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First Time for Free Spay & Neuter Clinic



Dr. Alyson Adams donated her services at a Spay and Neuter Clinic at the Estill County Animal Shelter on Saturday and Sunday. Eighty-four cats were spayed and neutered. The county received a grant from the Woodstock Foundation for the clinic, and volunteers from Woodstock assisted with the surgeries.



A volunteer at the Estill County Animal Shelter massaged a cat after it went to the recovery room on Saturday morning. Tommy Mullen said there may be another Spay and Neuter for Cats and one for dogs in March and April.

Hunter's Hounds find location of a murder

Fiscal Court accepts vehicle bids, paid for by CSEPP

During a special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court on Thursday afternoon, David Conrad, president of Hunter's Hounds reported on the group's work earlier that week in Georgetown.

Conrad said the group had taken their dogs to Georgetown to assist in the case of a missing woman.

He stated he could not give all the details because of the ongoing investiga-

tion. However, he said Hunter's Hounds had located evidence where the crime had taken place.

The woman's boyfriend was indicted last week for her murder. Her body was found in a storage building in Richmond.

"It was an honor working with the police department down there," Conrad stated.

Tommy Mullen reported to the fiscal court about a free spay and neuter clinic which was scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

A veterinarian had donated her services and a grant was given by the Woodstock Foundation.

Mullen stated there was another \$15,000 grant for spaying and neutering and \$1600 for dogs in March or April.

A grant will help the shelter to buy cat traps for feral cats and other tools to capture the animals.

"Our cat population almost doubled last year," Mullen stated.

He added that 100 cats can create over 800 baby cats.

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Cats were lined up in the make-shift recovery room at the Animal Shelter after undergoing surgery on Saturday. A volunteer worked with each cat while it was in recovery.

2 arrested for taking chairs

Sheriff Chris Flynn arrested two Estill men after six chairs were taken from a Dollar General on Richmond Road on February 28.

The sheriff said he received a call from the business about a theft of chairs from their sidewalk sale. Store employees were able to identify the vehicle which had backed up to their store, and the chairs were loaded into the back.

They also described the passenger who had gotten out of the vehicle and loaded the six chairs into the back of it.

The citation says that Flynn knew the

driver of the vehicle from the description of it.

He charged the driver, Delbert Estes, 62, of Walnut Grove, Irvine with theft by unlawful taking under \$500 and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

During a search of Estes' vehicle, Flynn said he located a syringe in the passenger door panel. The chairs were valued at \$36.

The passenger was identified as Timothy Charlton, 39, of McKee Road, Irvine. Charlton was charged with theft by unlawful taking under \$500.

Obituaries

Henry Cooper, 95
Barbara Curtis, 80
Vonnie Harrison, 61
Burtle Isaacs, 81
Shannon Mayse, 55
Marcia McIntosh, 50
Peggy Stone, 64
Judy Walters, 59

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Estill Countians urged to complete census

Estill Countians are urged to participate in this year's U.S. census.

Funding for state and local governments depends upon it.

Sheila Bolin, Partnership Specialist, said that during the last census there were four tracts in Estill County where about 19 percent of the population did not respond to the census.

Those who did not respond were believed to be mostly senior citizens, children under five years old, and low income residents.

For each person who does not respond, local

governments lose \$2,021 each year for the next ten years.

Kentucky is estimated to have lost \$12 billion because of children under five not being counted.

Bolin said this affects school systems with their backpacks and other programs.

States can also lose a U.S. representative in Washington.

"County employees will assist anybody who wants to come in and courthouse and do them online," said Judge/Executive Donnie Watson.

Not all courthouse offices will have computers

available which residents can use online, but they will have paper forms available.

He added that Community Based Services will assist their clients with the census survey.

The public library has wifi and computers available for anyone who wants to complete the census online.

PVA Jeff Hix asked if census workers have been hired for Estill County.

Bolin said that 88 have qualified, and 11 more are needed for enumerators.

She added that census workers will be set up at

the Mountain Mushroom Festival the last weekend of April.

Residents of Estill County should be getting a paper survey for the census in the mail on March 24. They can mail this survey back or go on-

line at [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) to answer the questions.

Anyone who does not respond, will have a census enumerator to visit them.

The deadline for completing the 2020 census is July 31.