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County prepares for solar eclipse April 8

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A celestial event, known as a solar eclipse, will occur on Monday, April 8. The website nationaleclipse.com defines solar eclipse as when the moon passes between

the Earth and the sun, thereby partly or totally obscuring the image of the sun for a viewer on Earth. The far western part of Kentucky will experience a total solar eclipse. Other areas of the state will see a partial eclipse.

A news release from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet lists the counties of Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Livingston, Crittenden, Union, and Henderson as most likely to be favorite viewing areas.

The Kentucky Tourism website named the best cities to view the total phases of the eclipse – Paducah, Henderson, Morganfield, and Sturgis. Greensburg, Kentucky will experience a 95.8% eclipse, according to the website

eclipse2024.org. NASA mentions in Paducah the total eclipse is calculated to begin at 2 p.m. CDT and end at 2:02 p.m. The partial eclipse is estimated to begin at 12:42 p.m. CDT and end at 3:18 p.m. CDT. Locally, according

to the Time and Date website, the partial solar eclipse has been calculated to begin at 12:48 p.m. and end at 3:22 p.m. or a duration of two hours and 34 minutes.

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White Goods Amnesty set for April 11-13

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The annual White Goods Amnesty Program will get underway Thursday, April 11, and run through Saturday, April 13. Items may be dropped off at the old site of the Kentucky Burley Warehouse on Columbia Highway adjacent to the Dollar General Store. Green County Fiscal Court, in conjunction with the City of Greensburg, will be hosting the event.

Times are set for Thursday, April 11, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT; Friday, April 12, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT; and Saturday, April 13, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. CT. People with disposable items may enter between Tony's Discount and Kentucky Lawn Equipment and are asked not to bring items in an enclosed trailer. Acceptable items include: appliances, furniture, batteries, and various types of scrap metal. Non-acceptable items include: paint, oil, tires, propane tanks,

garbage, asphalt shingles, tree limbs, yard waste, lumber, or any hazardous materials. Anyone having questions concerning the event, contact Judge-Executive John Frank's office at 270-932-4024. "This is a very good opportunity for everyone to clean up. We want to thank Waste Connections for their donation of two free dumpsters and to Blake and Kasey Gordon for allowing us to use their land at no cost whatsoever," said Judge-Executive Frank.

KSP investigates fatal collision on US 68

On March 28, 2024 at approximately 7:54 a.m. CT, Kentucky State Police Post 15 Troopers responded to a two-vehicle injury collision on KY 68 near the intersection of Marshall Ridge Road in Green County. The preliminary investigation revealed that Kathleen Yoder, age 18 of Greensburg, was traveling westbound on US 68 in a 2013 Toyota Camry and was attempting to

make a left-hand turn into her workplace. Ms. Yoder turned into the path and collided in a head-on manner with a 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt traveling eastbound on US 68. The Chevrolet Cobalt was being operated by Timothy Berry, age 61 of Greensburg. Mr. Berry was transported from the scene to Jane Todd Crawford Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Mr. Berry was pronounced deceased

at the hospital by the Green County Coroner. Ms. Yoder was not injured during the collision. KSP Post 15 Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Green County Sheriff's Office, Green County Fire and EMS, Green County Rescue Squad, and the Kentucky State Highway Department. The collision remains under investigation by Senior Trooper Weston Sullivan.

Donate blood—the gift of life

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, April 4 at the Greensburg Community Center. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m.

to 5:30 p.m. CT at 110 N. First Street and the community is encouraged to attend. The drive is hosted by the Greensburg United Methodist Church. T-shirts will be given

away during the blood drive. To schedule an appointment, go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter Greensburg-Community or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



Photos by Shelley Bishop

Baylee Fortner was all smiles as she waited for the stick at the Green County High School Blood Drive last week. A community blood drive is set for tomorrow, April 4, at the Green County Community Center.



Brothers Nathaniel (front) and Matteo Ramirez donated blood last week at Green County High School.

Katie Henderson speaks of personal story, upcoming fundraiser at Rotary Club

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Three years ago this May, after having run six miles during the day, Katie Henderson injured her leg which resulted in her left leg being amputated below the knee. "I knew I could give up or I could keep going," Katie Henderson said as she addressed the Greensburg Rotary Club that meets at Longhunters Tea and Coffee in downtown Greensburg.

Henderson chose to keep going, returning to her kindergarten classroom three months later and now she has organized the first local "Lace Up For Limb Loss" run and walk event at Dragon Stadium next door to Green County High School. The fund-raising event is set for April 13, 2024. The two-mile run begins at 9:00 a.m. and the one-mile walk starts after the first race is finished, probably around 9:30 a.m.

The cost to register is \$15.00 and pre-registration has ended but participants may continue to sign up, even until the event day. Money that is raised from the two races will be divided between the Green County High School track team and Camp No Limits, an organization that tailors their camps to young people who have a limb loss or limb difference.



Photo by Walt Gorin

Katie Henderson spoke to the Greensburg Rotary Club last week about the fund-raising event, Lace Up For Limb Loss. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at Dragon Stadium and raises money for the high school track team and for Camp No Limits.

"I was on the cross-country team and track team in high school," Henderson said, "so that is important to me, but I also wanted to do something for children who are amputees." Since April is Amputee Awareness Month, a race date in April seemed to be the perfect time to schedule this inaugural race which Henderson hopes will continue for many years. "There's lots of races in the Fall," Henderson said, "and I didn't want to interfere with any of those and after Summersville Days was over, I got togeth-

er with Dan Knoy (Green County High School's track coach) and we began working on this event." Henderson admits that she did not know about Camp No Limits prior to her accident but she is so impressed with what they do for children, that she is considering volunteering as a counselor at one of the several different camp sites once her children are off to college. "Tennessee is the closest to us," Henderson said, "and I'm hoping we can raise enough money to provide five scholarships for children from Kentucky to attend that camp." Since each camper must pay \$500.00, Henderson describes that as a "lofty goal" for the April event. But there has already been 75 people who have registered and she has received \$850 in donations. A new bank account has been set up for people who want to donate, even if they don't show up the day of the race. Donations may be made online but there is a service fee for that, and Henderson is trying to make sure every donated dollar gets to the proper sites. Camp No Limits, in its 20th year of operations, has helped 7,689 campers and this year they anticipate serving about 215 campers.

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