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5TH REGION ALL A CHAMPS

First Baby of 2026!



Photo by Dale Curry

Green County captured the 5th Region All A Tournament championship Friday night. The Lady Dragons stunned the Banshees on Bethlehem's home court, 56-54. Green County advances to the All A State Tournament, January 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Owensboro. They play the winner of the 10th Region Tournament, which is still going on. An article and more photos are in section B.



Photo submitted

Koda Zane McCubbins is the winner of the Greensburg Record-Herald's First Baby of the Year contest. Koda was born January 3, 2026 at 9:56 a.m. at T.J. Samson Hospital weighing 7 lbs. and 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length. He is the son of Tammy Cundiff. Koda and his mom win many gifts from area merchants, including diapers, gift cards, and more! Congratulations!

Calendar update: No school Jan. 21

The Green County High School girls basketball team won the All "A" Region 5 basketball tournament Friday.

With the team capturing the regional title, they will advance to play in the upcoming state tournament in Owensboro. The Lady

Dragons are scheduled to play on Wednesday, January 21 at 11:30 a.m. The GCHS cheerleading squad will also be competing at this event.

Superintendent of Green County Schools Will Hodges sent a message out on ParentSquare Saturday.

"There will be no school in Green County Schools on Wednesday, January 21 to accommodate those within our school community that will be attending this event," Hodges' notification said. "Our hope is that this advanced notice will assist families with

planning on this day as school will not be in session."

"With banked time in our school calendar, students will not have to make this day up," the announcement said. "Congratulations, lets show our support in Owensboro on January 21."

Election: Candidate list increases

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Persons filing for the upcoming election continue to increase, according to the Green County Clerk's office.

As of Friday, January 9 at 2 p.m., Andrew Hedgespeth, Brian Jackson, Garrett Wesley Milby, George Ratcliff, Albert Lee Ray, and Nicholas Rednor have recently filed to run in various categories.

Hedgespeth has decided to enter the race for 4th District Magistrate. He joins the field

of Terry F. Aaron, Andrew Scott Humphrey, and Johnny Simpson.

Jackson, Milby and Rednor are all running for a seat in county government representing the 3rd Magisterial District. They join the already crowded field of Jason "Farmer" Milby, Heather Moss and Raymond "Dick" Stillwell."

The other two new candidates, Ratcliffe and Ray, are both running for constable in the 1st District. James W. Adkins had already filed for that position. James Bonta and

John Frank are competing for the county's top leadership position, County Judge-Executive.

Charles Judd and Vernon R. White have previously filed for the position of 5th District Magistrate.

The list of candidates running unopposed include Jessica Shofner Baker for County Clerk, Robbie Beard for Green County Sheriff, Sean Curry for PVA, Russell Goff for County Attorney, David Taylor for Coroner, Brian Ferguson for Survey-

or, Tommy Pepper for jailer, Andrew Parson for 1st District Magistrate, Tim Darnell for 2nd District Magistrate, and Jerry L. Davis for 5th District Constable.

The deadline for filing to run in any of the above positions was Friday, January 9, 2026.

In the city's mayoral race, Marty Young is the only candidate so far. People have until June 2, 2026, to file in non-partisan elections such as mayor and city council.

Drivers License Popup is Feb. 24 in Green County

A drivers license popup will take place at the Green County Judicial Center on February 24. Registration opens up Feb. 10. The traveling event brings licensing services local so individuals will not have to travel to a regional office. The nearest regional office is in Adair County.

"Appointments fill up quickly, so check your license expiration date to see if you are eligible to renew," Green County Circuit Clerk's office advises.

Drivers license may be renewed as early as

6 months in advance of the expiration date.

Benefits of a Driver Licensing Regional Office at a Popup Event include:

- Upgrade to a REAL ID license

- Complete a renewal vision screening at no cost

- Request an 8-year license if you are due to renew

- Update your name or address

- Renew your CDL

Visit drive.ky.gov for more information on renewing a drivers license.

Representative Bivens shares thoughts about this year's session

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Ryan Bivens, who represents the 24th District in the Kentucky House of Representatives, encourages people to reach out to him if they have a concern about state government. The 24th District consists of Green, Hart and LaRue counties.

Bivens, a farmer from LaRue County, serves on the Agriculture Committee, the Transportation Committee and is also a member of the Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

The House of Representatives began their work last week in Frankfort.

"We had about 300 bills filed this week in the House," Bivens said. "The budget is the big task at hand this year."

Bivens, who is in his second year as a representative, described last year as something like being a freshman in high school.

"You just have to get the lay of the land," Bivens said. "I've been

around government enough that I sort of knew what was going to happen so this year is not really any different than last year."

Bivens said that this week, bills will start to be assigned to the various committees in the House chamber.

"We need to give our forefathers credit for setting up the system for government to work,"

Bivens said. "They put in ways to change laws if they need to be changed. Everything in life changes and needs to be updated."

He said there has been a lot of talk about the driver's license centers but said that in the last few weeks, things seem to have toned down about this and that it is not the hot topic like it was

earlier in 2025. Many bills are expected to be filed dealing with various facets of education.

Bivens said that there may be some bills filed concerning eminent domain, shoring up some of the process so that if land is needed to be obtained by the government, it works much smoother.

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