

First Responders Prepare For Chemical Stockpile Emergency

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On Wednesday, September 18, 2013 thousands of first responders, military personnel and Emergency Management Agencies participated in the annual Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness (CSEPP) Exercise.

This exercise takes place the 3rd Wednesday in September every year. Many hours go into planning and training to prepare for the exercise every year. Federal Evaluators come in to evaluate the response of emergency personnel, hospitals and schools. There are 10 CSEPP counties in the state of KY; Madison, Estill, Powell, Clark, Garrard, Jackson, Fayette, Jessamine, Rockcastle and Laurel. All agencies within all ten counties work closely with one another so that we can safely and efficiently respond to an accident at the Blue Grass Army Depot.

The CSEPP Exercise is how we practice our response to a chemical accident at the Blue Grass Army

Depot. Here in Estill County we have over a hundred first responders and local agency personnel that participate every year. On the day of the exercise the only thing we know is that the exercise will begin sometime that morning, other than that we know nothing about it. This allows us to test our response to a chemical event. After the EMA/CSEPP office gets the call that the exercise has begun and get all the information needed the plan of action goes into high gear. All emergency personnel, elected officials and agencies throughout the county are notified by a call down system; and we simulate a notification to the public as well. To make the exercise as "real" as possible there is mock media that makes calls and even shows up to do live news reports. We also have calls coming in from people pretending to be residents asking questions. To test our first responders and hospital we have fake victims played by Estill County High School football players that must be treated for possible chemical

exposure. As you can tell it is a very complicated exercise, which takes a lot of time to plan and prepare for.

After the exercise is over we get to talk to the federal evaluators and they express what they thought were strengths and weaknesses. This gives us all a chance to come together and see what works well and what we need to improve upon. In the following days we will get an official report telling us what we excelled at and what needs more training or more equipment. Practice makes perfect, and we work hard making sure that we have everything right.

The Estill County EMA/CSEPP office wants to thank everyone that works so hard with us to make the CSEPP Exercise a success every year. We couldn't do it without you.

For more information about CSEPP please contact the Estill County EMA/CSEPP office at 723-6533, or visit us on the web www.estillcountyema.com, find us on Facebook and Twitter as well.



First responders set up decontamination sites at the Estill County Fairgrounds where people can be treated for possible chemical exposure during a preparedness exercise on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.



The Estill County Middle School Patriots hosted Foley Middle School on October 2, 2013 at the Hoover Niece Field. The Patriots were on fire during the game and beat Foley 42-8.

Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes



Lance Stevenson received the offensive MVP award from the Little Caesar's mascot on Saturday afternoon at Estill Springs Elementary.

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October Students of Month at West Irvine Elementary

Left to Right: 5th grade: Morgan Samples (daughter of Jennifer and Jordan Baker), 4th grade: Tanner Seales (son of Nelena and Tim Seales), and 3rd grade: Troy Rose (son of Zole and Jonathan Rose)

Morgan Samples was recognized in Mrs. Jackson's class for being an exceptional student. "She always has her homework and is extremely organized. She is well liked by her peers and teachers."

Tanner Seales was recognized in Ms. Baber's class for an all-around wonderful student. "He is driven to learn, and is very polite, always has the best manners, and strives to help others when he can."

Troy Rose was recognized in Ms. Patterson's class for being an excellent student. "He is a good role model for others because he always follows our PAW procedures and expectations. He works hard and gives his best effort".

The Students of the Month were rewarded with a Certificate of Achievement and coupon for free Little Caesars pizza. Little Caesars is very proud of each of the students and congratulates all them for their hard work. Keep up the good work!!

Dog Dynasty Grooming
1162 Sandhill Road
Irvine, KY
Call
Dawn Burgan
for appointment
859-893-2998
Prices Vary By Breed

Estill Outdoors

Closed through Sunday, October 13, 2013

Hidden Valley Hunting Dates

Hidden Valley Training Site, a 523-acre public hunting area near Clay City of KY-15 in northeast Powell County, will be closed to public access for several dates in September and October, including through Sunday, October 13 and Oct. 16-20.

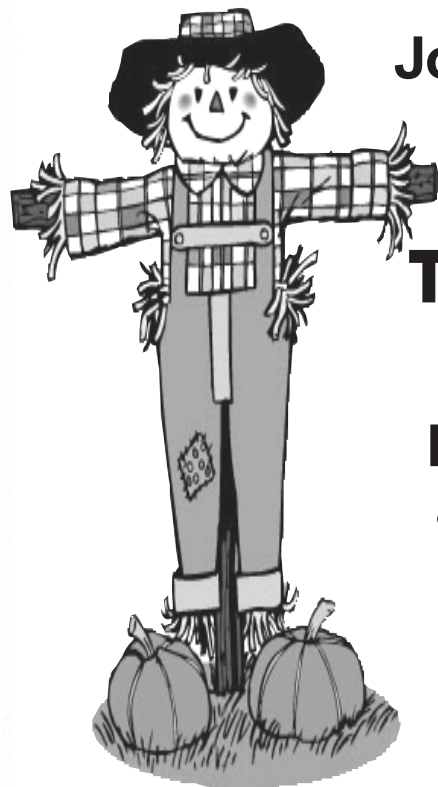
The area, which is owned by the Kentucky National Guard, is being used for training during those dates. An agreement between the Kentucky National Guard and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources opens the area for public hunting when it is not being used for training purposes.

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May the Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us nor forsake us, that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers.

1 KINGS 8: 57,58

Irvine Nursing & Rehabilitation 1st Annual Fall Fest!!!



Join us at Irvine Nursing & Rehab for a day of fun during our 1st annual Fall Festival!

**Tuesday, October 15, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Live music, silent auctions, and more, all to benefit the Resident Christmas Fund

Retail booth rentals for Only \$10.00 are available for a variety of vendors!

Call for more information or to reserve your booth
**606-723-5153 or
606-975-6820**

