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Eggs were plentiful at numerous egg hunts throughout the county on Saturday and Easter Sunday. This little girl's face shows the excitement at the egg hunt at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. Over 5,000 eggs were "hid" by members of the Kiwanis Club. The club members had also filled the eggs with candy. Kiwanis donated many of the eggs, and Councilwoman Amy Crowe donated 900. The egg hunt is in memory of Joan Hunt Richardson, a councilwoman who organized the first egg hunt at the Ravenna park.

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## Head-on crash closes road down for hours

**Drivers are transferred from M&W Hospital to UK**

Two women were injured in a crash which shut down the Richmond Road for hours Saturday. Then, westbound traffic continued, but eastbound traffic was detoured through Winston back onto Highway 52.

The wreck occurred around the Picnic Hill area.

Deputy Randy Farthing said that Mary Martin of Richmond was traveling east toward Irvine, and Arzella Crawford of Irvine was traveling west toward Richmond.

He stated that Crawford was attempting to turn left around 10:35 a.m., and her vehicle entered the eastbound lane. The two vehicles collided head-on in the eastbound lane.

After the impact, Farthing said that Martin's vehicle continued about 150 feet before it left the roadway and stopped in a ditch.

Crawford's vehicle spun around and came to rest in the eastbound lane, also facing east.

Both drivers were transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment of their injuries. They were both transported to UK Hospital for further treatment.

The report states that Crawford was traveling alone. There were three children in Martin's vehicle ages 4, 6, and 9. According to the report, the nine year old's birthday was on Saturday. No injuries were reported to the children.

Crawford was driving a 99 Dodge Neon, which received severe damages to the front. Martin was driving a 2013 Dodge Charger which also was severely damaged in the front.

## IPD says woman was driving while on drugs with a child in her car

The Irvine Police Department says a woman had her child in the car with her while she was driving drunk on Friday night.

Officer John Sturniolo said he observed a red 2001 Nissan swerving across the lane while it was traveling west on River Drive. The officer activated a traffic stop at 10:19 p.m., and the

vehicle was pulled over at Shell Mart.

According to the officer, the driver failed field sobriety tests. She was identified as Ginny McKinney, 31, of Cow Creek Road, Ravenna.

The officer said that McKinney admitted that she had taken suboxone and neurotin earlier on Friday. He stated that McKinney

also admitted to taking oxycodone two days earlier.

McKinney was charged with driving under the influence of drugs.

Because her 11 year old daughter was in the vehicle, she was also charged with endangering the welfare of a minor.

Officer Sam Hensley assisted with the arrest.

## Friday's flood closes school and covers roads

Estill County received its second round of severe flooding this year after four inches of rain fell during five hours late Thursday and early Friday.

"We had roads flooding that normally don't flood," stated Melissa Neal Jessie, the public information officer at Estill Emergency Management Services.

While Estill was getting four inches of rain, Jessie said Lee County was getting six inches.

"We got all that runoff from them," she stated.

She said with flash flooding, the waters would come up fast, and it would go down fast.

This caused Estill Schools to be placed on a two-hour delay on Friday.

Once waters were discovered inside Estill Springs Elementary, school was cancelled for the 20th day this year.

The school board is expected to vote on making up that day at their April 16 board meeting.

Jessie said the Irvine Fire Department pumped water from a lot of basements.

Jessie said the Kentucky River crested at 26.8 feet on Saturday morning. The river's normal stage is 17 feet.

Jessie said the flood on the Kentucky River was not as high as the flood in early March.

The Kiwanis ball fields in Ravenna lie in a flood plain. This time the floods brought in a lot of mud and debris. Volunteers are asked to help clean the fields for this season's play.

The basement at Helping Hands on Richmond Road also flooded. The charitable organization had to throw away the wet items. Donations are being accepted to replace those items.

Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor said the county road department is continuing to survey roads for damages. So far, knock on wood, the county crew has found only one break-in caused by the flooding and some black top which peeled back on Little Doe Creek Road.

This is the fourth disaster in Estill County in 2015, starting with the snow on President's Day, followed by flooding, the big March snow, followed by this latest

flooding.

Governor Steve Beshear has declared states of emergencies, which may allow counties to be reimbursed with federal funds.

Taylor said Monday that FEMA requires a threshold of \$52,000 over a 24 hour period for each disaster. He wasn't sure that Estill will qualify for the latest flood-

ing.

He said FEMA has a lot of regulations, and he is not sure how much money the county will be reimbursed for the earlier disasters.

## Mock ATV Rescue



Fifth graders from West Irvine Elementary participated in a safety day presented by Estill County 4-H and Extension Service on Thursday. The day concluded with a mock ATV accident and a visit from UK's medical helicopter and team. Students were allowed to walk around the medical chopper, which made a surprise landing because of the rainy weather.

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## Obituaries

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Juanita Lane, 91

Lorene Mason, 84

James Muncie, 74

Jan Richardson, 53

Elizie Ross Jr., 56

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