

What's Happening

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This Week

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.

Board of Education

The Green County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Green County Board of Education.

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.

Happening Soon

VFW Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the James L. Pruitt Post 5813, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Auxiliary, will be April 16 starting with a meal at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in joining is invited.

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.

Send events and reunions for

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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.



THE BUCKET LIST

Smiles and gratitude



Crystal Cecil
Record-Herald Staff

One of the many benefits of working in the school that my daughter attends is the extra time we get together. Early mornings, it's just me and her, hanging out in the office before the chaos of the day begins. We often eat breakfast together and usually make coffee. She stops in throughout the day, just to say "hi" and give me the always-needed hug, and always asks, "How is your day?" She's a thoughtful little girl, for sure.

At least once a week we will eat lunch together in my office, side-by-side, and it's definitely a favorite part of my day—even if it's last night's leftovers or a simple sandwich. I get to hear about the middle school drama and happenings and she jabs on and on about anything and everything. Sometimes, I treat her to a special lunch.

Last Tuesday, the office staff ordered Chic-Fil-A from Glasgow and I added on a kid's meal. While waiting for her lunch-time, a



The smallest signs of gratitude mean the most. Always!

teacher asked who the colorful child's meal bag was for.

He then followed with a simple question and observation, "Is she pretty thankful? She seems like she would be."

Working with students in grades preschool through 8th grade, the question isn't really out of left-field... we hear it all and nothing surprises us.

I responded, "Yes, she really is."

A bit later, she came skipping into the office with a big smile, expecting nothing. As I handed her the bag, she squealed, "Thank you!" and I got the biggest hug. One would think I'd handed her a hundred dollar bill instead of a few chicken nuggets.

She told me at least three more times, "Thank you for lunch!" throughout the day.

Last night, after tucking my girl in (something I pray she doesn't grow out of anytime soon), I thought about what the teacher asked me and how incredibly lucky I am. At home, we talk about different scenarios and how not everyone is fortunate with extras. We try to really focus on never expecting anything, but appreciating everything.

My husband and I have a 12-year-old and an almost 16-year-old. They are as different as night and day, but both have manners (most of the time) and they better use them (or else). More im-

portantly, I hope they show respect and grace when they aren't being treated and their parents aren't in the room.

These days, a simple "thank you" and sometimes even a smile seems rare from adults and children alike and it makes me sad. My children aren't perfect by any means—no where close. There are a lot of corrections at home and we definitely have some good ole fashioned "Come to Jesus Meetings."

As they continue to grow, I hope their smiles and gratitude grow just the same and nothing—big or small—gets taken for granted.

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Care, Dare, and Share



Rev. Todd Gaddis

by, yet failed to help. Then, a Samaritan came upon the scene and offered assistance. Digging deeper into the story, note that:

He cared- "He felt compassion" for the victim, demonstrating that first by dressing his wounds. Oil was applied to ease the pain and wine to cleanse the wound.

And he didn't stop there. Since the man needed a safe place to recover, the Samaritan put him "on his beast" and found a place of refuge. Mother Teresa, the epitome of a servant, encountered a man in the late stages of terminal cancer. When the situation became too intense for one servant, she kindly stepped in and offered assistance. Asked by the dying patient, "how can you stand the smell," Mother Teresa replied, "It's nothing compared to the pain you must feel."

People don't care what you know till they know that you care. Faith often calls us to "get involved" and ease the discomfort of others.

He dared- First, he was willing to set aside his prejudices. Presumably, the victim was a Jew. And bad blood existed between the Jews and the Samaritans. God's kind of neighbor is willing to set aside biases, be they racial, political, economic, geographic, demographic, etc. Next, he overcame his fears. What if this was one big setup? What if he became the real victim? Obviously, discernment and wisdom are required in such situations. Yet, ministry often demands that we move out of our comfort zones into the battle zone. As the Bible says, "The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are as bold as a lion" (Prov-

erbs 28:1, NASB). He shared- 1) Time- Obviously, there was somewhere else the Samaritan needed to be. Nevertheless, he hit the pause button and addressed the need at hand. Now, more than ever, time is a valuable commodity. 2) Treasures- It started with payment, when the Samaritan paid in advance for the wounded man to stay at an inn. Then came the promise: "Whatever more you spend, when I return (more time) I will repay you" (Luke 10:35, NASB). Like Jesus also said, "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return" (Luke 6:38 NASB).

I read a story about a converted miser who received an urgent re-

quest for help from someone going through hard times. Now a new Christian, the man headed to his smokehouse to pick out a ham for his needy neighbor. It was then that the devil whispered into the miser's ear, "Give him the smallest one you have." Fighting the temptation, the man picked out the biggest ham he had. "You are a fool," said the devil -to which the man replied, "If you don't keep still, I'll give him every ham in the smokehouse." Are you feeling the urge to get off the sidelines and onto the field? Is it time to say, "Put me in, coach"? Dare, care, and share; as you strive to be God's kind of neighbor.

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