

## School board approves contract for company to air Estill students sports

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Wallingford said if they agreed to allow him to continue broadcasting sports like they have been doing for many years then his company would set up a donation and match funds to be given back to the athletic program.

He said that if the board agreed to stay with his company they would only be locked into a one year contract, whereas, if they went with NFHS then they would be locked into a five year contract and at best it would be next year before they would have the program up and fully running.

Julian Tackett, KHSAA commissioner, spoke to the board and stated that they had already signed up 40 schools on top of the 40 that they already worked with. Tackett said the two cameras would be maintained by the company and there would always be technical support staff on hand if something went wrong. He added that band competitions would be broadcast and that the contract would not have any impact on the radio broadcast of games.

ECMS Principal Andrea Williams said that one thing she loved about the idea was the fact that the middle school athletes would be able to use the facilities at the high school to gain exposure which she said they had not gotten in the past.

"Equity is the key for me. This will provide opportunities for all students to be showcased," stated ECHS principal Josh Yost.

Board member Bryan Covey said he had done the math and to take his family of four to any game it would cost him at least \$20 for admission. The cost of three in person games would be the equivalent of paying for a one year sub-

scription to be able to watch all games that are broadcast through NFHS.

Several students spoke in favor of going with NFHS including Peyton Maybrier who is a senior at the Estill County High School this year. She said that she is trying to get recruited this year but is having a hard time doing so because of the pandemic. She said that hopefully this would give students the exposure that they need and will help someone out in the future.

Jon O'Hair, Landon Napier, Will Isfort, Mallorie York, and Mia Hale also spoke of the benefits that signing the contract with NFHS would have on athletes in the future.

William Hardy said that it will be thirty years in November since Kelly Wallingford gave him and Danny Wood the opportunity to showcase the kids on the radio and he has loved every minute of it. He stressed to the board that a live broadcast and radio could co-exist.

"I was an Engineer, I am an Estill Countian, and I love my Lord and Savior first of all but I tell you what, I love being an Estill Countian and I will always be an Engineer and I appreciate what the board is doing for these kids," Hardy stated.

The board unanimously voted to move forward with the contract with NFHS and will negotiate with Wallingford Broadcasting to determine if games will still be broadcast on the radio.

The board also approved the schematic design for phase 7 of the high school renovations which will cost approximately 10.9 million dollars. They also decided to cancel any games and practices for the next week due to the high number of cases of corona viruses in the county.



David Royse displays a quilt that he has made in memory of persons who lost their lives to addiction. He spoke at the democrat rally in the park on Friday about addiction. Last year, he said 69 Estill Countians died of drug overdoses. Royse said his late wife was an addict but was given medication to control it. He has bought property which adjoins Michael's Restaurant in Ravenna.

## Gordon retires as pastor

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The Gordons may take a trip, but he also plans to evangelize and fill in for other pastors.

Gordon was born here and grew up in Estill County. He was one of seven children born to Herman and Mamie Gordon.

He dropped out of school to help his dad on the farm. He got his GED and went on to take some college classes.

After he was called to the ministry, he went through a minister's intern program. He described it as an in-depth study of the Bible and church doctrine.

He married his wife Lelia 56 years ago, and they moved to Lexington.

He then moved back to Fox and Cressy areas in Estill County, until his pastoring moved them to other places.

Gordon has been pastoring for over 40 years. His family has moved to Paint Lick and Pikeville where he pastored churches.

In 1994, he accepted a pastorate in Beaver Dam, Ky, but was there for less than a year.

He was working at Rockwell and had the opportunity to go to Wisconsin for three and a half years to finish out his retirement.

He temporarily filled in for a pastor in Minnesota who was having dental work done. That pastor moved out of

state, and Gordon became the church's pastor.

After spending 10 years in Pikeville, the Gordons returned to Estill County about nine years ago.

He said being a pastor has kept him very busy, but it has been very enjoyable.

On Sunday, the Gordons were honored at Ravenna Church of God with a reception in the afternoon.

The pastor said nearly all of his family members were present for the morning worship service and the reception, which made it a family reunion of sorts.

The Gordons are blessed with three daughters, five granddaughters, one grandson, and nine great grandchildren.

A son-in-law made an emotional video where church members used 30 seconds to say something to the pastor.

The church will now go through the process of hiring another pastor.

The Gordons may continue to worship at Ravenna First Church of God on their free Sundays.

He stated that his wife, Lelia, will continue to share her beautiful voice on WLJC in Beattyville.

The Gordons had purchased a home in Estill County several years ago where they will keep living.

## Over 100 positive cases of corona virus this month

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Twenty-two of the residents and 12 staff members still have active cases according to CHFS, meaning that 14 residents and 7 staff members have recovered.

On Monday, CHFS was also reporting three deaths among patients at Irvine Health and Rehab.

When CFHS reported the first death last week questions were asked on

the Estill County Health Department's Facebook page about it. The health department responded that it had not been confirmed that the person had died from the corona virus.

When the pandemic started, only one entrance has been used at the nursing home. Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital also uses only one entrance. An

employee at each facility stays at the entrance to allow only staff members and permitted individuals to enter.

Family members of residents at Irvine Health and Rehab Center had not been permitted to visit until August. Then the resident sat on one side of a large, clear shield with the family member socially distanced on the other side.

An exception for visitation was made when residents were diagnosed with being at the ends of their lives.

Shortly after the visitation resumed, it was halted for two weeks due to a stomach virus. Visitation had just restarted, when Covid-19 was diagnosed there.

Residents who tested positive were moved to a wing away from the other residents if they did not need to be hospitalized. Staff and residents were tested frequently.

Mandy Watson, RN at the health department, said last week that Estill Countians must do better if they want their students to go back to school.

She mentioned two problems the health department is having.

The first is persons who are diagnosed with the corona virus are not giving all their contact information to the health department.

Second is the people who are quarantined are not staying at home. Watson said the health department continues to get calls about people on quarantine who are going out and about.

The health department reminds Estill Countians to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, wear masks, and stay six feet apart.

Watson also said that Estill residents should only go out to get food and medicine or to work.

### Covid-19 Numbers Updated

As of Monday, Sept. 28

Total # Tested - 2240

Negative - 2052

Pending Results - 1

Active Positive - 33

Total Ever Positive - 187

Recovered Positive - 154

New Positive Cases - 25  
(Since Last Week)

## Sheriff arrests 2 on drug-related charges

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The citation states that on a bed he saw a glass pipe sticking out from under the pillow on the bed.

Flynn removed the pillow and located a small plastic bag with a crystal like substance inside, which was suspected methamphetamine.

Flynn charged Jeff Rose, 65, with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

The sheriff said when he announced his presence, he noticed on the couch arm where Jeff Hardy was sitting there was a folded up one dollar bill. Inside the bill was a brown substance, which was suspected to be heroin.

Also on the couch, Flynn stated there were two small plastic bags with trace amounts of a white crystal substance and three syringes.

Hardy, 59, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (heroin) and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

Both men gave their addresses at 860 South Irvine Road.

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Another occupant of the residence, Stevie Cox, 43, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

The citation states that a container of suspected methamphetamine was found in Stevie Cox's room. He reportedly had a small bag of suspected marijuana, small bags, and syringes.

The third person arrested at the residence was James Coffey, 34, who lives at 1605 Doe Creek Road, Irvine.

Coffey was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.



Shelbi Goe picked up litter around the courthouse recently during the Main Street Clean Sweep.