

# Not Business as Usual

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If students do not have internet at home, they can use the internet from inside a vehicle if they have a Chromebook.

Non-essential businesses have been forced to close their doors. Most of those businesses are allowed to conduct curbside business. If you need something from a business which has closed doors, call that business.

Probably, the businesses which have been hit the hardest are beauty salons and barber shops, because they cannot provide curbside service.

County employees are on the job at the courthouse but

doors are closed to the public. The sheriff's office says tax bills can be paid by mail or slide the payment under the door.

County Clerk Brian Crowe has a half page advertisement on Page 5 which gives all the changes going on at his office. The May primary election has been postponed until June.

No driver tests are being given at this time.

Judge William Leach is continuing to hold court one day a week to have arraignments and domestic violence cases.

Circuit Judge Michael Dean has court scheduled for this Friday.

# School board meeting

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Saylor said plans were in the works to be able to conduct meetings virtually from home for the time being.

Mr. Saylor informed the board that even though schools are closed at this time employees had still been working hard to make sure children throughout the county are provided with

meals each day.

He said that there are five drop off sites at this time and they are considering opening up a couple of more sites.

They have also been using vans and trucks to deliver meals to homes to students who are not able to make it to the designated drop off sites.

## NOTICE

The free spay and neuter clinic scheduled for cats and dogs at the Estill County Animal Shelter on April 1 and 2 has been postponed. Those who were signed up will be notified when the clinic is rescheduled.

Thank you.

For more information, please contact Tommy Mullen at 723-3587.

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



# Local Police activity report

Deputy Chris Coffey charged **Fred Rogers**, 40, of Sweet Lick Road, Irvine on March 20 with theft of identity of another without consent and fraudulent use of a credit card under \$500 within a six month period.

**Anthony Arvin**, 37, of Webb Road, Irvine was arrested by Deputy Coffey on March 21 at Estill Gun & Pawn parking lot.

Arvin was charged with driving a motor vehicle under the influence, first offense, possession of a controlled substance, first (meth), possession of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

**Vanessa Jones**, 42, of Crabtree Lane, Irvine, was charged March 19 by Deputy Coffey with possession of meth, first degree and first offense, possession of a controlled substance, third degree, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Irvine Officer James Marshall served an indictment warrant on **Kimberly Samples**, 34, of Winchester Road, Irvine, on Tuesday, March 17. She had been indicted for flagrant nonsupport.

**Steven Travis Harrison**, 29, of Wall Street, Irvine was arrested March 16 at the intersection of Richmond Road and Sand Hill Road by Deputy Brad Smith.

Smith charged Harrison with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, second offense.

**James Franklin Young**, 62, of Locust Branch Road, Irvine was arrested March 8 on Red Lick Road by Trooper Casey Caudill. Young was charged with first degree criminal mischief.

A female called and said she had been to a concert out of town with a friend. She ran into her ex-husband, Young, at the concert, and he became upset because she was with another man.

When the woman returned to her residence, she stated her friend's car that had been parked there had severe damage to it.

The car, a 1998 Toyota Corolla, reportedly had all four windows and the front windshield broken out. There were also damages to the car's hood and to other parts of the car body.

The trooper estimated the damages to the car to be several thousand dollars.

Young's bail was set at \$2,500 cash.

**Sarah A. Andrews**, 32, of Wagers Mountain Road, Irvine was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense on March 12 by Irvine Officer Jason Conrad.

**Dwayne Andrews**, 48, of Wagers Mountain Road, was also charged the same time by Deputy Coffey with public intoxication of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Bond for Mrs. Andrews has been set at \$650 surety bond. She pled not-guilty to her three charges on March 13 in Estill District Court. Her preliminary hearing is set for May 13.

**Bradley A. Hardy**, 19, of Hardy Road, Irvine was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence on March 15 by Officer Marshall.

**Darold Patton**, a 19 year old homeless man was arrested on Elm Street of Ravenna on March 14 by Officer Conrad for fleeing or evading police, second degree, on foot and first degree disorderly conduct.

The citation states that Conrad observed Patton walking west on Poplar Street. When he tried to make contact, he said Patton took off running onto 8th Street and then onto Elm Street into the backyards of several residences.

The officer stated that Patton had a felony warrant on him from Estill Circuit Court, which Conrad served.

On March 12, Officer Conrad served two warrants for failure to appear in Madison County on **Jordan A. Akers**, 23, of Richmond.

**Billy R. Spicer**, 48, of Seymour, IN was charged with second degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, first offense, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess on March 11 by Officer Morris.

The officer said that Spicer was slumped over

the wheel of his vehicle at McDonald's parking lot. He was awoken by the knock on the window.

Morris said when he asked for identification, Spicer became belligerent and refused to give him an ID. He observed Spicer trying to hide a glass pipe.

The officer added that Spicer refused to get out of his vehicle and had to be removed by force.

**Darren Clay Smith**, 31, also of Seymour, IN was arrested March 11 by Irvine Detective Sam Hensley on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place. He was in the same vehicle as Spicer.

Officer Jason Conrad served two warrants March 10 from Madison and Estill Counties on **Brenda A. Tipton**, 50, homeless.

Officer Marshall arrested **Kenneth D. Reeves**, 44, of Richmond Road, Irvine on March 9 and charged him with failure to produce proof of insurance and second degree disorderly conduct.

Marshall said he asked to see Reeves' insurance, and he said he didn't have it. He asked to see his driver's license, and Reeves reportedly said, "For what?" before adding an obscenity.

The officer said that Reeves alarmed the people working on a broken car.

**Robert Harvey**, 50, of 4th Street, Ravenna, was served with a warrant on March 14 by Deputy Coffey.

The same deputy served warrants for traffic offenses in Estill District Court on **Brian Crim**, 35, of Stump Road, Irvine.

**Skye Greene**, 32, homeless was arrested March 13 on Sugar Hollow by Deputy Coffey and charged with first degree criminal trespass.

The citation states that she was inside a residence on Sugar Hollow where she was not supposed to be. The homeowner was at the hospital.

**Alex Hoffman**, 20, of Barnes Mountain Road, Irvine, was charged with reckless driving, speeding, and license to be in possession on March 13. Officer Coffey said that Hoffman was seen passing in a no passing zone and weaving in and out of traffic.

The same deputy charged **Andrea Calderon**, 32, of Dark Hollow Road, Irvine with fourth degree assault, domestic violence, and alcohol intoxication.

Deputy Coffey said she was waiting outside when he arrived. A man inside the house had bite marks on him.

Coffey served a criminal summons on **Hillary Bledsoe**, 29, of Stump Road, Irvine on a charge of unlawful transaction with a minor.

**Brandon Lee Evans**, 29, of Beattyville was arrested March 16 by Deputy Smith on Stacy Lane.

He received a report that two individuals were passed out inside a vehicle.

Evans was charged with public intoxication and carrying a concealed weapon. The deputy said that Evans had a pair of brass knuckles in his back pocket.

**Jessica P. Stamper**, 34, of Beattyville was also arrested by Deputy Smith.

Irvine Officer Conrad and Detective Hensley assisted at the scene.

Deputy Smith served a criminal summons for Estill Circuit Court on **Christopher Chad Neal**, 28, of Millers Creek Road, Ravenna.

A criminal summons was served March 10 on **Shamara Henry**, 26, of Richmond by Court Security Officer Glenn Carroll on charges of failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance and unlawful transaction with a minor third degree.

**April C. Richardson**, 43, of Substation Road, Irvine was served with an arrest warrant on March 10 by Deputy Smith. It says she had failed to pay after being found guilty on August 28 of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

**Anthony D. Newman**, 46, of Lincoln Avenue, Irvine was served with a bench warrant by Deputy Smith for Estill Circuit Court.

**Audrey L. Burchfield**, 24, of New Fox Road, Irvine, was served with a criminal summons by Deputy Smith.

**Brannen Newton**, 29, of Gray Cemetery Road, Irvine was served with a bench warrant on March 12 by Court Security Officer Josh King.

# FFA Chapter Receives Ag Tag Program Dollars

Sheldon McKinney  
Ky. FFA Foundation

As we approach the end of March and the renewal of farm vehicle license plates, let's all remember to make the \$10 donation to the Ag Tag program to benefit Estill County Youth in Agriculture.

Last year, voluntary donations by farmers who purchased farm vehicle license plates, also known as 'Ag Tags' finished the 2019 fiscal year with the second highest amount in history. Kentucky farmers made \$613,246.37 in voluntary donations to the Ag Tag Program, the second-highest total in the history of the program.

"The Ag Tag Program has succeeded in providing much-needed funding for promoting agriculture and educating Kentucky's youth on the importance of agriculture in our ev-

eryday lives," said Ryan Quarles, Agriculture Commissioner. "We are deeply grateful to every Kentucky farmer who made a voluntary donation. Your generosity will help ensure that Kentucky agriculture has a bright future."

The voluntary donations are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). Kentucky FFA and Kentucky 4H return half of their funds back to local chapters in the county they originated from.

Estill County received their portion of their 2019 Ag Tag Funds in the amount of \$300. Locally, the money is used to help pay for the local Chapter Awards Banquet. "Our annual Awards Banquet for members and their families recognizes the accomplishments of our Chapter members in various areas of agriculture and leader-

ship," said Lynn Miller, local agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor. "These funds support students, and will help grow better leaders in agriculture and our community as a whole."

The Ag Tag donation of \$10 that you make can influence individual students in so many ways through the FFA. Estill County FFA members have also been recipients of the KY FFA Foundation grants, such as the FFA Jacket Grant, which supplies new FFA jackets to deserving members who

are actively involved and show promise as a future leader. The generous donations of our AgTag community come back to our members, either directly through the local FFA Chapter, or through programs and opportunities of the FFA Foundation.

In Estill County, only 20% of those purchasing farm plates are making the \$10 contribution. This is a slight drop in tag donations from the previous year. If you are purchasing or renewing your farm plates this

year, we encourage you to show your support for FFA and make the \$10 contribution.

"The Ag Tag program has become such an important source of funding to Kentucky FFA," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "We return half of all dollars back to the local communities they were donated from. The half we retain enables the KY FFA Foundation to award much-needed grants for local programs to enhance student op-

portunities with current technology and equipment. The program allows us to give travel scholarships to students that earned the opportunity to compete at the National FFA Convention and supports regional FFA banquets across the state and much more."

Kentucky FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students through premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education, including those herein Estill County.

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