

# What's Happening

All times are Central

## This Week

### Tree Seedling Giveaway

The Green County Conservation District will have a Tree Seedling Giveaway Wednesday, March 25, at 9 a.m. 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.

### Food Pantry open

Green County Food Pantry is open each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The pantry is located at 107 S. First Street in Greensburg. For sign up, appointment, or information call 270-405-3247 or visit their Facebook page. To make charitable donation, mail a check to the address listed above.

### Fish Fry

The South Central Rotary Club will have a Fish Fry March 26-27 at the Old Courthouse starting at 10 a.m. each day while supplies last. To order ahead, call Walt Parrott at 270-405-1042 or Steve Curry at 270-405-4304.

### Documentary at GCPL

Green County Public Library will be showing a documentary Saturday, March 28 by Lebanon Branch Preservation Trust on the L&N railroad caboose #156 that used to operate between Lebanon and Greensburg. The showing will start at 10 a.m.

## Happening Soon

### Blood Drive April 3

There will be a community blood drive on April 2 at the Greensburg Community Center from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. T-shirts will be given to all donors. Appointments available on RedCross website, however, please KEEP the appointment or cancel online if unable to attend. The need for donations is great.

### Closed Good Friday

Green County Public Library will be closed Good Friday, April 3.

### Spring Break at Library

Attend Spring Break at the Green County Public Library April 6-10 for daily programs for school-aged children. For the full schedule, see the Green County Public Library Facebook page or website at www.gcppl.info.

### Preschool Registration

Green County Preschool is accepting student applications for the upcoming 2026-27 school year for children that will be 4-year-old by August 1, 2026. This year's Pre-Registration dates are April 17, April 24, and May 1. To make an appointment, call the Green County Family Resource Center at 270-932-6619.

### Head Start applications

Green County Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year. Head start is for income eligible three and four-year-olds. For more information, call Donna Rogers at 270-932-6618 or email donna.rogers@lc-hs.org. Lake Cumberland Head Start welcomes children with disabilities and special needs.

Send events and reunions for  
What's Happening to  
news2@record-herald.com.

The deadline is 2 p.m. FRIDAY  
prior to the Wednesday newspaper.

## Reunions

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The GHS Class of 1960 reunion will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at the Green County Community Center. Park behind the library. No refreshments, just meet, greet and enjoy the way back when and the now.

### Letter to the Editor Policy

The Greensburg Record-Herald welcomes letters on any topic of general interest from its readers. All letters must carry the name, address and daytime telephone number of the writer, and the name of the writer will be published with the letter.

Please address letters to  
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## Legislation continues through House



State Representative  
Ryan Bivens

“March Madness” typically refers to the NCAA basketball tournament each spring, but the phrase can also apply to the final days of a legislative session. As final adjournment on April 15 approaches, the pace of work increases, bills continue to be revised, and efforts on the state budget continue as members come together to work out differences and consider additional options.

Here are a few highlights of the legislation approved by the House of Representatives this week:

HB 311 would require railroad companies to remove obstructive vegetation at railroad crossings and establishes procedures for state or local governments to address the issue if the railroad fails to act.

HB 541 would raise and standardize the requirements to become a law enforcement officer to ensure candidates are fully qualified, properly vetted, and meet statewide standards.

HB 566 would modernize the rules for judicial sales by increasing auctioneer fees, giving more flexibility in how sales are conducted and advertised, and allowing parties to negotiate terms in some cases.

HB 569 would establish a process for individuals to raise concerns about a judge's ability to impartially preside impartially over a case.

HB 643 would establish the framework for schools to implement wearable, silent panic alert systems to improve student

safety and response to crisis or emergency situations. The Kentucky Center for School Safety would provide a 50% match for the purchase and implementation of these systems as funds are available.

HB 644 would create a Medal of Distinction to be awarded by the Kentucky General Assembly and establish the criteria and selection process.

HB 652 would streamline school mapping by consolidating it under the 911 Services Board, improving access to the most current floor plans in an emergency.

HB 689 would authorize a state-directed payment program enabling qualifying hospital-affiliated physician groups to receive enhanced Medicaid payments, which would leverage an estimated \$29 million per year in federal funds without the use of state funds.

HB 778 would strengthen child welfare by barring foster, relative, or adoptive placements in homes with registered sex offenders, improving information sharing with schools and agencies, and enhances child fatality reviews, ensuring children in state custody are placed in safe, supportive environments tailored to their needs.

HB 781 would expand Kentucky's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) education and training plan to promote stronger workforce participation and employment outcomes.

HB 794 would include individuals age 65 and older among those protected under state exploitation laws and increase penalties for those who knowingly, wantonly, or recklessly exploit a victim.

HJR 77 would direct the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission to conduct a comprehensive assessment of coal resource viability and energy affordability in eastern Kentucky and submit responses to the LRC by December 1, 2026. Emergency.

HJR 81 would authorize the release of almost \$54 million in funding from the Kentucky Water or Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Fund (WWATERS).

HB 676 would direct the Legislative Research Commission to conduct a study to identify the best strategy to integrate electronic health data from across care and service settings to improve treatment, care, and quality of healthcare, as well as community and public health initiatives.

HB 904 would authorize and regulate fantasy contests, strengthen consumer protections live betting on horse racing and sports wagering, and clarify charitable gaming oversight.

HB 601 would prevent the state from charging a property owner for a potential increase in their property's value that might result from adding a new driveway or access point to a state-funded bypass or other limited-access highway.

HB 826 would ensure that the majority of state funding for adult education goes directly to programs that help adults earn a high school equivalency diploma, and guarantees a paper-based testing option.

SB 2 would cap pay increases for superintendents and school administrators to no more than those awarded to classroom teachers, and tie a district's SEEK

eligibility to this limit. SB 11 would establish a residential safe room rebate program, offering homeowners up to \$5,000 (50% of costs) for safe rooms that meet standards and are open during emergencies.

Again, these are just a handful of the bills that cleared the House this week. I hope you will follow our work online at legislature.ky.gov, where you can access bill summaries, legislation, livestreams, meeting materials, and archived floor debates and features.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Ryan.Bivens@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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Vote in local/school board/city elections	84%	86%	72%



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