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Light Up Greensburg is Dec. 3

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The City of Greensburg and the Arts Council will host the annual Light Up Greensburg Christmas celebration December 3.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Come Home for Christmas."

Events will get underway on Friday night, December 2, with the Lindsey Family performing in concert at the Greensburg Community Center sponsored by the Green County Public Library.

Saturday, December 3, will include a full day of activities, starting in the morning with a mission's fundraiser brunch and children's activities at the Greensburg Baptist Church.

At noon, the Green County Homemakers will sponsor the Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful

Life" and additional children's activities, sponsored by Community Trust Bank, will take place at the Community Center.

Musical entertainment will be continuous throughout the day, including Christmas carolers and the Grinch with Cindy Lou Who.

That afternoon the Arts Council will feature a Gingerbread House as well as provide face painting and candy canes.

Tours of Allen's Inn, the Green County History Museum, and Jeremiah Abell's Cabin will be available to the public.

Also, that afternoon Forcht Bank will sponsor pictures with Santa at the Old Courthouse, offer ornament painting, and make available to the first 75 kids free Christmas t-shirts.

Living Waters Church will provide free soup to the public at their

location.

The Green County Public Library's "Pete the Cat Saves Christmas" Book Walk will take place at Greensburg's historic footbridge and Limestone Bank will provide milk and cookies at the L&N Train Depot.

To close out the day's festivities, the annual Christmas Parade will be held at 5 p.m. CT.

Lightning of the Square is being sponsored by Rock Bottom Wholesale and the lighting of the Old Courthouse tree by United Citizens Bank.

After the parade, there will be community caroling at the Greensburg United Methodist Church and Longhunters will host story time with Santa and the reading of "The Night Before Christmas."

Milk and cookies will also be

made available along with Christmas bell giveaways.

Warming stations will be available on the Square, compliments of the Greensburg Fire Department and the City of Greensburg.

Local historian and writer Lanny Tucker will conduct a book signing at Glover's Station Antique Mall that day.

Decorations for the event will be provided by Brenda's Florist, Gupton-Landrum Florist, Central Farmers Supply, and the Arts Council.

Specials will be offered by local businesses during the day.

"On behalf of the Greensburg Arts Council, we would like to thank the City of Greensburg employees for their assistance in making this magical Christmas celebration possible," said Arts Council member Jackie Bennett.



Letters to Santa due by Dec. 9

The Greensburg Record-Herald will print letters to Santa that have been sent to our office in an upcoming issue.

To be sure Santa has time to read the letters and get them in the paper we need the letters in our office by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

Students in preschool through third grade at Green County Prima-

ry School and Green County Intermediate School write letters in their class and the schools submit them.

Homeschool and other children's letters may be emailed to news2@record-herald.com, or dropped off at 102 West Court St. or mailed to P.O. Box 130, Greensburg, KY 42743.

Please mark all email messages and envelopes "Santa Letters."

Representative Reed:

"We have a lot to be thankful for.."

Capitol Focus



State Rep.
Brandon
Reed

Legislators spent this week in Frankfort wrapping up interim meetings. Over the last several months, agencies, organizations, and constituents have brought their agendas to Frankfort to lay the foundation for issues we will consider during the 2023 Regular Session. Since June, I have used my columns to share about our interim efforts. In the coming weeks, I will continue to focus on the work that came out of those committees and session preparations. However, as we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, I thought we could take a moment to consider that we have a lot to be thankful for and the true meaning of giving thanks.

As I have been out and about this week, my car radio had been filled with Christmas-themed commercials and music. Even though I am someone who believes we should keep the spirit of giving in our hearts year round, I also happen to believe that taking the time to reflect and giving thanks for all the blessings we have received throughout the year is also important.

Though we may go through difficult times, such as the Western Kentucky Tornados and Eastern Kentucky Flooding, we are truly blessed to live in the United

States of America. We are truly blessed to live in the great state of Kentucky. I feel that sometimes we take our freedoms for granted when we should be grateful.

Thanksgiving allows us to look back on the previous year and give thanks. After we give thanks, we are in a much better position to give and receive gifts. I like to think of Thanksgiving Day as the beginning of the holiday season. In November, we look back and give thanks. In December, we take that season of gratitude and make it the season of giving. We take the blessings upon us and give back to our families and friends.

Among the things I am thankful for are the men and women of this district that I have the privilege of representing. I know that we may differ on some beliefs, but I also recognize that I represent all of you. Many of you reach out to me with concerns, criticisms, and opinions on topics we are considering. I appreciate that input – even when we do not agree.

Now that we have talked about what we should be thankful for, let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving as it revolves around worship and our relationship with God. In September of 1620, a small ship named the Mayflower left Plymouth, England carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious independents seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the

promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a treacherous journey that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where those who made the pilgrimage, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth. Those men and women, known today as the Pilgrims, endured great trials to create a life here.

In the Bible, thanksgiving reflects adoration, sacrifice and praise. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed the Mayflower Compact, honoring God in their agreement. No matter what trials our state endures, we must remember that God is still with us.

This holiday season, pray for your friends, your neighbors, and your family. Be a helping hand to someone in need and always be grateful for the many blessings of life. From my family to yours, I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Remember, I am here for you as your representative, but also as your friend. Please contact me if you need any assistance by emailing me at Brandon.Reed@lrc.ky.gov or by calling the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Pruitt named Green Co. Public Library Director

SPECIAL TO THE R-H

The Green County Public Library Board of Trustees are excited to announce Rebecca L. Pruitt of Greensburg, as the new Director of the Green County Public Library.

Board of Trustees President, Zachary Leftwich, released the following statement on behalf of the board,

"Our board is very excited to bring Rebecca in as the new director. She has a very extensive background in administration with nearly two decades of public and private sector experience, but even more importantly, she has a deep passion for the Green County Public Library and the patrons that it serves.

Rebecca has a number of very exciting and ambitious plans for the future of the library and we believe very strongly that she was the candidate we needed to lead the library through the next chapter of progress."

Rebecca Pruitt also commented on the new role.

"I appreciate our Board of Trustees giving me the chance to serve my community by continuing the hard work of our staff at the Green County Public Library. I aim to continue curating a hub of information that fosters a love of learning, provides entertaining programs, and supplies the needs of our patrons."

Pruitt has been a familiar face around the Green County Public Library having started working there at 16 years old. She took some



Rebecca Pruitt

time off to join her husband as he served our country overseas where she worked for the U.S. Department of Defense managing a budget that facilitated the inventory control of a military warehouse. Since returning to the library, she has worked as the Outreach Librarian. She has received a

Bachelor of Science of Business Administration degree, a Master of Library Information Science degree, and currently holds a Professional certificate from the KY Department for Libraries and Archives.

Pruitt calls Greensburg home and resides in Grab with her husband, daughter, and son.

Pruitt will start on December 1. She will be replacing Shelley Pruitt who is retiring after over twenty years of dedicated service to the Green County Public Library and its patrons.

"Our board is very thankful for the outstanding service of Shelley. She has been a phenomenal advocate for the library and has been instrumental in the library's successes over the past twenty years. Our board remains committed to supporting Rebecca and the entire staff of the Green County Public Library and look forward to a seamless transition as we continue to serve the citizens of Green County."