

GREEN COUNTY HERITAGE CELEBRATION

JUNE 27, 2026

COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM



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GREEN COUNTY

GREENSBURG, KY

JOINT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The County of Green and the City of Greensburg, its residents and visitors benefit and enjoy the many unique historical sites and deep historical ties to our nation, and

WHEREAS, The Committees representing the historic fabric of Green County and the City of Greensburg, including Green County Arts Council, Green County Historical Society, Green County Public Library and the Green County Genealogical Society are highlighting our local history in conjunction with the Kentucky America 250 historic celebration, connecting our past to the history of the nation, and

WHEREAS, These efforts are designed to emphasize our rich, significant local history within the larger context of the national America 250 Anniversary for our local population and tourists alike, and

NOW THEREFORE, We, Greensburg Mayor John Shuffett and Green County Judge Executive John Frank, do hereby Proclaim:

Saturday June 27, 2026 as:

Green County Heritage Celebration Day

We urge all citizens, residents and visitors of Green County to participate in the Green County Heritage Celebration fittingly and to honor and emulate the fine example of the founding citizens who followed our national independence to the benefit of all of us here and now and in the future.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the County of Green, Kentucky, this ___ day of ____, 2026

*Greensburg Mayor
John Shuffett*

*Green County Judge Executive
John Frank*



Green County Heritage Celebration

June 27, 2026
Greensburg, KY

Schedule of Events

9:05	The Declaration of Independence	Richard Treitz
9:30	Welcome Opening of Event- Historic Old Courthouse- Proclamation by Community Leaders Green County Heritage Celebration Day Mayor Shuffett and Judge Frank	Tom Akin and Community Leaders
9:45	Major General Nathanael Greene Presentation- Historic Old Courthouse- Public Square	Taylor Bishop
10:30	Dedication of Montgomery Mill Artifact Exhibit- First St. and West Court St. Green County Historical Society	
11:30	Historic Walking Tour of Greensburg- Allen's Inn Public Square 101 E. Court St.	Carolyn Scott

Event Sites in Town Open for Visitors Free Admission

Green County Library:	Cornhusk Doll Making, Kid's Activities Genealogy: Finding Your Roots
Green County History Museum:	Open for Tours
Old Courthouse:	Open for Tours
Old Depot Railroad Building: 103 N. Depot St.	Display of information about railroad history in Green County
Allen's Inn:	Homemakers Heritage Demonstrations





ONE BAND.
ONE ROAD.
ONE NIGHT AT A TIME.

*Come see us on the
"Find Me a Freeway Tour"*

**Come Join Us for Greensburg's Celebration of
America's 250th Birthday!**

4 p.m. - 10 p.m. CST

Food Vendors Include:

Green County Cattlemen Association

American Legion

Lemonade

Ice Cream

**Free Concert Event
Featuring: JD Shelburne**

**Sponsored by: The City of Greensburg
& The Green County Arts Council**

7 p.m. CST

110 W. Court St. Greensburg

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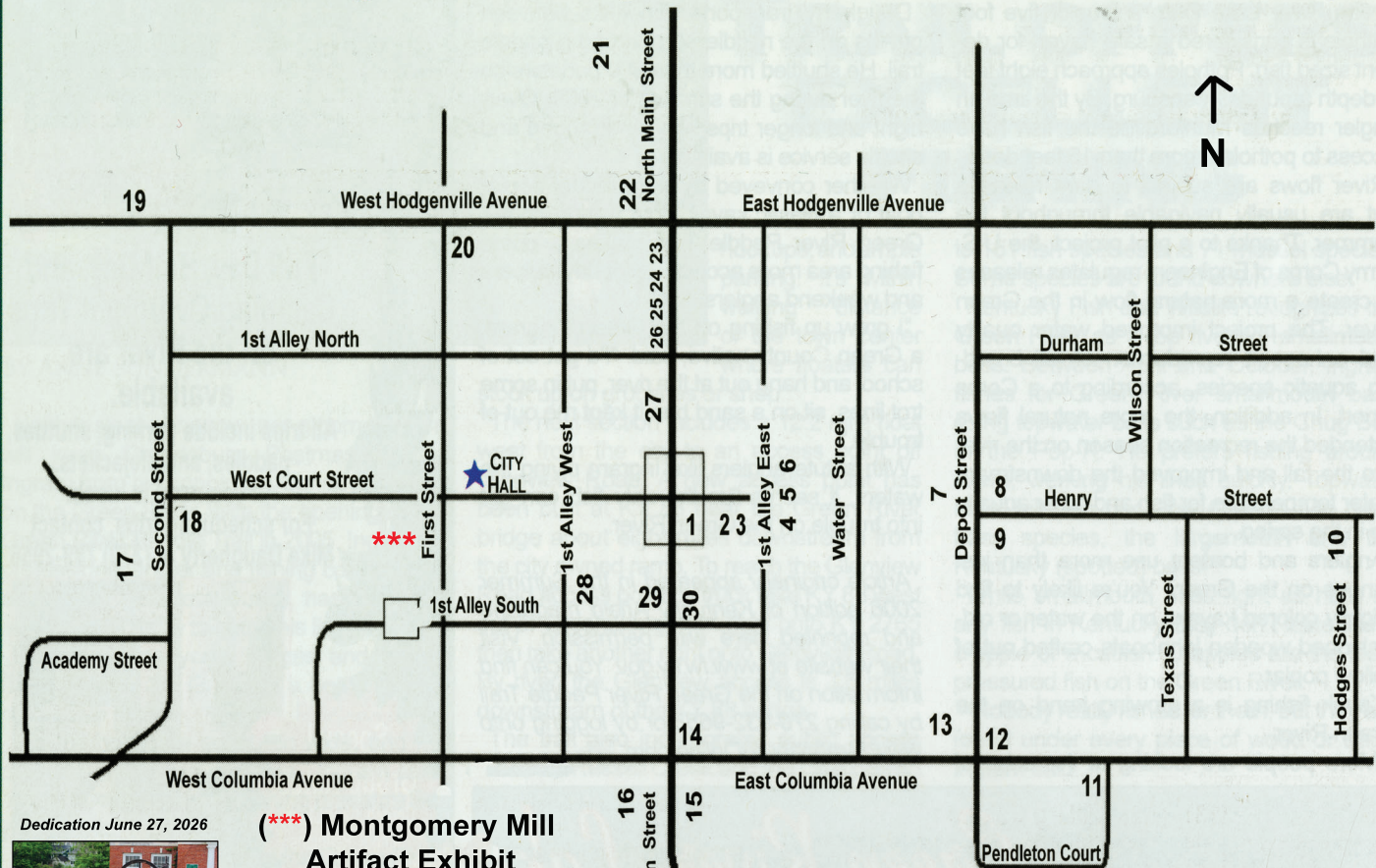
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GREEN COUNTY

Fun for All Ages!

Bring Your Chairs!

A Walking Tour of Historic Greensburg



Dedication June 27, 2026



(***) Montgomery Mill Artifact Exhibit

Montgomery Mill once proudly stood on the banks of Pitman Creek about 2½ miles Northeast of Greensburg at the "Narrows" near the Cumberland Trace and Pitman Station. Milling activities date back to the 1790's at its original location.



(1) Old Green County Courthouse

The oldest known courthouse west of the Alleghenies. Constructed between 1802-1804, it was built of native limestone. The building was saved from demolition in the 1930s and restored in 1973, using original specifications.

(2) Bank of the Commonwealth

One of the first 40 banks chartered in Kentucky in 1818, the structure was erected in 1819. A door facing the town square has been filled in and all that remains of the original interior is the bank vault.



(3) Allen's Inn



Constructed between 1806-1812, the Inn was owned by attorney James Allen until 1831. Allen was a two-term state representative, a Brigadier-General in the Kentucky Militia, and the president of the short-lived Independent Bank of Greensburg. The Inn was owned by many others through the years, and it was the Vaughn family residence from 1877-1944. The interior of the Inn has been entirely altered.

(4) Old Green County Clerk's Office



Built in 1818, this is possibly the oldest Clerk's Office in Kentucky. James Allen was the first clerk appointed by the County and resigned in 1812. The building was constructed during the term of his successor. Also, it was the original site of New Athen's Academy, established in 1805 by John Howe, a Presbyterian minister and Princeton educated teacher.



(5) Water Treatment Plant and Old City Hall

Built in 1936 by WPA, this was the first water treatment plant in the city. It was used until 1960. The building served as the Greensburg City Hall from 1965-1976. On the original holding tank behind the building is a mural, "The River Runs Through It," depicting Green River life and history.



(6) Goose Creek Bridge

Built in 1928 at a cost of \$4,500, the bridge provided a solution to an area problem. Ever since the first settlers arrived in the area, having to tread the steep valley on each side of Goose Creek was quiet an ordeal. The bridge made it much easier to get from one side of town to the other. It is 445 feet long and 5 feet wide. It is the only stationary foot bridge in Kentucky.

(7) Railroad Depot

The Cumberland & Ohio Railroad laid tracks from Campbellsville to Greensburg in 1879. A depot was constructed during that time. Replacing the original Depot, this building was built in 1913 by the Louisville-Nashville Railroad. Except for removing the freight office and baggage room, the station has remained the same and is owned by the City of Greensburg.



*Glover's Station
Est. 1792
Greensburg
Inc. 1794*

(8) Greensburg Bottling Company

Once a major business in the area, the Greensburg Bottling Company was founded in 1926. In 1961, Jodie DeSpain purchased the company, which was owned and operated by the DeSpain family for over 40 years. It was known as the bottler of Double Cola and Ski, popular soft drinks still sold in the area. The soft drink Ski was immortalized by the Kentucky Headhunter's song "Dumas Walker" from their Grammy-winning first album.

9) General Edward H. Hobson's Home



Built in 1823 for Captain William Hobson, this home is better known as the residence of William's son, military hero General Edward H. Hobson. General Hobson was the leader of the 13th Kentucky Infantry at the Battle of Shiloh during the Civil War.

(10) Hobson Cemetery

Among the graves at the Hobson Cemetery is that of Civil War General Edward H. Hobson and other Hobson family members.



(11) Creel Home



A significant Federal style structure, this home was built about 1820 for Elijah Creel, a Greensburg merchant. He died in 1835 and was buried on the property. Elijah Creel's son, Reuben, went to Mexico in 1845 during the Mexican War, serving as interpreter for General Ward, another Greensburg native. He remained in Mexico after the war, and in 1863, President Lincoln appointed him U.S. Consul to Chihuahua, Mexico. In turn, his son, Enrique Creel, was ambassador from Mexico to the U.S. from 1907 to 1909. The younger Creel also served as a member of the Mexican National Congress, Governor of Chihuahua, official interpreter at the meeting of President Taft and Diaz in 1912, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

(12) Taylor-Howell-White-Penick House

The style and details of this home suggest it was built in the 1820s. In 1889, the house was bought by Benjamin W. Penick and his wife, Anna Hobson Penick, the daughter of General E.H. Hobson. Benjamin Penick became Circuit Clerk in 1868 and served at least four terms.



(13) Winn Milling Company



This land has been the site of at least three mills. The earliest known one, which was built before 1886, was the B.H. Hobson and Son Planing Mill. In 1919, the structure burned and was replaced with the Greensburg Milling company. In 1927, another fire destroyed that mill, and the present building was constructed.

(14) Joseph Perry House



Current home of Durrett Realty - Constructed during the 1820s, this is one of several early Federal style brick structures built in the immediate area. Most of the interior woodwork, mantels and the dual leaf door have been well preserved.

(15) Josiah Brummal House

Currently Cowherd-Parrott Funeral Home - This is the southern most historic structure on the fringe of 19th century Greensburg. The one-story wing on the south is the earliest section. The middle and end sections were built prior to 1825. A two-story Greek Revival addition was constructed in the 1850s.



(16) Bartlett Hillard House

Birth Home of William H. Herndon—Built about 1816, this a two-story Federal style with a one-story ell. Abraham Lincoln's law partner, William H. Herndon, was born in this house in 1818.



(17) Greensburg Academy

Located on the corner of Academy and Second Streets, the original part of this structure was built around 1812-1815 by John and Mary Barrett and housed the early Greensburg School. Mentor Graham, Abraham Lincoln's teacher in Illinois, taught here from 1818 to 1823. Schoolmaster Graham left Greensburg in 1823; there is no record of the school operating after that date. In 1833, George Wax purchased the property and apparently built the brick-end addition. Other owners were John V. Taylor and Joshua M.V. Shreve, whose family owned it until 1977.



(18) Brents-Wax House

Currently Foster-Toler-Curry Funeral Home - The first stage of this tri-level building was built in 1819 and within three years most of the structure was complete. In recent years, a chapel was added to the east end. The original sections are shared by the funeral home and a private residence. Before the building was constructed, the first tobacco processing factory was established by James Harris of Richmond, Virginia, and Gabriel Buckner of Greensburg.



(19) Barrett House

A Federal style house built in two sections. The earliest part is ca. 1814, built as a 1 1/2 story house, and raised to two full stories later. A two-story addition was built for the Barretts between 1830 and 1840.

(20) First Greensburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church

The Greek Revival style church was built in 1915 for the congregation organized in 1913 as a result of a tent revival. In 1966, the congregation moved to a new building farther north on Hodgenville Road., and the building became the home of Greensburg Separate Baptist Church.

(21) Greensburg Cemetery

This is the first known established cemetery in Greensburg and is the burial site of the area's earliest citizens. Graves here include people from all walks of life—veterans from all wars and the common grave for cholera victims of the 1833-1834 epidemic.



(22) Woodson Lewis Home



Built in 1904 for Woodson Lewis, this home is an example of Neo-Colonial architecture (a stage that attempted to recreate the charms of early American buildings). The house is unusually well-preserved and has remained virtually the same for nearly 100 years. It is still owned by the Lewis family.

(23) Greensburg Presbyterian Church

Organized in the late 1700s by Father David Rice, this was the most western Presbyterian Church in the area. David Rice was buried in Green County' however, his body was disinterred in the early 1900s and moved to Danville, Kentucky. The first church building was constructed on this site in 1820 and served the congregation until the present building was built in 1890 in memory of John and Mary Barret by their son, John C. Barret.

(24) Jeremiah Abell's Cabin

Believed to be built after 1796, this cabin was once the home of Reverend Jeremiah Abell. Reverend Abell was a Presbyterian minister in Green County and the surrounding area during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.



(25) Moore-Graham House (1848)

This architecturally significant Greek Revival building was constructed for Major Richard L. Moore in 1848. For a time, the house was the residence of Judge J. Hal Graham, County Judge in the late 1920s.

(26) Buchanan & Phillips Dry Goods Store



This is one of the few late 19th century commercial buildings remaining in Greensburg. The store was built between 1886 and 1895. It was one of the few commercial buildings that survived the great fire that destroyed most of the square at the turn of the 20th century. The upstairs was once used by a telegraph exchange, but for most of the 20th Century, it has been occupied by a restaurant.

(27) Alexander Brown House

According to an 1833 deed, the brick core of this house was built for James Alexander and Daniel Brown. Since that time, 20th century store fronts have been built around original structure. Despite the interior changes, the core of the house remains as it was in the mid-1800s.



(28) Jeff Henry Law Office and A. Ennis Lunchroom

These buildings are perhaps some of the oldest structures on the town square. They were built in 1843 on a portion of the lot acquired for the second Green County Clerk's Office. In the late 1800s, the middle building was a tavern owned by David Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery also established his own distillery on Pitman Creek.



(29) Woodson Lewis Store

This looming commercial building was built in 1900 for a firm which was established in 1828. Complete with its original and creative exterior, the building has been well-preserved. Today, the building houses the Glover's Station Antique Mall.



(30) Green River House



Also, known as Howell's Hotel, Green River House is the largest of Greensburg's important structures. The first phase of this structure was built in the 1820s and 1830s, with the south block of the hotel completed in about 1915. The building served as a hotel until the 1950s.

Celebrating Jane Todd Crawford



Photo courtesy of Lindsey Wilson University

Lindsey Wilson University art professor Tim Smith, left, and art major Tezon Mitchell '27 of Greensburg, Kentucky, stand Monday, Dec. 15, next to the sculpture of Jane Todd Crawford in front of Jane Todd Crawford Hospital in Greensburg. The sculpture was unveiled Dec. 13. Smith created the sculpture, and Mitchell was one of the LWU students who assisted him on the project.

On December 13th, 2025, Jane Todd Crawford Day, an 11 foot tall bronze honoring the local heroine, was unveiled in front of the Jane Todd Crawford Hospital in Greensburg. Created by Lindsey Wilson Fine Arts Professor Tim Smith worked with the Green County Arts Council to develop the idea. The hospital was excited and proud to fund the project, to finally honor the first successful abdominal surgery by Ephraim McDowell, who removed the 22 pound ovarian tumor on Christmas Day in 1809 after Crawford traveled the 60 miles on horseback to his surgery in Danville.

The statue revolves on its black marble base and depicts the healing rod of Aesculapius, the Greek God of Medicine, the spiral representing a snake, a symbol of healing and renewal as it sheds its skin. The spiral can also be seen as the road traveled on Jane's journey to Danville from her log cabin home in Green County. Smith talked about the multiple frames concept of inside/outside as window reflections of our inner self but also our place in the outer world. The daffodils hearken back to the Crawford homestead in southern Green County with a nod to an effort in the 30's to plant them along the Jane Todd Crawford Trail. The holly and berries represent that Holy Christmas Day, when the first successful abdominal surgery was performed by Dr Ephraim McDowell in his kitchen. Jane, putting her Faith in the Lord, sang hymns and prayed during the 25 minute surgery, as anesthesia had not been invented yet! The surgery allowed the mother of five to live a full and useful life until the age of 78, even outliving her surgeon.



Montgomery Mill Artifacts Exhibit

Outdoor Exhibit



Montgomery Mill

Montgomery Mill once proudly stood on the banks of Pitman Creek about 2½ miles northeast of Greensburg at the "Narrows" near the Cumberland Trace and Pitman Station.

Dr. Nimrod H. Arnold is credited with cutting a narrow channel in the bedrock at the "Narrows" in 1826 that served as the mill race for Montgomery Mill. An upstream mill dam was also constructed to direct the water into the channel and through a turbine. Power from the turbine was then transferred by a cable/pulley system up to the mill's main driveshaft which was located several yards away. This system provided sufficient power to turn the millstone and operate the mill.

David Montgomery purchased the mill in 1848, and the mill was operated predominately by the Montgomery family until sometime after J. T. Montgomery died in 1928.

Montgomery Mill earned a place of honor as a historically significant site when it was placed on the National Register in 1984 following an application submitted by Joe DeSpain, Green County Historical Society.



From the late 1700s through the early 1900s, grist mills were extremely important across Kentucky, even more important than stores as each farm would need their corn ground into cornmeal, an essential food item for each family. Montgomery Mill was among hundreds of grist mills built along Kentucky's waterways and one of about 55 mills in Green County. Each mill not only provided food, but they served as a community meeting location where farmers shared news as they waited on site for their "turn" when the miller ground their corn or wheat into flour, cornmeal, or livestock feed.


The Millstone

Millstones are used in pairs. The bottom millstone known as the bedstone is stationary while the runnerstone is suspended slightly above the bedstone and rotates.

The runnerstone from Montgomery Mill is approximately 39 inches in diameter, about 1 foot thick, and is estimated to weigh between 1,300 and 1,400 pounds. It was made of a conglomerate (sandstone and quartz pebbles) and was used primarily to grind corn into meal. Grain was introduced through the hole in the center of the runnerstone where it would quickly move to the narrow space between the two millstones. As the runnerstone turned or rotated over the bedstone, the grain was crushed.

Notice the grooves in the millstone. There are matching grooves on the face of each millstone. As the runnerstone rotates, it creates a kind of scissor action between the grooves moving the meal across the millstones eventually to the outer edge where the meal would fall into a storage bin.

The large stone on the front corner of the exhibit served as the foundation stone at the northwest corner of Montgomery Mill.



Runnerstone from Montgomery Mill

Don't be shy. Try out the audio system at the exhibit and listen to history unfold.

Indoor Exhibit

See small artifacts such as buttons, coins, etc., and a key that was found where the front door used to be. Could it be the key to the mill? You decide. You will also see artwork about Montgomery Mill as well as an actual meal sack!



While supplies last.



**Free dedication day memorabilia button!
Available at the exhibit as part of the
dedication. 203 W. Court St @ 10:30 AM**



City of Greensburg

Mayor: John Michael Shuffett

City Clerk: Kim Darnell

Utilities Clerk: Lisa Fields

City Council:

Alex Taylor

Chris Borders

Ed Gorin

Jerry Cowherd

Julie Smyrichinsky

Mark Judd

Police Chief: Josh Judd





Green County Elected Officials

Judge Executive: John Frank
Circuit Court Clerk: Karen Gilpin
County Court Clerk: Jessica Baker
County Sheriff: Robby Beard
County Attorney: Russ Goff
Property Valuation Administrator (PVA): Sean Curry
County Coroner: David Taylor
County Surveyor: Brian Ferguson
County Jailer: Tommy Pepper

Fiscal Court Magistrates:
District 1: Andrew Parson
District 2: Tim Darnell
District 3: Steve Lewis
District 4: Terry Aaron
District 5: Charles Judd



Committee Partners

Green County Arts Council

Our mission is to create an awareness and appreciation of the arts, sponsor cultural activities for everyone, promote our local artisans, and provide them with an effective marketing tool.

Meetings

We meet on the second Thursday of every month on the second floor of Longhunters Coffee & Tea Company located at 115 South Public Square.

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Arts Council**

Green County Historical Society

The Green County Historical Society is a non-profit organization located in Greensburg, Kentucky. Established in 1976, the society is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Green County, Kentucky.

The Historical Society hosts numerous events throughout the year, including lectures, workshops, and special exhibits. The society also sponsors historical tours of the county, which highlight significant landmarks and historical sites.

Meetings / Membership

The Historical Society meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Longhunters Coffee and Tea Company on the square in Greensburg at 5:30 PM. Membership in the Green County Historical Society is open to anyone interested in the history of Green County, Kentucky. Members receive a periodic newsletter: Green County Review.



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Open 9-2 Friday and Saturday
Exhibits focus on:

Independence Hall, the Founding Fathers, drafting of the U.S. Constitution
Military History: Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII and more recent
Black History: Community, Schools, Cemeteries, Major Contributors
Medicine: Jane Todd Crawford
Education: Green County Schools and Sports
Early Lifestyle: Discovery, Founding and Settlement of Green County
Trades, Businesses, Craftsmen
Oil Boom, Agriculture, Train Depot, Simon Settles Rifles



Visit us at:
115-117 S. Public Square
Greensburg, KY 42743
Upstairs from Longhunters Coffee and Tea Company
and Tavern on the Square



LEARN. LEAD. SERVE.

Green County Extension Homemakers

The Green County Extension Homemakers mission is to improve the quality of life for families and communities through education, leadership development and volunteer service. Individual clubs meet monthly and lessons are provided by the University of KY via the local Cooperative Extension Office.

For additional information on when clubs meet and programs, please contact:

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Green County Public Library

YOUR CONNECTION TO THE PAST

Early Green County records
Surname Family Files
Local newspapers 1895-2006
Genealogical Society quarterlies
Historical Society quarterlies
Photographs from the past
School yearbooks
Ancestry.com
Newspapers.com



Plus so much more...

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Green County Genealogical Society

Green County Genealogical Society is a nonprofit organization comprised of individuals with a common purpose of performing genealogical research, in general, and more specifically, gathering genealogical data relating to historical records in and around Green County Kentucky, for publication. An additional and related purpose of the corporation is the preparation and distribution of books, newsletters and other publications that perpetuate information for future generations.

We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (CST) at The Green County Library in downtown Greensburg.

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**THE GREEN COUNTY HERITAGE CELEBRATION
COMMITTEE WISHES TO GIVE
SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**TO MAYOR SHUFFETT, THE CITY OF GREENSBURG STAFF,
JUDGE FRANK, AND GREEN COUNTY STAFF,**

**WE WISH TO EXTEND
OUR DEEPEST THANKS FOR YOUR UNWAVERING DEDICATION, HARD WORK,
AND SELFLESS SERVICE. YOUR TIRELESS COMMITMENT TO
THE GREEN COUNTY HERITAGE CELEBRATION HAS NOT ONLY BROUGHT IT
TO LIFE BUT HAS ALSO STRENGTHENED OUR COMMUNITY IN WAYS WE CAN
ALL FEEL.**

**TO EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER, YOUR PASSION, EXPERTISE, AND WILLINGNESS
TO GO THE EXTRA MILE HAVE BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND OUR
SUCCESS, AND YOUR EFFORTS MADE A LASTING IMPACT.**

**AND TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY – FROM VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORTERS –
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, ENCOURAGEMENT,
AND BELIEF IN OUR SHARED MISSION.**

**IT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR COLLECTIVE SPIRIT THAT WE CONTINUE TO GROW,
CONNECT, AND THRIVE AS A COMMUNITY AS WE CELEBRATE THE
AMERICA 250TH.**

