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## Estill exceeds 100 cases of corona virus during Sept.

As of Monday, there have been over 100 Estill Countians who have tested positive for the corona virus in September.

The large number of new cases has put Estill County in the red zone for another week. As long as the county is in the red zone, Estill Schools cannot allow students to return to school for in-person instruction.

Many Kentucky students returned to their schools on Monday, the first time since in mid-March.

Estill students will be educated at home at least until after fall break. Those who return to in-person classes will go to class two days a week and continue distance learning the other three days.

As of last Wednesday, no new cases were reported among students or staff in Estill County Schools.

The county's monthly total on Monday afternoon was 105 positive cases, but only 33 of those cases remained active. The others are considered recovered.

That total also includes patients and staff at Irvine Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The state Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) reports that 39 residents and 19 staff members have tested positive.

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### Free Nutritional Information

Jessica Webb is the SNAP Education Program Assistant with the Estill County Extension Service. She has been spending her Fridays at the local farmers market to get nutritional information out. (She usually has some free things, such as garden seed one week.)

## IPD executes search warrant; arrests three at South Irvine

Three persons were arrested Sept. 26 after the Irvine Police Department executed a warrant at 1310 South Irvine Road around 6 a.m.

Irvine Officer Stewart Morris charged Amanda G. Cox, 40, with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree and first offense, and drug para-

phernalia - buy/possess.

The citation states that the officers found several small bags of methamphetamine, small bags for packaging, and scales in Cox's room.

It adds that a bag with yellow capsules and cash were found in her purse. The pills were suspected to be neuron-

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## Sheriff arrests two S. Irvine men on drug-related charges

Sheriff Chris Flynn arrested two men on drug related charges on Sept. 25.

Flynn said he went to 860 South Irvine Road around 11 a.m. because he had received several reports of illegal activity at that address.

Upon his arrival, he noticed a male walking

up to the side porch of the residence. He said he followed the man to see where he was going and overheard a couple of individuals talking.

He said they were asking each other if they had "any?" One replied, "only a little."

Flynn said he went around the corner of the

porch and announced his presence. He observed Jeff Hardy preparing his dope on an AXE spray can.

After seeing this, he knocked on the door and Jeff Rose came out. Flynn said he was given consent to search the residence.

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## McGrath and Combs speak at park



Amy McGrath, left, and Paula Clemons-Combs spoke to voters on Friday night at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. McGrath is running for the U.S. Senate seat held by Mitch McConnell. Combs, a teacher from Jackson, is running for the 91st district state representative seat. Josh Hicks, who is opposing Andy Barr for the sixth district U.S. Representative seat, was unable to attend. The event was sponsored by the Estill County Democratic woman's club.



## School board responds to owner of local station over broadcasting

by CATHY DAWES  
Tribune Staffwriter

Members of the Estill County School Board met in special session on Thursday night to approve the schematic design for the renovations to the athletics facility at the high school and to discuss a potential contract between the school district and NFHS.

The contract had been discussed at a couple of previous meetings and had been tabled until the special session.

Board chairman Rhonda Hardy gave a brief overview of the meetings that had taken with the athletic directors and the principals to discuss the pros and cons of the NFHS contract.

She also added that this was not something that had been offered just to the Estill County school district but had been offered to all schools across the nation due to the pandemic.

"We feel like this can be a win-win for the community and the student athletes," said Hardy.

Kelly Wallingford, owner of Wallingford Broadcasting, spoke to the board and said that he never recalled the board requesting a donation during the times that they had spoken.

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## Obituaries

Audrey Caudill, 83

Harry Clevenger, 85

Shawna Crowe, 29

Marie Jacobs, 92

Ronald Miller, 70

Norma Nunnelley, 77

Dorothy Richardson, 93

David West Sr., 62

James Wyatt, 72

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## Ravenna pastor of over 40 years retires

The pandemic was not the reason that Pastor Willie Hargus Gordon retired on Sunday at Ravenna First Church of God.

"Since March, it's been real hard in pastoring a church," he stated.

Churches were ordered to close when the pandemic began. Gordon said that Ravenna Church of God used Facebook to share his sermons for awhile.

Then churches were allowed to reopen but practice social distancing.

At Ravenna Church of God, they are now having Sunday School classes again, Sunday morning

and evening worship. Pastor Gordon said he originally planned to retire in June. It was something he had talked about and thought about for some time.

He delayed his retirement to assist the church and congregation through the pandemic. Then it looked like the corona virus wasn't going away anytime soon.

"It's not over yet," he stated. "There's no retirement as far as preaching goes."

He plans to use his years he and his wife have left.

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Willie Hargus Gordon and his wife, Lelia, retired Sunday as pastor of Ravenna First Church of God. Photo courtesy of the Gordons.