

# What's Happening

All times are Central

This week

## Arts Council celebration

The Green County Arts Council would like to share their appreciation of the local merchants' support of the Christmas On Main activities. The Council is inviting all local merchants to join them on Wednesday morning, Nov. 15 from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Old Courthouse for breakfast sandwiches, laughs and the beginning of a joyous holiday season! Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 13. Text 270-932-0023 or 270-299-6683.

## Library programs

Affordable Connectivity Program information class will be held on November 15 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Green County Public Library. Be sure to register for this event by calling 270-932-7081.

## Ribbon Cutting

Peoples Bank, 202 N Main St, Greensburg, will celebrate its entrance into Green County at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 15 with a ribbon cutting and a donation to Green County Food Pantry. The public is invited to stop by and enjoy the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with the Peoples Bank team.

## GCHS SBDM Council

Green County High School Site Base meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. in the conference room at the high school.

## VFW Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the James L. Pruitt Post 5813, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Auxiliary will be held Nov. 16 starting with a meal at 6:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in joining either organization is invited to attend.

## Masonic Lodge Meal

A Thanksgiving Meal will be held at the Masonic Lodge #54 on Friday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. The meal will be potluck.

## Happening Soon

### Thanksgiving dinner

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 124 will be have a Thanksgiving dinner for the Veterans and immediate family on Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Auxiliary Kitchen in the Park. Please come and enjoy a meal with us.

### Thanksgiving Meal

A community Thanksgiving Meal will be held in memory of Alberta Coleman Johnson on Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at American Legion Park in the large building. The meal is for those less fortunate, and also for those who want to be around others for the holiday. For those elderly or handicapped, delivery is available on a limited basis, and must be scheduled ahead of time by contacting Teresa Rutledge at 270-405-0551. The meal is free of charge and transportation to attend is also free.

### History Museum open

The Green County History Museum on the second floor of Longhunters Coffee and Tea Co. is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is \$3.

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## Letter to the Editor Policy

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# A little more joy, for just a little longer

"You put up the tree earlier and earlier, Momma," my daughter said a few weeks ago, on Nov. 1.

I didn't actually put up the tree(s), only because I had a terrible sinus infection that left me exhausted, but it was a topic of discussion and at the top of my to-do list.

Halloween had ended (the day before), and it was cold. My husband was out of the country for work, in Mexico nonetheless, making the sudden frigid temperatures here seem like 10 below.

I was ready. "Daddy will be surprised if he comes home and there are Christmas trees up!" I said, trying to convince the kids.

"Yeah, except you can't get the big one up without him," my very logical 13-year-old reminded me.

He isn't completely wrong...it would have been difficult dragging a 9-foot tree in the house from its off-season home in the detached garage. If I had felt better, I would have tried, just to prove I could do it.

We waited...a few days. We put the trees up Nov. 5. I am still adding the decora-



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tions, but they're up; the lights are shining, and I am immensely calm and happy.

We still love and celebrate Thanksgiving. It has nothing to do with "skipping Thanksgiving." It has everything to do with enjoying a special time of year, for just a little bit longer.

I read a post on Facebook this week and it hit home.

*If you don't understand why someone puts their tree up early... sit with a woman.*

*Sit with a college girl who just moved out & needs that comfort of what was home.*

*Sit with a newly wed excited to make her home.*

*Sit with a first time mama who see excitement for the future.*

*Sit with a second, third, fourth, time mama who see the twinkling magic in her children's eyes.*

*Sit with a mama*

*who's slowly losing her nest as her babies begin to move out & she needs that familiarity.*

*Sit with a mama who has an empty nest & who's excited for the kids & grandkids to soon fill her home running around that very tree.*

*Sit with an elderly mama who as she stares into that tree in her final years, she is flooded with sweet precious memories of smiles & laughter from her family and friends.*

*Every year I see the debate of "when's the right time to put up your Christmas tree"*

*The right time is when YOU want to. If it brings you joy then do it!*

*As I sit here this morning staring into my twinkling tree, my mama heart is happy. There's a peacefulness in the glow. It's brought joy.* -Tia Dunlap

That last line sums it up.

The kids helped us put the ornaments on the large tree Sunday night. I stood up in a tall chair to reach the top and they handed me ornaments, one at

a time. I found myself saying, "A little faster guys!" as they slowly looked at each one, as if seeing it for the first time. Really, I enjoyed waiting for the next ornament. I enjoyed their faces and the conversation the ornaments brought.

Of the 5 trees I put up, that tree is my favorite. It rotates so I can look at every single ornament. From family ornaments to hand-made— from wedding ornaments and Baby's First Christmas, to the ones with photos— it brings happiness.

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## Blessed beyond measure



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Attending the Kentucky Counseling Association Annual Conference in Louisville is the most affirming event every year, for 30 years now. From arrival to the end, former students and dear friends hugged and loved me - Blessed Beyond Measure!

In 2001, the Lindsey Wilson College Counseling programs went to Eastern Kentucky. I taught in London, Jackson, Hazard, Cumberland, Prestonsburg, and Ashland. Those former students are now leading professionals in the counseling field. I love to hear their success stories and how grateful they are that we came to eastern Kentucky, so they had the opportunity for education and a different life. With that opportunity, they have

achieved great things.

A counselor from Prestonsburg called out, "Dr. Bryant", and came over to me. She related the story of working in a coal mine and heard a radio advertisement that the counseling programs were coming. She said she went the register, and her first class was with me. "After that class, I knew I could do this" and stated she would forever be grateful "because I would still be working in that coal mine if you hadn't come (knowing her, she would have done something else)."

Teaching in eastern Kentucky was a time of sacrifice because while teaching on the Columbia campus during the week, driving to and teaching in eastern Kentucky on weekends. That is why we teach - to change lives. How affirming!

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to touch so many lives for 20 years. The conference Opening Speaker

was introducing me as the person that gave him his first teaching opportunity. In your mind, you remember all this happened, yet when others remember, it's so affirming to be reminded how it affected the lives of so many.

As I reach the closing years of this career, I am ever so grateful for the time I have served caring for so many. Whatever you do to love and guide people in this life, comes back to you in abundance. I am humbled and blessed beyond measure.

Remember my Friends and Readers, embrace these Words, Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others".

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