

# What's Happening

All times are Central

## This Week

### Bookmobile out

The Green County Public Library Bookmobile will be at McKinney Corner Dollar Store February 6 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### GCIS SBDM Council

The Green County Intermediate School SBDM Council will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the school conference room.

### Board of Health meeting

The Green County Board of Health Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the health department. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the budget, set tax rate, and elect officers.

### Arts Council to meet

The Green County Arts Council will meet on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. at Longhunters. The meeting is open to the public.

### Library Kidz Korner

Green County Public Library Kidz Korner will be held Feb. 9 and 16 at 1:30 p.m.

## Happening Soon

### AARP Tax Preparation

The AARP Foundation TaxAide program will again be in Greensburg in the Green County Extension Office on Mondays from February 5 through April 8. It is by appointment by calling 270-932-7459. The local volunteer team will assist in completing tax returns (not farms) and e-filing it at no cost. More information will be in next week's Record-Herald.

### GCPL Adult Program

The Green County Public Library Adult Program will be held Feb. 12 where participants will do diamond painting to make bookmarks. Registration is required by calling 270-932-7081.

### Pop-up Driver License

The Green County Circuit Court Clerk's office will host a pop-up Driver Licensing event Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Green County Judicial Center for Green County residents. The purpose of the pop-up event is to upgrade licenses to a Real ID License, renew license, update name or address, or renew CDL. With all of the above, appropriate identification and proof will be required. Registration will open January 30 and appointments are required. Contact the Green County Circuit Clerk's Office for more information at 270-932-5631.

### GCMS SBDM Council

The Green County Middle School SBDM Council will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m. in the school conference room. The meeting is open to the public.

### GCPL closed Feb. 19

Green County Public Library will be closed Feb. 19 in observance of President's Day.

### Library Board meeting

Green County Public Library's monthly board meeting will be held on February 20 at 3 p.m.

### Healthy Snacks Class

Lake Cumberland District Health Department will be teaching a Healthy Snacks class on February 21 at 10 a.m. for adults.

### GCPL open Feb. 24

Green County Public Library will be open Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with story time at 10 a.m.

### 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.

Send events and reunions for What's Happening to [news2@record-herald.com](mailto:news2@record-herald.com).  
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# READY FOR SPRING!



## Hope for Spring



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Week before last was so frigid cold with snow and ice. I'm not a fan of snow and extreme cold. This drove me to the Farmer's Almanac for hope and I found some. The first 2 weeks of February may have snow and colder temperatures, March will be even better 2" of snow predicted. Still, I know, spring is coming.

During the extreme weather last week, the boxes where my herbs grow just toppled over. What a tragedy on top of the extreme weather.

The parsley, thyme and oregano boxes were turned over and on the ground. With help, they were turned back up and hopefully with little damage – as those herbs survive the winter. Also, in the garage under a grow light is the plants just surviving, they were cleaned of the brown leaves and look pretty good. I have hope they will survive and thrive when they are moved outside in the spring. At least there is some preparation for the upcoming warmer weather. I just get antsy this time of the year, ready for spring.

The March equinox – aka the vernal equinox – marks the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. No matter where you are on Earth,

the equinox brings us a number of seasonal effects, noticeable to nature lovers around the globe. March 19-20 is the Spring Equinox, so it is not that long away. Time to survey the catalogs of seeds and plants continuing hope. The hope for warmer weather and the ability to grow beautiful plants and flowers again is coming.

Groundhog Day was Friday, Feb. 2, 2024. Americans look to see if the groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, sees his shadow every year on the same day, February 2. While Phil isn't actually that good at predictions (49%). As the legend goes, if Phil sees his shadow we can expect six more weeks of cold. If Punxsutawney Phil does not see his

shadow, it gives us hope that winter will end and Spring is coming soon.

Phil did NOT see his shadow.

Remember Friends and Readers, Song of Solomon, "The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

Love God and All People Amen.

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## A few Valentine's Day traditions

Valentine's Day is a day of love nestled in the middle of February. Sweethearts use Valentine's Day as an opportunity to show the people they care about just how deep those feelings run. A 2023 survey from the National Retail Federation found consumers expected to spend \$25.9 billion on Valentine's Day, up from \$23.9 billion in 2022. Forecasters suspect spending is likely to increase this year as well.

Valentine's Day is awash in many different customs. Here's a look at some of those enduring traditions:

#### Handwritten cards

It's a common scene each year in card retailers and pharma-

cies: people three-deep in the aisle trying to pick out Valentine's Day cards in the eleventh hour. People can save themselves the hassle of fighting the crowds if they make their own handmade cards. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, sweethearts created unique cards from scratch, according to Country Living. And prior to products produced by Hallmark and other greeting card companies, people used to send one another cards customized with personalized messages.

#### Bouquets

These days a dozen long-stemmed red roses might be the norm for Valentine's Day gifting. However, roses

weren't always the preferred flower for the holiday. History.com reports that, in the nineteenth century, bouquets might contain all sorts of flowers, each chosen to convey certain messages. Individuals can research the meanings behind certain flowers and put together a Valentine's Day gift this year that expresses exactly what they are feeling.

#### Heart-shaped chocolate boxes

British chocolatier Richard Cadbury is credited with creating the first heart-shaped box for Valentine's Day. The boxes were intended to be so beautiful they would be kept to hold trinkets or love letters. Ornate chocolate boxes are not quite as common today, although the gift-

ing of chocolate for the holiday is still strong.

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