



Greensburg Village, seen here in 1991, has been home to countless Green Countians during its 44 years.

# The making of Greensburg Village

When Greensburg Village opened in 1982, it represented more than a new housing complex. It was the result of months of planning, cooperation, and a shared belief that Green County's older residents deserved safe, dignified, and affordable homes. The idea first took shape in early 1981, when city and county leaders began reviewing plans for a 50 unit senior housing development designed to blend into the surrounding neighborhood. The proposal called for 12 residential buildings, a community building, and landscape that would create a quiet, residential atmosphere.

Mayor Bill Taylor and County Judge-Executive Billy Shuffett led the effort, working to secure federal funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 202 program. Local housing officials emphasized the need for such a development, noting that many older residents were living in inadequate conditions. Audrey Hancock, Director of the Greensburg Housing Authority, later explained that the project would be "a great asset for our people, especially those on fixed income."

On September 24, 1981, Greensburg host-



Green County Public Library Genealogy  
Laura Johnson

ed state and federal officials for the groundbreaking ceremony. The event marked the beginning of the first HUD 202 senior housing project ever approved within the Lake Cumberland region. Representatives from HUD, the Lake Cumberland Housing Agency, and regional development offices joined local leaders as Taylor and Shuffett turned the first shovels of dirt, officially launching the construction phase. The land was purchased from Vic and Ann Griffiths.

Progress moved quickly. By late fall, many of the buildings were already under roof. The project, built by FIE Construction Company of Somerset at a cost of approximately \$1.17 million, included one story units arranged across six acres off Autumn Drive. The low density design created a peaceful and attractive setting with winding roads and landscaped green space.

Greensburg Village was designed to be more than a collection of apartments. Each

unit included emergency call buttons monitored around the clock, and the overall plan incorporated transportation services, on site meals, recreational activities, garden plots, and coordination with local agencies for home health and housekeeping assistance. Hancock emphasized that these features would help residents "live independently for a longer period of time," which was a central goal of the project.

Applications opened on April 19, 1982, with income limits set to ensure affordability for seniors and adults with disabilities. By mid-August, Greensburg Village officially opened its doors, offering one bedroom ground level apartments, free water and garbage service, laundry facilities, and a community room for social gatherings.

As the first residents settled in, Greensburg Village quickly proved to be exactly what its planners envisioned: a safe, welcoming place where older adults could maintain independence while staying connected to their community. More than four decades later, its creation remains a reminder of what Green County can accomplish when leaders, agencies, and citizens work together toward a shared purpose.

Greensburg-Green County  
A proud past — A promising future

# Way Back When

1966— A new belfry was constructed to replace the old bell tower on the Old Courthouse.

BY CAROL DIAL  
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**May 24, 2006**  
**Gumm makes history** - GCHS Coach Larry "PeeWee" Gumm made history as the first baseball coach in Kentucky to have 1,000 career coaching wins.

**Kelly retires** - Margery Kelly retired following a 53-year career that started as a filing clerk at Peoples Bank and ended as vice president and loan clerk at PBI.

**Brothers graduate** - WWII veterans and brothers, Johnny Matney and Cecil Matney, were given a standing ovation as they walked the stage at GCHS graduation ceremonies. The brothers left school to enlist as soldiers when WWII began.

**Montgomery remembered** - A memorial service was held at the grave site of Ryan Montgomery, who died in Iraq July 3, 2005 while serving in the National Guard.

**May 22, 1996**  
**Fire destroys home** - The home of Cecil and Nannie York on Doc Ward Road was destroyed by fire. No one was injured.

**Band performs** - The GCHS Band entertained an appreciative audience during the Spring Band Concert.

**Bike-A-Thon** - The Children's Bike-A-Thon raised \$1,186 for

the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Over the Trails, John H. Ewing, Jr.** - Hemp was grown for seed in this area during WWII. The seeds were shipped to farmers in the Kentucky River area who grew hemp to make ropes.

**May 22, 1986**  
**Academic three-way tie** - Three 1986 GCHS graduating seniors, Katy Allison, Beth Brookshire, Laura Shuffett, qualified for the honor of Valedictorian of the class.

**Golden anniversary** - There will be a reception held June 1 for Joe and Lucile Guthrie on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

**In and around Donansburg, Maurine Whitlow** - A Mother and Daughter Banquet was held Saturday at Greasy Creek Baptist Church.

**Students visit zoo** - Summersville Elementary School students recently enjoyed a trip to the Louisville Zoo.

**May 27, 1976**  
**Couple seriously injured** - Arnie and Anita Judd suffered a severe electrical shock when a TV antenna came into contact with live electrical wires. Both have undergone extensive surgeries at a Louisville hospital.

**Presidential election results** - In the Green County May 25 primary election

Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan and Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter were chosen to face each other in the November general election.

**Little Barren, Reia Ledbetter** - There was an ordination service at church ordaining four new deacons: Frankie Young, Meryl Young, Grady Thompson and Robbie Jones.

**Skyline, Big Dusk to Dawn show** - Elvis in "Spinout"; James Bond in "Goldfinger"; Burt Lancaster in "Lawman"; plus "Working Girls".

**May 26, 1966**  
**Bell tower for old Courthouse** - A new belfry has been constructed by Empco Steeple Company of Summersville to replace the old bell tower on the Old Courthouse.

**Vance elected Legion Commander** - Creswell Vance was elected for a second term as Commander of Rod Lowe Post 124 of the American Legion.

**Obituaries** - James Robert Underwood, 94, May 23; William Floyd, Sr., 66, May 23; William Lewis Hodges, 64, May 25; Noah L. Marcum, 81, May 21; Rufus P. Strong, 71, May 17.

**Lile celebrates birthday** - Waller Lile celebrated his 89th birthday with a dinner given by family and friends. He received many cards and gifts.

## Memorial Day service at Oak Grove Sep. Baptist

Oak Grove Separate Baptist Church will be having their Memorial Day service Sunday, May 24. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and

service begins at 11 a.m. There will be a meal to follow.

Rev. Ricky Arnett and congregation welcomes everyone.

## Community Baptist to have live auction

Community Baptist Church will be holding a live auction on May 29 beginning at 6 p.m. CT. Layton Froggett will be the auctioneer.

The address is 5918 Edmonton Road Greensburg.

All proceeds will go directly to the church; youth.

## VBS at Bethlehem Baptist May 30

Bethlehem Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. CT for those in kindergarten and older. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

## Mystery Dinner event at S-ville Nazarene

Summersville Nazarene Youth will host a Mystery Dinner Comedy Saturday, May 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. ET at the Greensburg Community Center. The evening will be filled with suspense, laughter, and fine dining. The event will be an interactive theat-

rical experience one won't forget.

The cost is \$30 per person and the meal will include grilled chicken, baked potato, green beans, salad, rolls, Boston creme pie, fruit, and a drink.

For more information, contact Kelly Moon at 270-932-1235.

### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Green County Board of Education for Athletic - Bid Package 2 - 3 Buildings in Greensburg, Kentucky, until 10:00am CT / 11:00am ET on 17 June 2026, at the office of the Board of Education, 402 E Hodgenville Avenue, Greensburg, KY. Bids will be opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on 27 May 2026 at 10:00am CT / 11:00am ET at the Area Technical Center, adjacent to the football field, 102 Carlisle Avenue, Greensburg, KY 42743.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained at Lynn Imaging (lynnimaging.com), 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 800-888-0693. There will be no cost to bidders for digital copies. Costs for printed copies and shipping will be bidders' responsibility, and are nonrefundable.

Successful low bidder will be required to provide 100% Performance and Payment Bond for contract signing for all labor and materials (including DPOs - Materials purchased directly from suppliers) as part of this contract. Bid Security equal to 5% of Base Bid will be required, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check. Questions or requests for clarification shall be directed to the Architect. Documents may be viewed at the following locations:

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn without the consent of the Owner or forfeit of Bid Security for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the date for receipt of bids.

Will Hodges, Superintendent  
Green County Board of Education