

Ground is broken for new Columbia hotel

After a three-year delay, ground was broken for the Sleep Inn Hotel on Friday, next to Goodwill and near Walmart Super Center.

Ground breakers included Todd Grider, representing his father Tommy Grider, and his mother Marsha; Terry and Susan Harvey; Mike Neal; Sue Stivers; Lee Ann Collins; and Pamela Russell.

Tommy Grider, Terry Harvey and Mike Neal, along with Mike Stange from Miramar Beach, Fla., are co-owners who have been trying to get the project started for several years.

Harvey said approvals are going through Frankfort, so it may be a couple more months before construction begins.

"We're really excited," Neal said. "We got a lot of work into it and a lot of work to do, but we're glad that, after working on it three years, it's finally a

reality. We're excited for the need that will be filled for the community."

According to Harvey, the Sleep Inn will stand three stories high and have a brick veneer, an indoor pool and a community room.

The motel has been granted a five-year county property tax exemption, which Harvey said will go into effect after it opens.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, Stivers, who is executive director of the Columbia/Adair County Chamber of Commerce and a Lindsey Wilson College Board of Trustees, commended Grider, Harvey and Neal for their contributions to the community.

"These young men, three of them, born and reared in Adair County, went away to college, came back home and have been very successful business people," Stivers said. "And you



From left, Todd Grider, Marsha Grider, Terry Harvey, Susan Harvey, Mike Neal, Sue Stivers, Lee Ann Collins and Pamela Russell scoops the first dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony.

know, that's what education is all about. We've been talking about, get an education, then come back home and help your community."

People involved in the

project believe it will be beneficial to Columbia's economy.

"The new Sleep Inn Hotel, which is badly needed, will have a great economic impact upon our community," Stivers said.

Neal believes the impact is only natural.

"It's normally like dominoes in development," Neal

said. "When one thing is built, normally others do as well. I think it will help recruit some other things in here."

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Three school buses involved in accident in Green Co.



Photo by Tom Mills, Greensburg Record Herald

Three Green County school buses were involved in a collision Friday afternoon in the area of Pittman Creek in Green County.

Greensburg, Ky. – Tpr. Jonathan Houk investigated a collision that occurred last Friday in the area of Pittman Creek on Ky. 61 north in Green County.

43-year-old Randall Dobson was operating a 2002 bus when he rear ended a 2008 bus operated by 46-year-old Frankie Dobson.

That bus was pushed into a 2000 Ford Pickup operated by 63-year-old Bennie Montgomery.

The 2002 bus was then struck in the rear by a 2007 bus operated by William Jewell. All drivers are from Green County and were wearing seatbelts.

Randall Dobson and Bennie Montgomery were transported to Jane Todd Crawford Hospital and were treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Collectively, approximately 90-100 students were being transported on the school buses and 36

students were transported to Jane Todd Hospital where they were treated and released.

The names of those students were not released.

Green County EMS, Fire, Sheriff's Department, Summersville Fire Department and the Taylor and Adair County Rescue/EMS assisted at the scene.

The investigation is ongoing.

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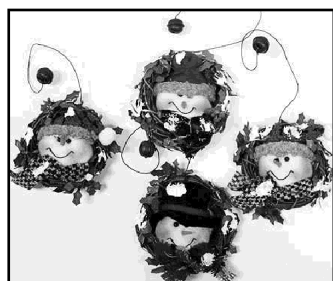
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