

What's Happening

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This Week

Library Week

National Library Week is April 20-25. The Green County Public Librarybookmobile will be at Rusty River for National Outreach Day on April 22 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.. Stop in and view the bookmobile and see Ms. Angie.

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 24, and May 1. To make an appointment, call the Green County Family Resource Center at 270-932-6619.

Library open Saturday

Green County Public Library will be open Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Dr. Susan Howell will be hosting a writing workshop from 9:30-11:30 a.m.. Registration is required. Call 270-932-7081 to register.

Heritage Fair

The Heritage Fair hosted by Green County Genealogical Society will be Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greensburg Community Center. There will be variety of vendors with a wide selection of unique and meaningful offerings. Presentations at 11 a.m. on Ground Penetrating Radar then on Native American research at 1 p.m. Lunch available for purchase on-site. For more information, contact Fayma Callahan, 812-290-6056 or greencokygensociety@gmail.com.

Happening Soon

Homeschooler Class

Homeschoolers will meet at Green County Public Library April 29 at 1:30 p.m. or a Cardio Drumming Class.

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. Norefreshments, just meet, greet and enjoy the way back when and the now.



It starts in the mind

I heard about a physician who said, "Many of my patients have nothing wrong with them except their thoughts. So I have a favorite prescription I write for some. But it is not a prescription that you can fill at a drugstore. The prescription I write is a verse from the Bible, 'Romans 12:2'" Although he didn't write the entire verse out for his patients, I'd like to do that now. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2 NASB). With that in mind, focus on these two statements:



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Don't conform to the pattern of this world. I love how J.B. Phillips renders this in his New Testament in Modern English translation: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold." By world, Paul means this present evil age, one in which the devil is "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2 NASB). It's a world spinning out of control, doomed to destruction, dominated by hedonism, materialism, and narcissism.

It's not that God doesn't want us to enjoy ourselves. Jesus came that we might have

abundant life, which includes the swift here and now, as well as the sweet by and by. Yet, excluding the Lord from our plans and chasing temporal, carnal pursuits is a plan doomed for failure. As the Bible says, "The world is passing away and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God continues to live forever" (1 John 2:17 NASB).

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. The word in the original language is metamorphoo, from which we get the English word metamorphosis. In other words, when a person comes to Christ, they don't become an improved version of who they were, but rather a brand new person, one in whom the Spirit of Christ dwells. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come" (Corinthians 5:17 NASB). Likewise, the creature that emerges from the cocoon is not an improved caterpillar, but rather a brand new butterfly.

And to think, it all begins in that short space between our ears. Transformation requires mind renewal. Every action begins with a thought. According to the Bible, as a person "thinks within himself, so he is" (Proverbs 23:7 NASB).

If you find yourself struggling in this area, meditate upon this verse, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5 KJV). But you can't have the mind of Christ unless you've become a child of God through salvation - understanding that salvation is only the beginning.

Next comes sanctification, being set apart and progressing in the faith. After all, growth should follow birth, both in the natural and supernatural realms. I remember hearing the constant command as a little leaguer: "Keep your eye on the ball." The same principle holds true in kingdom life. We must keep our focus on Jesus, blocking out distractions and temptations.

Paul said it this way to one of his churches, "Set your mind on things above, not on things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2 NASB). Scripture also says, "Thou wilt keep in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:

because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3 NASB) We keep our mind on Him by reading the Bible (and other faith-based literature), praying, listening to Christian podcasts and music, engaging in kingdom conversation with family and friends, and joining in community with other believers.

Don't conform, but rather be transformed. Experience hope and joy that only Christ can provide.

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Every year, blue pinwheels begin appearing in front of schools, churches, courthouses, and community centers. They are cheerful, bright, and almost whimsical. But they stand for something serious: the right of every child to grow up safe, protected, and loved.

Children are among the greatest gifts we are given. They depend on the adults around

them to protect them, encourage them, and help them feel secure. Yet far too many children experience abuse, neglect, or harm behind closed doors. According to the CDC, at least one in seven children in the United States experienced abuse or neglect in the last year, although experts believe the true number is even higher because so many cases go unreported. A report of child abuse is made about every 10 seconds in America.

Child abuse is not always visible. It is not always bruises or broken bones. Sometimes it looks like fear, anxiety, withdrawal, poor

hygiene, hunger, or a child who suddenly becomes angry, quiet, or overly watchful. Neglect remains the most common form of maltreatment, followed by physical abuse and sexual abuse. Many children suffer in silence because they are afraid, confused, or believe no one will listen.

One of the most important lessons of Child Abuse Prevention Month is that protecting children is not just the responsibility of parents or professionals. It belongs to all of us. Teachers, grandparents, coaches, ministers, neighbors, and friends all have a role to play. Some-

times that role is as simple as checking on a family that is struggling, offering help to an overwhelmed parent, volunteering with children, or listening carefully when a child seems afraid. Communities are strongest when they support families before a crisis happens.

This month, when you see a blue pinwheel, let it remind you that every child deserves laughter, safety, stability, and hope. Let it remind you that children should not have to carry adult burdens or adult secrets. And let it remind you that one caring adult can change the course of a

child's life.

As the old saying goes, children may not remember everything we say, but they will always remember how we made them feel. May we make them feel seen, protected, valued, and loved.

Scripture reminds us in Matthew 18:6 & Mark 9:42: "Jesus states it would be better to have a millstone tied around one's neck and be drowned than to cause a child to stumble or sin."

And above all, Love God and People. Amen.

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