

Celebrating Year #85!

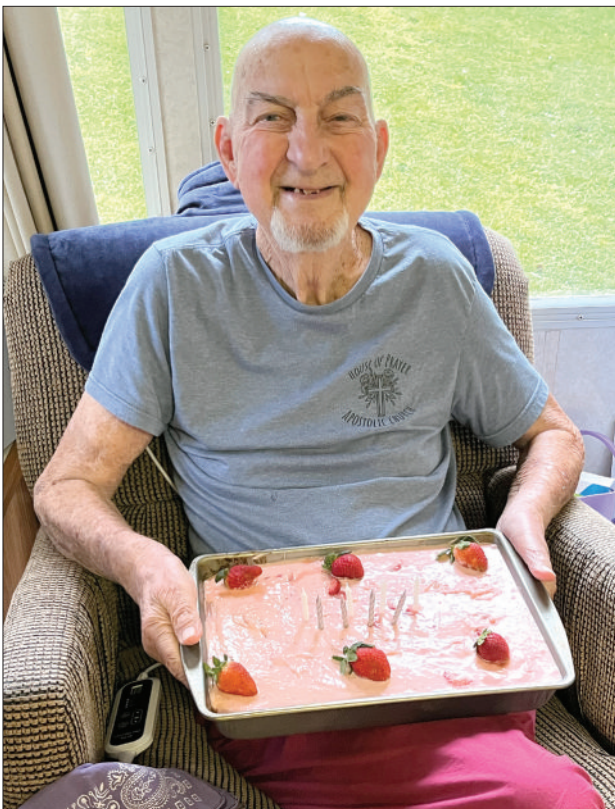


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Greensburg Record-Herald reader Stanley Riddle turned 85 years young last Sunday, July 12. Mr. Riddle celebrated his special day with his wife, Janice, and a cake adorned with strawberries.

Business Firms To CLOSE EACH THURSDAY

This headline appeared in a notice printed on April 29, 1949, in the Greensburg Record Herald.

Too hot to work



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In a fast paced world where many businesses offer 24/7 service, it seems odd to think of one cutting their hours of operation, yet some residents of Green County will remember when, not so long ago, many of Greensburg's businesses closed each Thursday. The tradition that lasted more than six decades began in the late 1930s, when businesses across town routinely shut their doors on Thursday afternoons to create a weekly half holiday that shaped local commerce and community life.

The earliest notices appear in the Record Herald in July 1937, when merchants agreed to close at 1 p.m. each Thursday to give the employers and employees a half-day holiday during the hot summer months. Stores such as Monson's Department Store, Dulworth's Bargain Store, Woodson Lewis, and G. O. Burrell & Co. were among the first to participate.

By the late 1930s and early 1940s, the practice had expanded. Beauty shops announced Thursday afternoon closings in 1939 and 1940, and by August 1940 even the banks joined in, remaining open only on Thursday mornings while merchants took their weekly break. In 1942, the majority of stores, banks, and restaurants were closing each Thursday afternoon, with only drug

stores and the Record-Herald staying open "for all the business they can get."

The tradition continued into the postwar years. Long lists of participating businesses filled the newspaper including groceries, hardware stores, shoe shops, barber shops, dry cleaners, and more. Even the Greensburg Post Office joined the closing at noon on Thursdays to reduce operating expenses.

By 1949, Thursday closings had expanded from half days to full days. Many businesses began to keep that schedule throughout the year, not just during summer months.

The closings had become so routine that hardware stores experimented with rotating schedules so customers could still find supplies. Banks maintained Thursday closures through the 1950s and 1960s, observing the day weekly except when a legal holiday fell within the same week. Medical offices, including Dr. Robert L. Shuffett's and Dr. Phillip Shaw's chiropractic office, adopted the Thursday break as well.

The practice extended beyond private business. The Green County Court Clerk's office and the courthouse itself were routinely closed on Thursdays, a schedule that lasted well into the 2000s.

Though the tradition has faded, for many decades Thursday closings offered merchants a predictable break, employees a chance to breathe, and the community a shared pace that shaped business dealings, doctor visits, and weekly errands.

Greensburg-Green County A proud past — A promising future Way Back When

BY CAROL DIAL
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

**July 17, 1996
Accident fatal to Gribbins** - A single-vehicle crash on highway 323 took the life of twenty-nine-year-old Rita Fay Gribbins.

New Record-Herald editor - Tom Mills has been given the position of Editor for the Greensburg Record-Herald.

Fire and Rescue wins championship - Greensburg-Green County Fire and Rescue won the Regional Firefighters Olympics Championship for the second consecutive year.

Birthdays - Ruth Cantrell, 98; Dorothy Mae Penick, 100.

**July 17, 1986
Druther's Triathlon** - Participants from across the state were in Greensburg for the Druther's Triathlon.

Green County winners were Paul Ennis, first Green County finisher; Alton Neagle, second Green County finisher; Lanny Tucker, fourth in his age group.

Jump Rope for AHA - Green County students jumped rope to raise \$2,156.70 to benefit the American Heart Association.

Summershade, Hazel Kessler - Sean Buchanan had surgery to repair a broken arm received while playing ball.

Our Boys in Service - Cadet Donald C. Wilcoxson completed US Air Force ROTC training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Airman Ronald A. Buckman graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Air Force Sgt. Lincoln C. Nealy received the Air Force Commendation Medal in Belgium. Navy Petty Officer

Second Class Joseph A. Moon is currently stationed aboard the submarine USS Bremerton based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

**July 22, 1976
Storm hits home** - The home of Ancil Durrett suffered significant damage when a sudden storm hit with hail, lightning and strong winds. The house chimney was blown over and a cow struck by lightning.

Golden anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Delker Thompson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary July 21.

Mell, Helen Blaydes - I have a pretty garden and have canned 40 quarts of beans so far.

Three arrested - Three Columbia men were arrested and charged with the robbery and break-in at the Pierce School.

**July 21, 1966
Scouts in New Mexico** - Several Green County Boy Scouts and their adult leader Don Salsbury are on a twelve day camping experience at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Over the Trails, John H. Ewing, Jr. - I have been traveling in the Hudgins and Eve communities visiting with Albert Bloyd, 87, and Mrs. Bloyd, 88, Mrs. John Nunn, 84 and Mrs. Bob Hall, 82.

Welcome Home - A Welcome Home party was held July 3 at Legion Park for S/P 4 Herman L. Estes, who had just returned from 13 months of duty in Nha Trang and Phu Loi, Vietnam.

Residents receive benefits - Social Security benefits of \$840,156 were received by 1,363 Green County residents in 1965.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Green County Board of Education today announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals to students under the National School Lunch / School Breakfast Programs for the 2018-2019 school year. All students will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge at the following sites:

Green County High School
Green County Alternative Education Center
Green County Middle School
Green County Intermediate School
Green County Primary School

For additional information please contact: Green County Board of Education, Attention: Anna Givens, Food Service Director, 402 E. Hodgenville Avenue, Greensburg, KY 42743, 270-932-6601, anna.givens@green.kyschools.us.

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