

What's Happening

All times are Central

This Week

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.

Board of Education

The Green County Board of Education will hold a special-called meeting Friday, April 3, at 9 a.m. at the Green County Board of Education. The meeting is for the purpose of the School Board Vacancy Seat.

Happening Soon

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.gcpl.info.

NARFE Meeting

The next meeting of NARFE will be Monday April 6 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 Knox Regional Development Association (KRDA). POC Sharon Crady 270-832-8857.

Prom Flower Workshop

Register for a prom flower workshop at Green County Public Library on April 10 at 3:30 p.m. with Pine Knot Flowers. Registration is required to attend. Please call 270-932-7081.

GCPL Open Saturday

Green County Public Library will be open Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with children's crafts from 10 to 11 a.m.

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.

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Building a life of happiness



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There comes a moment in life when we begin to ask a deeper question: Am I truly happy, or have I simply been busy?

Recently, I spent time reflecting on the work of Arthur C. Brooks, particularly his book *Build the Life You Want*. His message is both refreshing and grounding: happiness is not something we chase, rather, it is something we build. And building, as we all know, takes intention.

Brooks describes happiness not as a constant emotional high, but as a combination of three steady pillars: enjoyment, satisfac-

tion, and meaning. I paused when I read that. Not excitement. Not constant joy. But something steadier. Something that feels a lot like the kind of life many of us have quietly been cultivating all along.

Enjoyment is found in shared moments with laughter around the table, conversations on the patio, the unexpected smile when someone we love walks through the door. It is not meant to be experienced alone. As I thought about my own life, I realized how often my greatest joy has come from being with others.

Satisfaction, Brooks explains, comes from effort—doing meaningful work, stretching ourselves, even struggling a little. That one resonated deeply with me as a counselor and

educator. Growth is rarely comfortable, but it is always worthwhile. There is something sacred about showing up, doing the work, and knowing that what you are doing matters.

And then there is meaning. Meaning comes from love, faith, purpose—those deeper threads that hold our lives together when everything else feels uncertain. It is what carries us through seasons of loss, transition, and change. It is what reminds us who we are.

What I appreciate most about Brooks' perspective is that he does not promise a life free of difficulty. In fact, he acknowledges what we all already know: life includes hardship. But happiness is not the absence of struggle, it is the presence of purpose in the midst of it.

Brooks encourages

us to stop asking, "What will make me happy?" and instead begin asking, "What kind of life am I building?" That shift changes everything.

Pay attention to the life you are building. Because in the end, happiness is something we create, moment by moment, choice by choice, day by day.

"The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs... You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail." — Isaiah 58:11

And above all, Love God and People.

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Since He's Alive....



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All other major "religions" in the world are built on a great but departed leader or philosopher. Christianity alone centers around a living, resurrected Savior.

A missionary trying to relay this truth to a group of Muslims used this illustration: "I am traveling, and have reached a place where the road branches off into two directions; I look for a guide, and find two men; one dead and the other alive. Which of the two must I ask for directions, the dead or the living?" "Oh, the living," responded the people. To which the missionary replied, "Why send me to Mohammed who is dead instead of to Christ, who is alive!"

When the two Marys and Salome brought spices to Jesus' tomb on that first Easter morning, attending angels asked, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen" (Luke 24:5,6 NASB). He's alive, and since He's alive...

His position is influential- After He rose from the dead, He made numerous post resurrection appearances before ascending back to Heaven. There He remains, at the right hand of God, interceding on our behalf. Take great comfort in knowing

that 1) Jesus is praying for us; and 2) As divine defense attorney, He is pleading our case before the Father and against the devil, the great accuser.

His purposes are unchangeable- People change, Jesus doesn't. He is immutable. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Boiled down, His desires for us can be summarized as follows: 1) Eternal life- Having "come to save that which was lost," He "desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (Matthew 18:11, 1 Timothy 2:4 NASB). 2) Abundant life- Salvation isn't just for the sweet by and by, but for the here and now as well.

His power is available- On the night before He was crucified, Jesus told His disciples, "It is to your advantage that I go away" (John 16:7). What on earth could be better than Jesus living among them? The Holy Spirit living in them, of course. He breathed a preview of the Spirit on them the night of His resurrection. That same Spirit came expansively and powerfully fifty days later on Pentecost (John 20:22, Acts 2:2). Twenty centuries later, the Third Member of the Trinity continues to work in us and through us.

His promises are reliable- Promises made two thousand years ago are just as viable today as they were then. Whoever believes in Him shall have everlasting life.

The weary and heavy laden will find rest in Him. He'll be with us always, to the very end of the age (John 3:16, Matthew 11:28,28:20). And, of course, there's that overarching promise on which we all await, "I will come again" (John 14:3). This only scratches the surface when it comes to the "precious and magnificent promises" available to those who belong to Him (2 Peter 1:4).

In the wake of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, a communist leader was sent to a Russian village of promote communism and take the minds of the people off of religion which Karl Marx called the "opium of the people."

After his lengthy babblings, the communist leader said harshly to the local pastor, "I will give you five minutes to reply." The pastor said "I don't need five minutes, only five seconds." He climbed onto the platform and gave the Easter greeting: "The Lord is risen!" The villagers responded boldly, as if in one voice, "He is risen indeed!"

Indeed, He has risen! He is alive. And since He's alive... His position is influential, His purposes are unchangeable, His power is available, and His promises are reliable.

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