



Frank Lee, manager, posed in front of the store in 1966.

## The Louisville Store



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The Louisville Store, formerly located in Greensburg, was a major supplier of clothing and home goods to people in the community. The store, which was part of a larger chain, opened on the square in March 1965.

Founded by Max Shapira around 1900, the department store chain was very successful. Shapira's sons followed in his footsteps and grew the business to include 15 stores across Kentucky by the mid-1960s. The Shapira brothers were George, Ed, Dave, and Mose.

In preparation for the new store to open in Greensburg, the former Simmons Pharmacy building was completely updated, and a spacious balcony was added to accommodate the large amount of stock available to customers. The remodeled space felt very upscale.

The store's grand opening event was held Friday, March

12, 1965.

It quickly became a popular destination for shoppers, especially during back-to-school season each year.

Frank "Red" Lee was selected as the first manager of The Louisville Store. He moved to Greensburg from Princeton, Kentucky for the opportunity along with his wife, Deloris, and their four children, Carolyn Sue, Mitch, Patty, and Tammy. They made their home in the Grab community.

In December 1969, Mr. Lee accepted a position at Horse Cave as Associate Manager of The Louisville Store there. It wasn't long before he was again at work in Greensburg as an employee of Greensburg Bottling.

The new manager at Greensburg's Louisville Store was Homer Jackson, of Bowling Green. He and his wife, Ruby, purchased a home in the Long Meadow subdivision. After his retirement in March 1977, they moved to Florida.

Darrell Boggs got the position in April 1977 and moved to Greensburg from Indiana.

The next store manager was Nancy Bagby

from about 1983 to March 1986. She resigned and moved to Ashland, Kentucky, where her husband, Red Bagby, was transferred by TGT.

At that time, Doug Foster of Springfield, Kentucky took on the job. Less than a year later, he left for another store.

Cindy Richards, a longtime store employee, was hired for the position in February 1987 and would ultimately be the store's last manager.

The Louisville Store closed for business on June 22, 1991.

The announcement was made only days earlier by Harry J. Shapira, owner of the store in Greensburg. While the volume of sales had been steady for many years, the store's potential for growth was not in line with future plans of the company. No closingsale was held since the merchandise and fixtures could be used to increase inventory in another of the 16 remaining stores owned by the chain.

The Louisville Store served Greensburg shoppers for 26 years and has been greatly missed by those that frequented the establishment.

## Green County Arts Council: The journey continues

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

At the Green County Arts Council's January 11 monthly meeting, under the leadership of President Diane Hall, the council reviewed a list of 2023 accomplishments and events. Starting in February of 2023, GCAC hosted a Valentine Tea Party for Children at the historic Hobson House. The council held an Easter Bake Sale and gave two scholarships to graduating seniors. There was the Historic Home Tours in June and December. There were three dramatizations of three important historical figures of Green County- Elijah Creel in April, Daniel Trabue at the beautiful Heritage Gardens in May, and most recently, at the new Jane Todd Crawford Hospital, a presentation of doctor and surgeon, Ephraim Mc-

Dowell. A events were well-received and attended.

The Green County Arts Council is also dedicated to beautifying Greensburg by weeding and purchasing mulch for the Heritage Gardens, and decorating downtown for Fall. The council raise funds through events such as their Luncheon Fundraiser and setting up booths at Pumpkin Pickin' on the Square and at the Annual Homemakers Bazaar at the Extension Office, selling Christmas ornaments, note cards, hand-tied bows, and garden flags. Some of these funds are donated to worthy causes like the School Choral Group.

There was a week-long Art Show at the historic L&N Depot showcasing the artistic talent in and around Green County. Participants were able to cre-

ate their own works of art during the week at the vintage jewelry tree workshop held there also.

Lastly, the Green County Arts Council, headed a week-long celebration of Christmas festivities, chaired by Jackie Bennett, including the Annual Greensburg Christmas Parade on Saturday and a Merchant Appreciation Breakfast midweek.

Not ones to rest on their laurels, the Green County Arts Council has big plans underway for 2024. Besides offering the annual scholastic scholarship, GCAC is undertaking their biggest challenge yet. A committee has formed and has met with Professor of Art at Lindsey Wilson College, Tim Smith, in consultation for possibly creating a memorial bronze sculpture commemorating local her-

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

BY CAROL DIAL  
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Feb. 12, 2014

**Arson suspected -**

Two families lost their homes to a suspected arsonist in the Gumm Springs area. Two houses and multiple automobiles were destroyed.

**Class for search and rescue -** Greensburg Fire and Rescue conducted a three-day class for trainees from surrounding counties.

**Minimum wage bill -** A bill to increase the minimum wage for the first time since 2009 has passed the House by a 54-44 vote. The hourly wage will increase from \$7.25 to \$8.20 this year.

**Judd wears the crown -** GCHS Senior Aryn Judd was crowned the 2014 GCHS Basketball Homecoming Queen.

Feb. 11, 2004

**Observing Black History month -** Approximately 100 people met to celebrate Black History Month. The Greensburg-Green County Civic Club awarded Mont Ford the Good Neighbor Award.

**Homecoming queen chosen -** Blair Matney was chosen GCHS Homecoming Queen.

**Accident fatal to Hay -** Philip Marshall Hay, 22, died from injuries received in a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 68 near the Taylor-Marion County line. Teresa Rodgers was seriously injured.

**Sweetheart Sweepstakes winner -** Derick Parnell won the \$400 in prizes from area merchants with his poem to his sweetheart Emily.

Feb. 9, 1994

**Trapped in vehicle -** Ruth Price was trapped in her vehicle after it flipped and turned over on Hwy. 68. Price was not seriously injured.

**Academic team wins -** GCMS's Academic team won first place in District competition.

**Love Lines winner**

- The winner of the Record-Herald Love Lines Contest sponsored by local merchants was Tammy Landis.

**Keep busy -** Lilly Bale, 94, reflected on her longevity and says to always keep busy. Bale crochets, makes quilts and sews her clothing.

Feb. 9, 1984

**Twin Curves hazardous -** Blizzard-like weather conditions caused dozens of motorists to slide into the ditch on Hwy. 68 at the Twin Curves.

**Sports queen -** The 1984 GCHS Sports Queen was Bridgette Coomer.

**Judd's Garage opens -** Victor Judd has opened a garage on Campbellsville highway in the Akin's Garage building.

Feb. 14, 1974

**Truck strike ends -** The 11-day strike by independent truckers has ended. Gasoline prices had increased to 50 cents for regular gas to sixty cents for ethyl.

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