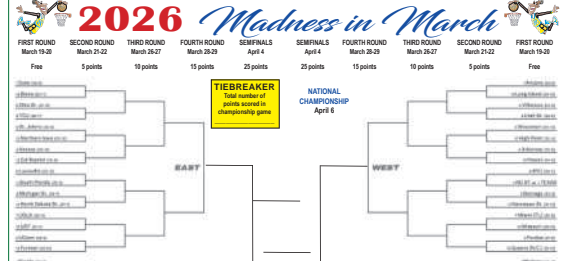


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Collision on Highway 88 claims life of teenager

On March 10, 2026, at 9:10 a.m. CT, Kentucky State Police Post 15 Troopers responded to a three-vehicle injury collision on KY 88 in Green County.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a 14-year-old juvenile was traveling west on KY 88 in a 2009 Subaru Forester. The juvenile entered a curve and lost control of his vehicle. The Subaru crossed the center line of the roadway and sideswiped a 2006 GMC bucket truck traveling east on KY 88, operated by Patrick Elmore, 54, of Greensburg. After mak-

ing contact with the bucket truck, the Forester then collided with a 2011 Ford F350 traveling east on KY 88. The F350 operated by Willie Mosier, 31, of Cookeville, Tenn. The F350 caught fire shortly after the collision. Mr. Mosier was able to free himself and exit the vehicle before the fire reached the passenger compartment.

The 14-year-old juvenile was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Green County Coroner. A passenger in the Forester, Angelo Forsee, 20, of Russell Springs, was transported to the University of Louisville Hospital

with serious injuries. Two other passengers in the Forester, Adrian Crew, 32, of Columbia, and Jacob Mann, 28, of Russell Springs, were transported to the TJ Sampson Hospital for treatment of injuries. Mr. Elmore and Mr. Mosier did not report any injuries.

KSP Post 15 Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Green County Sheriff's Office, Green County Fire/EMS, Summersville Fire Department, Grab Fire Department, and the Green County Coroner's Office. Senior Trooper Trevor Sagrecy is investigating the collision.

2026-27 Green County School Calendar

August 4, 2026	Opening Day
August 6, 2026	First Day for Students
September 7, 2026	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 2-Oct. 9, 2026	Fall Break
November 25-27, 2026	Thanksgiving Break
December 18-January 1	Christmas Break
January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Day
February 15, 2027	Presidents' Day
Mar. 12, 2027	Break
Apr.2 -April 9, 2027	Spring Break
May 18, 2027	Last Day for Students
May 19, 2027	Closing Day
May 21, 2027	Graduation

174 Student Days
185 Contract Days (G-1 Teacher planning work days)
School Day (Monday-Thursday) 7:30-2:30
School day (Friday) E/R 7:30-12:30
Lunch Mon.-Thurs. 22 minutes, Fri.- 20 minutes

Sen. David Givens responds to Beshear's veto of House Bill 1

The following is a statement from Senate President Pro Tempore David Givens, R-Greensburg, in response to Governor Andy Beshear's veto of House Bill 1, legislation sponsored by Reps. Kim Moser and TJ Roberts, which allows Kentucky to participate in a federal education tax credit program so that charitable donations supported by a federal tax credit can benefit Kentucky students through scholarships and other educational resources.

"Kentuckians reading the governor's veto message might reasonably conclude that he is rejecting additional federal education resources that could benefit students across the commonwealth. Sadly, they would be correct, as Governor Andy Beshear's veto message misrepresents what House Bill 1 actually does. This legislation does not spend a single dollar of Kentucky tax revenue, does not reduce SEEK funding

and does not divert state education dollars. It simply allows Kentucky to participate in a federal program so that charitable donations supported by a federal tax credit can benefit Kentucky students instead of students in other states.

"HB1 begins the process to offer this school funding opportunity to Kentucky taxpayers, teachers and, most importantly, students. If Kentucky refuses to opt in, our taxpayers can still claim the credit, but their donations will flow across state lines to support education elsewhere. HB 1 prevents that and keeps those opportunities here at home.

"Federal funds resulting from HB 1 can support a wide range of educational needs for students in public, private or homeschool settings, including tutoring, technology, books and special needs services. This is about expanding resources for students, not taking anything away

from our public schools.

"The bill passed the General Assembly with bipartisan support because members recognized the simple question before us: should federal education tax credits claimed by Kentucky families benefit Kentucky students, or those in other states?"

"As I said during Senate floor debate on HB 1, this program costs taxpayers nothing. If someone owes an income tax dollar to Washington, they can direct that dollar to help a Kentucky student instead. This applies to the first \$1,700 of federal income tax owed for each taxpayer.

"I continue to encourage Kentuckians, including the governor, to take advantage of this opportunity and contribute to a Kentucky scholarship-granting organization once the program begins in 2027.

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Senate committee passes Bivens' measure to protect farmer's rights

The Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture passed a measure that would allow farmers to make decisions about on-farm animal care and health practices. House Bill 111, sponsored by Representative Ryan Bivens of Hodgenville, would give the decision-making power to farmers and any other professional in which they seek advice from for the determination and implementation of health care practices on the on-farm animals.

"Decisions about the health and well-being of

farm animals should be made by the farmers," said Bivens. "This legislation would protect a farmer's right to make decisions about their animals, while safeguarding both animal welfare and the integrity of Kentucky agriculture."

The bill gives farmers, and other professionals they seek advice from, full control over on-farm animal health care and production practices. It protects these everyday animal health decisions from outside interference.

"Farmers know their ani-

mals better than anyone, and they work closely with other professionals to ensure those animals are healthy and well cared for," Bivens added. "This legislation helps ensure that the people who are directly responsible for the care of livestock can continue using their professional judgment and experience without unnecessary outside interference."

This measure will move on to the Senate for further consideration. To keep track of HB 111 during the 2026 Regular Session, please visit legislature.ky.gov.

Plant a tree Seedling giveaway is next Wednesday

The Green County Conservation District will have a Tree Seedling Giveaway next Wednesday, March 25, starting at 9 a.m. CT in front of the Courthouse on

the square. There will be white pine, Eastern redbud, pecan, flowering dogwood, white oak, black walnut, and hazelnut varieties available.

March is Colorectal Cancer Month Screening saves lives

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month — a time to highlight the importance of prevention, early detection, and education surrounding one of the most common cancers affecting both men and women.

Colorectal cancer is more commonly known as colon cancer. Occasionally, abnormal growths called polyps form in the colon or rectum. Over time, some polyps may grow out of control and turn into cancer.

According to a recent report from the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is now the number one cancer killer among men and women under 50 in the United States. Colorectal cancer is the only major cancer with rising mortality rates in adults under 50. Diagnosis among Americans ages 20 to 39 is projected to increase

by 90 percent by 2030.

In addition to the rise in cases among younger people, the risk of getting colorectal cancer increases as you get older. The majority of cases occur in people aged 50 or older. Other risk factors include having inflammatory bowel disease, a personal or family history of colorectal cancer, or a genetic syndrome.

Lifestyle factors that can contribute to an increased risk of colorectal cancer include lack of regular physical activity, a diet low in fruit and vegetables, a low-fiber and high-fat diet, overweight and obesity, alcohol consumption, and tobacco use.

The good news is that colon cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer, especially when detected early through routine screening.

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