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Cruising
the Square
in July

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Free breakfast,
lunch for
GC students

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Summersville Fun Days is July 17-18

Summersville Fun Days, a community favorite event and fundraiser for the Summersville Volunteer Fire Department, is this Friday and Saturday.

There are new and improved events and many old favorites planned, something for everyone.

Starting this Friday at 4 p.m. CT, events will kick off with a Tractor Cruise, followed by a Gospel Music Program from 5 to 9 p.m. under the big tent on the former Summersville school grounds. Attendees

Mr. & Mrs. Summersville to be crowned Saturday afternoon prior to auction

are welcome to bring their own chairs if desired.

Door prizes will be given away during the evening and the SVFD will be selling concessions, including ribeye sandwiches, meals, treats, and many other items.

Saturday is set to be packed with fun activities and a full schedule.

A country ham breakfast

will begin at 6 a.m. CT under the large tent near the former school, and last until they're sold out.

The annual 2-Mile Fun Run/Walk will take off at 8 a.m. from the former Forcht Bank location. Participants will be escorted by the SVFD.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. for the car, truck and antique tractor/old engine show, on the field across from

T-Mart. Judging will be at 1 p.m.

Quilt Show drop off will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. under the main tent. The quilt show viewing and voting will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Winners will be announced at noon and pickup of all quilts will be required at that time.

Lunch will begin at 9 a.m. and cooking will continue

for the remainder of the day. The menu will consist of ribeyes, fish sandwiches, ribbon taters, and more. Carryouts are available.

A Jeep Cruise will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the SVFD.

The scavenger hunt will begin at 10 a.m. and run til 1 p.m. beginning near the quilt show tent.

A cake walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will continue until all cakes are gone.

The Hula Hoop Contest is set for 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Coming soon:

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS AUG. 6

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STAFF WRITER

The calendar says mid-July but Green County schools are ramping up quickly for another year that begins in less than a month.

The first day for students is Thursday, August 6 but teachers start professional development at the end of this month. See adjacent calendar for the upcoming

school year.

Back to school festivals have been scheduled for all four schools in the system.

The first one is set for Tuesday, July 28, when Green County Intermediate School hosts a time for third, fourth and fifth grade students to pick up free necessary school supplies as well as meet the teachers. The event is from 5 to 7 p.m. CT at GCIS.

Thursday, July 30, is for high school students, freshmen through seniors, to meet teachers and check out the classrooms. This event is also from 5 to 7 p.m. CT.

Monday, August 3, is the open house at Green County Primary School for students through second grade.

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2026-27 Green County School Calendar

July 28, 2026	Teacher work day
July 29, 2026	Professional Development
July 30, 2026	Professional Development
July 31, 2026	Professional Development
August 3, 2026	Professional Development
August 4, 2026	Opening Day
August 6, 2026	First Day for Students
September 7, 2026	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 2-Oct. 9, 2026	Fall Break
November 25-27, 2026	Thanksgiving Break
December 18-January 1	Christmas Break
January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Day
February 15, 2027	Presidents' Day
Mar. 12, 2027	Break
Apr. 2 -April 9, 2027	Spring Break
May 18, 2027	Last Day for Students
School Day (Monday-Thursday) 7:30-2:30	
School day (Friday) E/R 7:30-12:30	
Lunch Mon.-Thurs. 22 minutes, Fri. - 20 minutes	

GC Republican Women's Club launch is July 21

Women invited
to join new
organization
focused on
leadership,
service, civic
engagement

Women and young ladies from across Green County and surrounding communities are invited to attend the inaugural meeting of the Green County Republican

Women's Club on Tuesday, July 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CT at Longhunters on the Square in Greensburg.

The event will feature special guest Kentucky Senate President Pro Tempore David Givens, a Green County native who has represented Kentucky's 9th Senate District since 2009. As President Pro Tempore, Givens serves as one of the highest-ranking members of the Kentucky Senate and plays a key role in shaping legislative priorities for the Commonwealth. Senator Givens will share insights

on state government, public policy, leadership, and the importance of civic engagement.

The Green County Republican Women's Club has been established to provide local women with opportunities to become more involved in their communities, develop leadership skills, support conservative principles, and encourage civic participation among future generations. The club encourages women of all ages, including high school and college students, to become involved in lead-

ership, public service, community engagement, and the political process.

"We are excited to launch this organization and create a place where women can connect, serve, and make a positive impact in Green County," said Jamie Ennis, organizer of the club. "Rural Kentucky deserves a strong voice, and we believe local involvement is one of the best ways to strengthen our communities and shape the future for our children and grandchildren."

Carol Rogers, President of the Kentucky Federation

of Republican Women, welcomed the formation of the new club.

"The Kentucky Federation of Republican Women is excited to support the establishment of the Green County Republican Women's Club," Rogers said. "Strong local organizations are essential to developing leaders, serving communities, and ensuring that Republican women continue to play an important role in shaping Kentucky's future."

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Women, page 2A

WARNING—A child can drown in seconds

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Doctors and others are sounding an alarm: More U.S. children have been drowning in recent years.

"When drowning occurs, seconds matter," said Dr. Rohit Shenoi, the lead author of a recent American Academy of Pediatrics warning. "Quick rescue and resuscitation can mean the differ-

ence between life, death and lifelong disability."

About 4,000 to 5,000 Americans drown each year. Most are adults who die in natural bodies of water, such as lakes, ponds or oceans.

But statistically speaking, drowning is a much larger danger to children. It's the No. 1 cause of death for kids ages 1 to 4, and one of the top killers of children

ages 5 to 14.

Drownings of very young children sometimes occur in bathtubs.

Why are more kids drowning?

Unintentional child drowning deaths in the U.S. fell from around 2,000 a year in the 1980s to below 1,000 a year by the early 2000s, thanks in part to public awareness campaigns, ex-

panded access to swimming lessons, and adoption of pool fencing laws. Between 2000 and 2019, health officials saw a 38% drop.

But then the trend reversed, with the number of child drowning deaths rising from 756 in 2019 to 865 in 2024, the most recent year for which complete data is available. The bulk of them were children younger than 5. The child

drowning death rate also increased slightly, from 1.1 to 1.2 per 100,000 children.

What happened?

The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted swimming lessons and lifeguard training programs, and contributed to a national lifeguard shortage.

See Drowning, page 10A

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