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Miss Estill County Royalty



Miss Estill County

Winners of the Miss Estill County pageant are as follows: Rachel Graves of Scott County – 2nd runner-up; Taylor Ferry of Anderson County – Miss Estill County Teen Fair; Kyra Cackling – Miss Estill County; Kaleigh Conley of Morgan County – Miss Congeniality and 1st runner-up.



Miss Estill County Teen

Left Photo: Winners of the Miss Estill County Teen pageant are as follows: Ariel Salinas of Bourbon County – Miss Estill County Teen Fair; Kristen Osborne of Estill County – 1st runner-up and Miss Estill County Teen; and Shaelyn Parsons of Estill County – 2nd runner-up.

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Cathy Dawes

Citizens group plans large rally across road from Blue Ridge RDF

A citizens group which formed recently to oppose TENORM has now been incorporated.

The group is known as Concerned Citizens of Estill County (CCEC).

They are inviting the public to a rally at the Estill County Football Field on Saturday, July 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be moved inside.

There will be entertainment, as well as guest speakers.

Bob Shaffer stated that Estill County must not accept any agreement between the state Environmental Cabinet and landfill taken behind closed doors.

Tom Bonny said that is like “two foxes discussing what is being done when one of them has already raided the hen house.”

Bob Shaffer fought against the landfill bringing in NORM from Ashland Oil Co. in 1996. He said two Estill County women started that protest.

He called the landfill and Ashland Oil “Goliaths.” It

was like David defeating Goliath, but this time it was David’s sisters who won the day.

The 96 group was made up of mostly Estill Countians without any experience in fighting environmental issues, but the CCEC group could itself be called a Goliath when you look at its charter members’ talents and experience.

Three of the four officers are Estill Countians, who have leadership experience. Michael “Bucky” Wilson, a local banker, serves as the chair. Businessman Tom Hart is the co-chair, and Bonny, former superintendent of Estill Schools, is the treasurer.

The secretary is Steve Sanders, the non-Estill Countian. Sanders is the director of Appalachian Citizen Law Center in Whitesburg. This non-profit legal group works on environmental issues, mostly concerning coal and black lung claims.

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School board recognizes retirees

Bus drivers get salary increases, additional teachers approved

Seven retirees were honored Thursday by the Estill County Board of Education. This included five teachers, a bus garage mechanic, and a bus aide.

The board holds receptions for retirees each year. One is in June after the school year ends, and the other one is in December.

“Every employee, no matter what you do, is important,” said Supt. Jeff Saylor.

The first two employees a student may see daily are the bus driver and bus aide. Then, it is on to breakfast where they see cooks.

Debbie Anders, a Family Consumer Science teacher, and Carolyn Perkins, a Busi-

ness teacher, retired from Estill County High School.

Anders has worked at the high school for 23 years. Her students planned the veterans ceremony and a meal for them each November.

Perkins taught business there for 34 years.

Kim Dunn and Kim Fallen retired from West Irvine Elementary.

Dunn has taught at Estill Springs and West Irvine for 27 years.

Fallen has 29 years of experience at Hargett, Estill Springs, and West Irvine.

Both ladies were working in reading intervention when they retired.

Amy Hughes taught at Hargett and South Irvine P-K for 27 years. In recent years, she served as the school librarian for kindergartners, but she also taught music and PE.

Wes Hensley started working at the bus garage as a mechanic eleven years ago, in 2005.

Judy Johnson has worked 12 years as a bus aide, since 2004.

The board members had several questions about bus routes before approving an hourly salary schedule for

bus drivers.

Saylor had announced at an earlier board meeting that two routes were being eliminated. He said that other drivers will be picking up portions of those routes. He added this will not cause overcrowding or picking up

students more than five minutes earlier each school day.

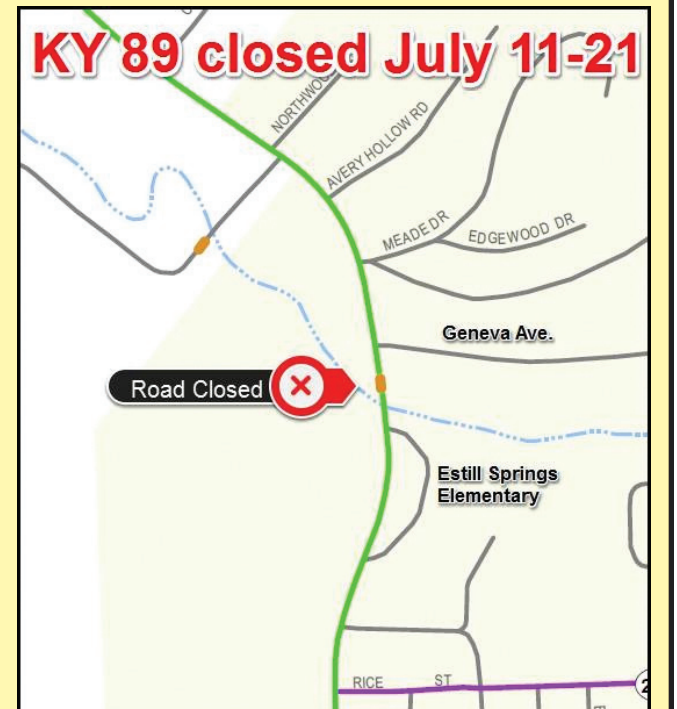
“Our overcrowded buses are shuttle buses,” he stated. There will be adjustments made to those routes during the first two weeks of school.

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Estill Schools Board Chairman Robbie Starling presented a retirement gift to Amy Noland at Thursday’s meeting. Other retirees are pictured on Page 2.

KY 89 will be closed at Estill Springs, July 11-21



KY 89 (North Main Street/Winchester Road) at the north city limits of Irvine in Estill County will be closed beginning Monday, July 11. The road will be closed at milepoint 12.1, between Estill Springs Elementary School and Geneva Avenue. The road will be closed for approximately 10 days and is tentatively scheduled to reopen on Friday, July 22.

No signed or marked detour will be posted. Drivers can use KY 499 (the Irvine bypass) and KY 52 (Richmond Road) as an alternate route. Motorists should plan their trips accordingly.

The closure is required for removal and replacement of the bridge over Sweet Lick Creek, and is part of the ongoing project to widen KY 89 on the north side of Irvine.

During this 10-day period, construction crews will also be installing several cross drains along the portion of KY 89 that remains open. Drivers who use this section of highway should expect delays while that work is ongoing.

Obituaries

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