

What's Happening

All times are Central

This Week

VA representative

Board of Education

Library open Saturday

Dolly Day at GCPL

Happening Soon

Green River Beekeeper

VFW, Post 5813, Aux.

Cruising the Square

VA representative, Kevin Kearns, will be at Green County Public Library on June 10 from 8 to 10 a.m. to assist veterans with questions about their benefits.

The Green County Board of Education will hold a special-called meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the Green County Board of Education. The Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Green County Board of Education.

Green County Public Library will be open Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Green County Public Library will have Dolly Day on Fridays in June at the library. Dolly Day is a time when children in Green County, ages 0-5, can enroll in Dolly's Imagination Library and receive a special prize from the Green River Early Childhood Collaborative.

Green River Beekeepers will host Chris Mason and Hank Hardin, wildlife biologists at the June 18 meeting at the Taylor County Extension office at 6 p.m. Attendees are asked to enter through the rear door. The topic will be about bears and about handling other nuisance wildlife.

The regular monthly meeting of the James L. Pruitt Post 5813, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Auxiliary, will be held June 18, beginning with a meal at 6:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in joining either organization is invited.

Cruising the Square is Saturday, June 20 starting at 5 p.m. CT in downtown Greensburg. The event will showcase all kinds of vehicles, offering a diverse range of makes and models.

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Week in review:

Education,
agriculture, and
natural resources



State Representative

Ryan Bivens

The first week of the legislative interim has wrapped up as lawmakers returned to Frankfort for a new round of committee and task force meetings in advance of the 2027 Regular Session. Interim joint committees (IJC), subcommittees, and statutory committees convened throughout the week, covering a wide range of policy areas - from school construction needs to improving safety in roadway work zones and evaluating funding strategies for transportation projects. I am including summaries of several of the meetings. To learn more about each individual committee, please visit the legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov. You can also watch meetings, both live and recorded, on the legislature's YouTube page, @KYLCRC Committee Meetings. IJC on Education: Members discussed

several key topics related to primary and secondary as well as post-secondary education. First, the committee discussed the Workforce Pell Grant established by the federal government in 2025. Then, they received updates from the cooperative extension offices of the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University. Finally, the panel heard from the Kentucky Department of Education to discuss academic standards for social studies and early literacy outcomes. IJC on Transportation: Lawmakers first heard from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) on the implementation of legislation passed in previous legislative sessions, including legislation addressing work zone safety and sheriff's inspections. Members then discussed the impact of the gas tax reduction. The one-month, 10-cent reduction will save the average Kentucky driver \$5, but it will cost the state's Road Fund around \$27 million. IJC on Education: Members discussed

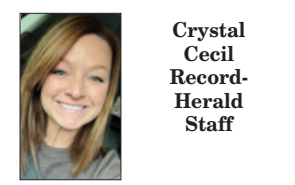
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Pets...

the extra special family additions

— Part One—



I am 100% a dog person. Find me at the ballpark most week-ends petting every dog I see... puppies make for an extra exciting day! I had so many dogs growing up and I can recall how special each of them was. Its's no wonder my children are the same. The male-version-of-me-child-Cayden-has four dogs, Chugger, Catie, Fescue, and Thursday. More about them another time, especially Chugger!

The mini-mirror-version of myself-Conleigh-was born loving cats. What in the world!? While getting a haircut way back in 2020, our hairdresser, Holly, mentioned she had kittens. Obviously, since she lives nearby, we had to go visit those kittens, but we definitely were not getting one. We came home a few weeks later with an adorably cuddly striped kitten named "Caramel".

The kitten has been Conleigh's cat from Day 1, and she lets everyone else know it. Conleigh's bed is her throne, and the new window seat installed is her second favorite perch, but only when Conleigh isn't home. Because wherever her girl is, she is too. I'll never forget the time I found her sitting on the side of the bathtub.

I am her second favorite human in the house. She sits by me while I drink my coffee on the weekends, and type away on my laptop. She waits for me on busy school mornings, on the rug where I give her a daily treat. Sometimes, she even allows me to scratch her ears. And if Conleigh isn't awake by normal school hour time, Caramel won't quit meowing til I wake her girl up. Whoever thought a cat



Conleigh's cat, Caramel.



Caramel's human, Conleigh.

could become an alarm clock to a 12 year old!? Last week, Conleigh came to me concerned about Caramel's eye. "It has a lot more black spots in it, Momma," she said. "I think it's getting worse." As I researched images online, I called Dr. Mike's office pretty quickly and scheduled an appointment for next day. Conleigh refused to transport her favorite feline any other way but in the safety of her little arms, so off we went. Dr. Mike took great care of our friend and we are hoping for the best going forward. She's a pretty healthy 10 lb. kitty (cutting back on those morn-

ing treats!), and the spots could mean a lot of different things. We're keeping a close eye on them. As we left, I listened as Conleigh told Caramel all things to keep her calm, and I couldn't help but think about how sweet their bond is. WhowouldConleigh be without her cat? I feel certain a lot of her caring nature comes from that relationship. She's so loving and the way she talks to and gushes over that cat is the same way she treats other people-like they are just extra special. And she's such a responsible kiddo. I feel I have to contribute that to the caring for a pet of her own.

The cat has lived her best life since. Even a week later.... "She got two shots, the poor kitty... she deserves an extra treat, Momma."



On the way to see Dr. Mike last week.

Rain

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This is the third driest year on record (January-April) over the past 132 years for Green County. In that

time period, the county was 7.41" below normal. The average rainfall for June in Green County is 4.7". During July, the county aver-

ages 4.9". Therainfall amounts on Monday and Tuesday will bring Green County much closer to normal, at least for the month.

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