

What's Happening

All times are Central

This Week

Board of Education

There will be a special-called Green County Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, May 27 at 4:30 p.m.

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.

Election Results

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In the 1st District race for constable, Albert Ray defeated George Ratcliff Jr, 160-139.

In state-wide races, incumbent Ryan Bivens took Green County by a 1,407-1,280 margin over Steven Caven in the race for state representative. Bivens also won the other two counties in the district. He defeated Caven by more than 1,500 votes in LaRue County and more than 400 votes in Hart County. The totals in the contest were 4,478 for Bivens and 2,384 for Caven.

In the 2nd Congressional District Republican race, Brett Guthrie easily overwhelmed his competitors. He received 85% of the votes across the

district.

On the Democrat side, Megan Winfield received the most votes over the other competitors.

In the U.S. senate race to replace Mitch McConnell, Republican Andy Barr led the way over Daniel Cameron with a total vote of 283,720 to Cameron's 144,558 votes. Barr defeated Cameron by 329 votes in Green County.

Green County voters went with Amy McGrath in the Democratic race for U.S. Senator. She defeated Charles Booker 172-110 but statewide, Booker won the election 155,494 to 119,244.

The General Election is set for Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Fiscal Court

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1996 International School Bus - Louie Froggett; 10 ft. dump truck bed - Louie Froggett; two 10 ft. snowplows - Randall Dobson; Tiger brand flail mower and tractor mount for boom mower - Louie Froggett

(4) A request from the Green County Ambulance District for opioid funds amounting to \$16,096

(5) To authorize Judge-Executive Frank to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with revisions pertaining to the Green County Ambulance Service

(6) To accept and authorize Judge Frank to sign AOC reimbursement agreement for fiscal year 2026-2027 amounting to \$193,500

(7) To pay Pete Bell for Courthouse cleanup

(8) To apply for \$4,000 Waste Tire Grant

(9) To reappoint Jamie Blakeman to the Green County Ambulance Board for a two-year term (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2028)

(10) To appoint Wesley Dobson to the Tax Assessment Board for a three-year term (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029)

(11) To reappoint

Marla Durrett and Danny Bush to the Park Board for two-year terms (July 1, 2006-June 30-2028)

(12) To reimburse Tommy Pepper for Health Insurance (Part B)

(13) To increase Fiscal Court Clerk's salary to \$275 per month effective May 21, 2026

(14) To authorize Judge-Executive John Frank to sign Interlocal Agreement with the Lake Cumberland Area Development District

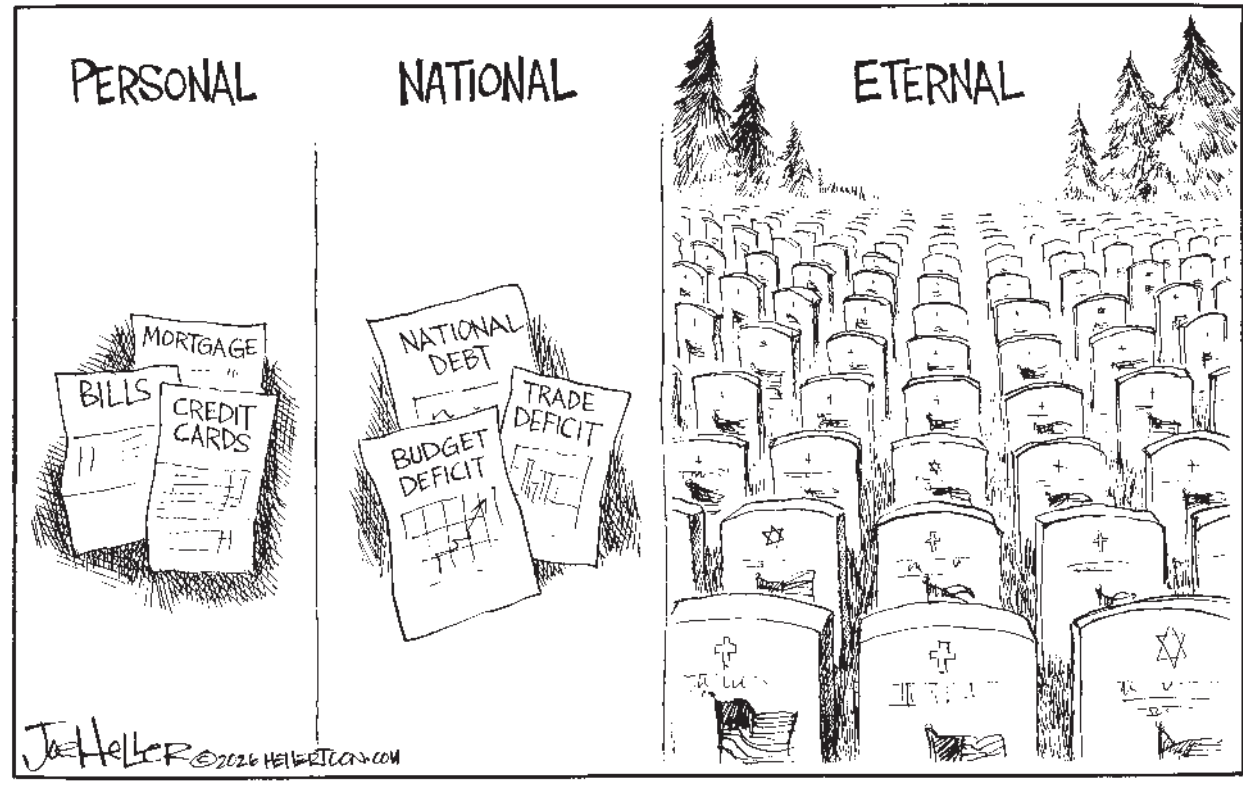
(15) The Green County Sheriff's 2025 Tax Settlement Audit pending state audit results

(16) To allow the Green County Victim Advocate Program to remain in its current location

(17) To authorize Judge-Executive Frank to sign documents/contracts/agreements regarding House Bill 900 (Green County Courthouse renovation and various walk/bike trails)

The Court also acknowledged the Green County Ambulance District budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 and a payment from Kroger, Inc. of \$2,296.80 pertaining to opioid funds.

The debt we owe



Watch your words



Rev. Todd Gaddis

I recall the following saying from my childhood: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Though this phrase has a nice ring to it, nothing could be further from the truth.

A more accurate statement, especially in our day of cyber warfare and political division is the African proverb, "Words are like bullets; if they escape, you can't catch them again." Truth be told, throughout time, careless words have done more damage than bullets.

I'm aware of a situation in a family in which two siblings rarely speak because of hateful words that were spoken years ago. You've no doubt seen such occurrences in your world as well.

After 41 years of marriage, careless words are more likely to get me in hot water than any other offense (you'd think I would have learned by now).

As seems to be the norm these days, we are in the midst of a heated political climate. Cautious quotes, comments, and speeches pour down like a hailstorm,

spewing out from both sides. Keenly recognizing the poisonous potential of words, King David, a discerning politician in his day, voiced this petition to the Lord 3,000 years ago: "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips (Psalm 141:3, NASB)."

I get a little uneasy at times when people around me start taking videos with their phones. And then I realize God hears everything I say. He's the one I really need to be most concerned about. As Jesus said, "I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it on the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36,37, NASB).

The Bible also says, "If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his

own heart, this man's religion is worthless. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison" (James 1:26, 3:8, NASB).

As you consider these verses, ponder these points. First, as my mother often reminded me, "It's not what you say, it's how you say it." The tone of our speech can do more damage than the words themselves. I'm prone to turn up the volume when I get passionate about an issue or want to get my point across.

Also, harmful words are often an indication of an unrighteous heart. As Scripture challenges, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" (Proverbs 4:23, NIV). Addressing a person's speech specifically, Jesus said, "For his mouth speaks from what fills his heart" (Luke 6:45, NASB). In other words, we'd better get our hearts right if we expect good words to flow forth from our tongues.

On a windy hillside near an English country church sits a gray tombstone, the following words fading

with age: "Beneath this stone, a lump of clay, lies Arabella Young, Who on the twenty-fourth of May began to hold her tongue."

Hopefully, it won't take such drastic measures for us to begin to hold ours. These words of wisdom will help: "He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles" (Proverbs 21:2, NASB).

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