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Back to School



Students in Group A returned to school on Monday and Tuesday for the first time since March. Group B students will attend on Thursday and Friday if Estill County stays out of the red zone. On the other three school days, students will experience virtual learning by computer. Photo above: buses are picking up students to take them home from Estill Springs Elementary.

7 residents die from the virus, says health dept.

Seven deaths due to the Corona Virus were reported by the Estill County Health Department on Monday.

The state Cabinet for Health and Family Services reports that five residents of Irvine Health & Rehab have died from the virus.

Only 14 new cases of the corona virus were reported in Estill County since last Monday, including eight on Thursday.

That same day, the CHFS listed five new cases among residents and one newly positive staff member at Irvine Health & Re-

hab. Anyone listed with an address in Estill County is counted in the local health department's numbers.

The lower number of weekly cases dropped Estill County from the red zone into the orange zone.

This allowed students to return to class on Monday, the first time since March 16. The students are on a hybrid schedule. Students in Group A attend class on Monday and Tuesday, while Group B goes to class on Thursday and Friday.

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Cancer patient has two miracles

Melinda Charlton Hardy has received two miracles in her life in recent years. She was healed of cancer and gave birth to a healthy son.

She went for her first mammogram in July 2017. She was near the age recommended for

women to start getting annual mammograms for early detection of breast cancer.

Her results were not what she hoped for. The mammogram turned up what the radiological doctor believed were cysts.

Melinda was sent to Dr. Hameed Koury in Richmond for a biopsy to verify they were cysts. A biopsy is then sent to a pathology lab.

Melinda said another lump undetectable by the mammogram appeared. It was cancer.

She had breast surgery on her birthday that year. The cancer had spread to a nearby lymph node.

After surgery, Melinda was declared to be cancer free. Because the cancer was an aggressive type, it was recommended that she take both chemo and radiation treatments.

The chemo treatments were given over at least a year. Melinda lost her hair and was sick.

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Melinda Hardy, back center, holds her newborn son, Jeremiah Scott, between her husband, Scott, and middle daughter, Kendra. Sahara and Madison are in the front row.



The miracle baby, Jeremiah Scott, was born Sept. 25.

County roads paved; to purchase forklift

The Estill Fiscal Court met in regular session on Monday at the 911 building. It was an in-person meeting for court members because of a closed session on the agenda. The public could join in the meeting by telephone or computer.

The first action was to approve back-topping of Sweet Lick-Chestnut Stand Road, Harris School Road, and Stacy Lane.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson stated that Patsy Road is in really bad shape due to logging.

"If we blacktop it now, we will just be throwing our money away," he stated.

The magistrates were placed on committees.

Gerry Flannery was placed on the interview

committee and the building and maintenance committee.

Magistrate Paul Tipton and Mike Abney were assigned to the county road committee and county surplus property committee.

Amy Walters, a part-time employee at the animal shelter, was promoted to full-time.

The fiscal court approved the purchase of a new forklift at the state bid price of \$24,190.

The forklift will be paid for with CSEPP funds.

No action was taken following the executive session on pending litigation.

Watson announced there was a break on Pitts Road. The fiscal court approved repairing the break.

Obituaries

Johnny Ashcraft, 67
Peggy Benedict, 102
Teresa Congleton, 61
Peggy Garrett, 85
Robin Hedger, 35
Darren Lakes, 52
Ted Rawlins, 74
Mark Richard, 50
Brenda Riddell, 58

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Mike Johnson with the Twin City Kruzers poses in front of his 1931 Plymouth during Saturday's car show at Veterans Memorial Park. The Kruzers will have their last cruise-in of the season on Saturday in downtown Irvine.



Drive-thru voting!

Estill Countians can vote early at the old BB&T Bank building across from the courthouse M-F from 8 to 4 p.m. or Saturdays from 8 to noon. Voters can walk in or use the bank drive-thru. Drive-thru voting is recommended for handicapped persons or drivers with small children to avoid getting them out of the vehicle. The drive-thru is accessed through Main Street. Precinct workers are left to right: Tanner Crowe, Meredith Hardy, and Jamie Day.