



Shreve Akin behind the wheel of Akin's Grocery delivery truck, dated about 1939.

## Shreve Akin's Story

Shreve Akin was born in Green County on May 10, 1909 to Charlie Jefferson Akin and Josephine Walker Akin. From an early age he helped on the family's Pittman Creek farm then at age fifteen he started growing his own burley tobacco. That first crop earned him \$27.50 which he used to buy a pair of pants and a saddle.

When he was 20 years old, Shreve married Lena Alice Foster, the daughter of Willie Standford Foster and Ollie Green Marr Foster. They were wed April 13, 1929 by Rev. J. W. Furkins.

Their only child, a daughter named Eunice Marie Akin, was born July 17, 1930.

Shreve stepped into the business world in August 1936 when he purchased a half-interest of Sam Anderson's grocery store and meat market on the south side of Court Street in Greensburg. They operated under the name Anderson & Akin until Shreve purchased the other half-interest in January 1937. Akin's Grocery offered a complete line of groceries including fresh and cured meats. They



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paid cash for chickens, eggs, and cream from local farmers.

In July 1938, Shreve announced the expansion of his business with the purchase of a restaurant formerly operated by J. D. Carter on Court Street. He advertised sandwiches, short orders, and plate lunches. They also offered cold drinks and double dip ice cream cones.

Shreve added a feed line in March 1939 and purchased an International truck to make deliveries.

The business had grown so much by May 1939 that additional space was required. Shreve moved across Court Street into the Henderson building. The restaurant was at the back of the grocery store. Patrons could purchase 2 pounds of coffee for 35¢, 3 cans of vegetables for 20¢, or 2 packages of Wheaties for 25¢, among countless other items. Plate lunches were 25¢ each.

For unknown reasons, Shreve decided to close his Greensburg businesses in 1941 and that spring he began selling off his equipment.

He successfully campaigned and won the race for Magistrate of the 2nd District in 1945, serving one term.

About 1950, Shreve began working at John Durham & Sons grocery. He transitioned to the Durham Hardware Company in January 1953 and worked there for several years.

Again in 1961, he ran for Magistrate of the 2nd District, winning over Arthur Creason by 15 votes.

Lena Akin died after a long illness on July 10, 1978. Shreve remarried in August 1980 to Marie Sullivan Pike and the couple made their home in Campbellsville.

Shreve passed away January 25, 1986 at the Taylor County Hospital. He was survived by his wife, daughter, and stepchildren.

In his 76 years, Shreve Akin had been a successful businessman, farmer, family man, and public servant.

## Better Business Bureau warns of September scams

1. BBB has received multiple reports from consumers regarding scam Bed Bath & Beyond "going out of business" sales. Scammers are taking advantage of Bed Bath & Beyond's bankruptcy and subsequent acquisition by Overstock.com by targeting consumers with fake sales sites. BBB advises consumers to avoid clicking on third-party ads when shopping sales, and instead visit a retailer's site directly.

2. A consumer alerted BBB that they received a suspicious email that appeared to come from BBB. BBB advises consumers that we will never contact you and ask you for personal information. If you receive a suspicious email, report it to BBB right away.

3. A local business received an email stating that they had won a "Best of New Albany" award. This is a vanity award scam. BBB advises consumers to be wary of any "award" that requires the recipient to pay for a trophy or plaque.

4. A consumer reported a fake Kohl's website to BBB. The consumer ordered two pairs of shoes from the phony site, which they

never received. BBB advises consumers to visit retailers' websites directly instead of clicking on third-party ads.

5. A consumer received a phone call from a scammer claiming to collect donations for the Police Alliance. BBB warns consumers to be on the lookout for phony charities. Visit BBB's Give.org to read information and reviews on charities and non-profits before making a donation.

6. A consumer purchased a Stanley cup for a low price online, only for the item to never arrive. The consumer did not receive a response to a refund request. BBB advises consumers to be wary of sales ads that seem too good to be true, particularly for popular or big-ticket items.

7. A consumer recently hired a contractor via social media to complete a deck project. After the consumer hired the contractor and paid upfront, the contractor began the project only to leave it unfinished and has not responded to the consumer's contact attempts. BBB advises consumers to review

all contractors and companies on BBB.org, and to be wary of any contractor who demands a large down payment (or full payment) before starting work.

8. A consumer purchased a horse only to find that the horse was completely misrepresented in the ad. BBB advises consumers to research breeders and sellers on bbb.org before purchasing an animal, always see the animal in person first, and pay with a credit card.

9. A consumer responded to an employment listing recently, and after accepting the job offer was told they would need to send \$100 as payment for software programs. This is an employment scam. Be extremely cautious of any job that requires you to send payment for supplies or sends you a check to cash for the purchase of supplies.

10. A consumer reported receiving a scam Geek Squad invoice. Invoice scams often involve the victim receiving a phony invoice for a service or product they did not buy. If you receive a suspicious invoice, do not pay until you confirm its validity.

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

By CAROL DIAL  
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**Sept. 18, 2013**  
**Public servant dies** - Voris Whitlock, 88, passed away Sept. 11. Whitlock was a school board member and constable for 60 years.

**Insurance survey** - Nearly 20 percent of Green County residents under 65 do not have health insurance.

**Cow Days** - The 41st annual Cow Days Festival is next weekend. The grand marshals of the Saturday parade will be Teresa Waller and Barbie Patterson.

**Church had block party** - The Exie Boys, Randy Colvin and Bradley Jones entertained at the Greensburg United Methodist Church block party Sunday.

**Sept. 17, 2003**  
**Marketing local beef** - The Green River Cattle Company has their product for sale locally at Central Farmers Supply and Houchens Market.

**Tucker produces play** - A historical drama, written by Lanny Tucker, based upon the 19th century Carrington Simpson murders, will be performed by local talent Sept. 28 at the Old Courthouse.

**One airlifted** - Carl J. Coffey was airlifted to University of Louisville Hospital for treatment following a single-vehicle accident on Hwy. 88.

**Fishing trip** - Eddie Goff, Steve Graham and Tim Kessler enjoyed a seven day fishing trip to an isolated Canadian lake. They caught several large fish and viewed the Northern Lights.

**Sept. 15, 1993**  
**Park funding** - Garry Bagby, Green County Park Board Chairman, attended the Fiscal Court meeting to request additional funding for the park

board.

**Golden Anniversaries** - Leslie "Judd" and Grace Skaggs will celebrate fifty years of marriage Sept. 27. The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Edwards will be Sept. 20.

**Marching Dragons win** - The GCHS Marching Dragons received first place honors in the Class AA field competition at Taylor County Invitational Marching Band contest.

**Burros visit Green Hill** - Three miniature burros, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Huston Marcum, delighted residents of Green Hill Manor with a visit.

**Sept. 15, 1983**  
**Pickett dies at 88** - Leslie Pickett, 88, a retired farmer, livestock dealer, hotel proprietor and tobacco broker, died Sept. 10.

**Summershade, Hazel Kessler** - Tonight is so pleasant after the rain this afternoon. So nice to breathe some good, clean air again.

**Ramblin, Walt Gorin** - Donna Wood, Black Snake Road, needs help to rid her cistern of snakes.

**First service in new church** - The congregation of Liletown Methodist Church held the first service in the new church Sept. 4.

**Sept. 20, 1973**  
**GCHS Open House** - Over 2,000 people toured the new Green County High

School building during the Open House held Sunday.

**Local voters** - There are 6,950 Green County residents registered to vote.

**Houchens picnic** - Several thousand employees and customers are expected to attend the annual employee picnic at the "Home Place". A 500-600 hoop of cheese will be served with crackers to attendees.

**Win a cow** - The name of some lucky person will be drawn to win a twenty-month-old Guernsey heifer from the Loy herd at this weekend's Cow Day event.

**Sept. 20, 1963**  
**Fall Festival** - Food, pony rides, variety shows, white elephant sale, cake walk and Bingo will be among the entertaining events at the Green County Fall Festival at Legion Park Sept. 21.

**Junior varsity** - Coach Ivan Curnutte has started Junior Varsity football games.

**Houchens ad** - Whiting fish, 5 lbs. 73 cents; Field's sausage, 2 lbs. 99 cents; oysters, 89 cents per tin; baking potatoes, 10 lbs. 59 cents; apples, 4 lb. 39 cents; Bob White syrup, 5 lb. jar 67 cents; Crisco, 3 lb. 77 cents; Tang, 7 oz. 39 cents.

**Showing at the Skyline** - "Requiem for a Heavyweight", "The First Texan", "Beach Party", and "Rio Bravo".

Northside Fidelity Group wants to congratulate the Greensburg Rotary Club for the 50th anniversary of the Annual Cow Days Celebration!

Come visit the NFG Booth during the Celebration to learn about all the available products that we offer!

HAPPY COW DAYS!



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## SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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4	9	5	9	2	7	3	1	8
3	7	1	8	5	4	9	6	2
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1	4	2	3	8	9	5	7	6
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ANSWER: