

Remembering Estill Veterans 50¢

A Memorial Day Tribute to the Estill County Veterans who passed away during the past year
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Courthouse may re-open Monday

Estill continues to test negative

Estill County Judge Executive Donnie Watson announced last week the courthouse may open back up to the public on June 1.

At that time, he said that also includes the Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) office although it is not considered a county office.

According to Watson, the county offices have continued doing their business in different ways during the closure due to the Corona Virus.

If you need to visit a county office, please call that office ahead to receive instructions.

Sheriff Chris Flynn has turned last year's property taxes over to County Clerk Brian Crowe. The taxes can now be paid at Crowe's office.

County Attorney Jason

Riley recently announced that he would be sending letters within 30 days to delinquent taxpayers. They will have the opportunity to come to his office and make out a payment schedule.

If the county judge opens up the courthouse on Monday, it does not affect the second floor which is used by the Administrative Office of Courts.

Circuit Clerk Stephanie Brinegar-Cassidy said the circuit clerk's office will continue through June 30 the way they are now. Because of the small space and to maintain distancing between employees, only half of the staff can now work each day.

In-person hearings will be determined by the judge.

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ECHS 2020 Graduates' Parade



The Class of 2020 participated in a parade Friday evening. It started at the high school, went up Broadway to Ravenna, back to Irvine on River Drive, and onto Richmond Road where it ended at the bypass. The long parade route was lined by family and friends. Bottom left: Gabe Brooks held a fishing rod and reel in his vehicle. Bottom right: Erica Rifembark rode on the top of her family's Jeep.



Jack Chaney and Len Delaware, members of American Legion Post 79 placed American flags on veterans graves at 26 cemeteries over the weekend. Other veterans also adopted cemeteries to place flags on the graves of deceased veterans. Photo courtesy of American Legion Post 79

School board discusses options for the next term

by CATHY DAWES
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The Estill County school board met on May 21st and began by honoring the graduating class of 2020.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor said that there were 167 seniors and that each one had graduated. Each member of the board took turns reading the names of the seniors.

A virtual graduation will be held next week for the class of 2020 and a traditional ceremony is scheduled for the end of July.

The board approved change orders and pay applications for the construction projects going on at the present time. They also approved an easement for Jackson Energy to be able to get power up to the new bus garage location.

Saylor said they had been operating off generators, and it was important that they get electricity to the job site.

Peter Fisher said that the projects

were making good progress despite all the rain that had fell in the past couple of months. He said that he hoped to see some walls going up within the month at the location of the technology center.

The board approved the staffing policy, salary schedule, and the budget for the next fiscal year. Saylor said that not many changes had been made, but due to the coronavirus situation, employees would get all their checks at one time this summer. He said this was just a safety precaution, and that all the checks would be direct deposited instead of paper checks issued to employees.

One other thing that he noted was the salary for coaches and other extra-curricular activities. He said that with the situation at hand, not knowing if there would be any fall sports or activities, coaches were only guaranteed a portion of the pay they would typically receive for coaching.

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Veterans observe this Memorial Day

by DELORES ROWLAND
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Memorial Day was observed differently for veteran observances in Estill County.

Ravenna Councilwoman Beverly Thompson wrote on Facebook this is the first time that a Memorial Service was not held at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna. Thompson always speaks at those ceremonies.

"When 'Old Glory' waves, we should all remember the sweat, blood, and tears of our brave Americans that died and have had their lives tormented to make it possible," she stated.

During memorial ser-

vices at the park, the names of the veterans who have passed away during the last year are read and a bell is rung.

A 21 gun salute follows, and taps are played.

American Legion Post 79 has provided flags for veterans graves over the many years. Estill County's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have traveled to the cemeteries on Saturdays and placed the flags on veterans graves.

This year, Gov. Andy Beshear asked the Scouts not to do this because of the corona virus.

Ralph Martin of American Legion Post 79 said that some of the veterans

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Mayor presents budget

by CATHY DAWES
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The Irvine council met virtually May 18 for the second time in the past month to pay monthly bills and discuss several different items.

Mayor James Gross discussed the tentative budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He had been advised by the auditor to condense the line items within the budget. The reduction in line items would allow the council to transfer funds as needed without it counting against the city dur-

ing the yearly audit.

Mayor Gross said that when he took over as mayor the city had seven findings against them within the audit and this year they have gotten that number down to just three findings. He added that they are working toward a perfect audit.

"I'm just trying to do the very best job I can and I take the job seriously," stated Gross.

Gross was pleased to announce that from the looks of the projected budget, the city of Irvine would be around

\$71,000 in the black. He explained that more people are paying their delinquent property taxes.

Under new guidelines when a home is sold in the city the property taxes are factored into their loan so the city is guaranteed to get their money.

City clerk Robin Powell added that the city has received \$60,000 more this year than last year and part of that was due to people paying their delinquent tax bills.

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