 2015, however, when

he became employed with Governor Bevin's administration.

"We had to sit down and talk about that decision," she said. "But I agreed that I could do more at Longhunters, instead of just working in the back taking care of the payroll and busi-

ness activities."

Several changes took place that continued to make it a successful business venture.

"When Bill left, there were rumors that we were closing," she said, "and I had to talk to customers and

explain what was going on and we doubled up on the catering."

It was obvious that she was doing a good job with her new responsibilities when she was named the 2017 Businessperson of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

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