

What's Happening

All times are Central

This Week

Cookbook Club

Cookbook Club will be held at the Green County Public Library January 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Happening Soon

NARFE meeting

The next meeting of NARFE will be Monday February 2 at 10 a.m. in the Central Kentucky Community Hall located at 200 Jim Owen Dr. Elizabethtown. The speaker will be Col. (Ret.) Lance O'Bryan from Kentucky Regional Development Alliance (KRDA). POC Sharon Crady 270-832-8857.

Book Bedazzling

Registration is open for Green County Public Library Tween Book Bedazzling on February 2 at 3 p.m. To register, please call the library at 270-932-7081.

AARP Tax Aide Program

The AARP Foundation Tax Aide program will be assisting people with filing their taxes for the 2025 tax year in the Green County Extension Office on Mondays beginning February 2 (except for Feb. 9 and that has been changed Feb. 10). This service is available on Mondays only and is by appointment only. To make an appointment call Brenda Cook at 270/932-7459.

Blood Drive

American Red Cross will host a blood drive at the Greensburg Community Center, 110 N. First Street, Greensburg, on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Visits RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: GreensburgCommunity or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment. Donate blood through Feb. 28 for a \$20 e-gift card to a choice merchant.

Take Your Child

Take Your Child to the Library Day is February 7. Join Green County Public Library and Pow Wow Parties at the library for face painting and balloon twisting to celebrate Feb. 7 starting at 9:30 a.m.

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Turning 70.... with joy and purpose



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In a few short weeks, I will turn 70. I say that number out loud without hesitation or apology. For some, age feels like something to soften or sidestep, but for me, it feels like a milestone worth honoring. Seventy is not a shrinking number—it is a gathering of years, experiences, lessons, love, and grace.

There was a time when aging seemed distant, something that belonged to “older people.” But life has a way of gently, and sometimes firmly, moving us forward. Each birthday has quietly asked me an important question: What will you do with the years you are given? Turning 70 doesn't feel like an ending, it feels like an awakening.

With age comes perspective. The small things no longer de-

mand my time. What matters rises to the surface—relationships, purpose, faith, kindness, and presence. I have learned that joy is not found in busyness or perfection, but in meaningful moments: shared laughter, quiet mornings, honest conversations, and time spent with those we love. Joy is cultivated, not chased.

Purpose also deepens with time. When we are younger, purpose often looks like striving—building careers, raising families, meeting expectations. At 70, purpose feels more rooted. It is less about proving and more about offering. Offering wisdom, encouragement, compassion, and presence. It is about knowing who you are and using your voice—gently or boldly—to lift others.

I find joy in watching my family grow, in tending flowers and herbs, (currently inside) in preparing a meal to share, and in sitting in the kitchen surrounded by loved ones preparing a great

meal to share with family and friends. These moments may seem ordinary, but they are sacred. They remind me that a well-lived life is not measured by how fast we move, but by how deeply we love.

Turning 70 also brings gratitude. Gratitude for lessons learned the hard way, for seasons of joy and seasons of growth, for relationships that have endured, and even for those that taught me when to let go. Gratitude has a way of softening regret and amplifying peace.

Faith has been my anchor through every decade, and it feels especially steady now. Scripture reminds us that aging is not a loss, but a blessing. Remember Isaiah 46:4, “Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you.” That promise reassures me that purpose does not expire with age. God continues to sustain, guide, and use us—right where we are, exactly as we are.

If you are approaching a milestone birth-

day, I encourage you to meet it with openness rather than fear. Celebrate the years you have lived and the wisdom you carry. Release the pressure to keep up with the pace of others. Your journey is uniquely yours.

Turning 70, for me, is about choosing joy daily, living with intention, and continuing to grow—not despite my age, but because of it. There is still so much life to live, love to give, and hope to share. And that feels like something worth celebrating.

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Senator Givens files SB 1 to modernize governance in Ky's largest school districts

Senate President Pro Tempore David Givens, R-Greensburg, has filed Senate Bill (SB) 1, priority legislation focused on modernizing governance in extremely large and complex school districts.

SB 1 clarifies who is responsible for setting direction and who is responsible for carrying it out. Under the bill, local boards of education are refocused on long-term strategy, fiscal oversight and performance monitoring, while superintendents are given clear authority over day-to-

day operations, personnel, transportation and administrative management, along with defined reporting and accountability requirements.

“As districts grow larger and more complex, blurred lines of responsibility create real risk,” Givens said. “This bill is intended to bring clarity and stability, not upheaval. When authority and accountability are aligned, systems function more effectively.”

The legislation is narrowly tailored and applies only to districts

that meet specific size and operational criteria. It does not create a state takeover or remove local control. Instead, it establishes a governance framework designed for districts operating at a scale unlike any other in the commonwealth.

Some of Kentucky's largest districts manage budgets approaching \$2 billion, serve tens of thousands of students daily and rely heavily on state funding. Jefferson County Public Schools, for example, educates roughly 95,000 stu-

dents and accounts for a significant share of the state's lowest-performing schools, while also facing ongoing challenges related to transportation, attendance, safety and finances.

“These aren't problems that resolve themselves,” Givens added. “Senate Bill 1 reflects a belief that with the right structure in place, improvement is possible over time.”

Givens emphasized that SB 1 is intended to bring clearer lines of responsibility and stron-

ger oversight, helping reduce repeated disruptions and support more consistent, long-term improvement for students, taxpayers and the public.

“Everyone across Kentucky has a stake in the success of our largest school systems,” he said. “This bill is about giving those systems a governance structure that matches the responsibility they carry.”

SB 1 has been introduced and is awaiting further action by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Guthrie votes to advance Legislation to support Pro-Life Legislation

Congressman Brett Guthrie (KY-02) issued the following statement after the House passage of two pro-life bills and receiving an A+ rating from Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. “This week the House

took action to protect the lives of the unborn, defend the sanctity of life, and support mothers,” said Congressman Guthrie. “Since coming

to Washington, I have always been proud to champion life. I was proud to vote for legislation to support families and look forward to continuing to do so for as long as I am privileged to serve in Congress.”

Congressman Guthrie has long been a defender of the rights of the unborn. On Tuesday, he was given an A+ rating on the Susan

B. Anthony Pro-Life America Scorecard. Information about the pro-life bills advanced by the House this week can be found below.

H.R. 6945 – Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act

H.R. 6945 prohibits discrimination against pregnancy centers by clarifying that pregnancy centers

are eligible to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding, allowing for pregnant women to continue serving as an important alternative for expectant mothers and support the life of the mother and the unborn child.

H.R. 6359 – Pregnant Students' Rights Act

H.R. 6359 requires institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights, accommodations, and resources for pregnant students to carry a baby to term. This provides women who become pregnant in college with more opportunities and resources to choose life, rather than be pressured into receiving an abortion.