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Rally of EC Black Lives Matter was peaceable



Kenny Bishop, a former Estill resident, encouraged the participants in Monday night's rally of EC Black Lives Matter. An estimated 200 participated, while onlookers drove down Main Street. Rumors circulated about violence, but nothing happened.

The first EC Black Lives Matter rally held Monday evening went peaceably, although rumors had circulated earlier about burning down Irvine City Hall and the courthouse.

The rally was organized on Facebook by BJ McGee and Lindsey Rogers.

Irvine Mayor James Gross stated he was going to stay in city hall during the rally to prevent any trouble there. Likewise, County Judge/Executive Donnie Watson was inside the courthouse during the rally.

"As citizens of the United States the Constitution gives everyone the right to conduct a peaceful Demonstration/Rally. We as officials have no say in anyone's right to Demonstrate/Rally for a cause. As County Judge I urge all participants either for or against the Demon-

stration/Rally to act in a respectful and peaceful manner toward each other," Judge Watson stated before the rally.

Irvine Police Chief John Sturniolo estimated that about 200 people attended the rally on the courthouse lawn Monday evening.

Many of them wore masks but they did not maintain social distancing. They carried signs.

Much of the rally was like a pep rally with the participants chanting slogans, such as "No Justice, No Peace," "Corona. I can't breathe," "Black Lives Matter," and the names of the victims including George Floyd and Breonna Taylor.

A former Estill High basketball player, Brandon Morris, led most of the cheers.

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SUNDAY

Flag Day
 June 14
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Brandon Morris, a former Estill Engineer basketball star, led the participants in cheers at the rally on Monday evening.

IPD seizes fentanyl & other drugs

Two search warrants were executed on Thursday, June 4 and two men were arrested by the Irvine Police Department.

The second search warrant was executed by IPD and the Estill County Sheriff's Department at 819 Chamberlain Branch, Irvine.

Officers seized 23 packets of suspected

fentanyl, five bags containing approximately 12.135 grams of suspected methamphetamine, .858 grams of suspected cocaine, digital scales, plastic baggies, four syringes (two loaded), a cook spoon, paper sticky notes that matched the pre-packaged fentanyl packets, and \$510 cash.

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Early voting continues through June 22

Early voting for registered voters in Estill County began Monday at a county owned building at the corner of Broadway and Court Street. The building was formerly the BB&T Bank Building.

Any registered voter can vote early, but can only vote one time. Around lunch time Monday, poll worker Emma Marie Day said there had been over 50 people who had voted.

Voters should bring an ID with them to vote. It is then scanned into a machine that was used in last November's election.

Election worker Emma Day said if poll workers recognize the voter, they may allow them to vote. Otherwise, the person must show some other form of identification.

Crowe says the early voting will continue weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 22. June 23 is the primary election. The bank building will be the only polling place open that day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Crowe is encouraging voters to vote early at the bank building or by absentee. His office is prepared for 3,000 to 4,000 to vote at the bank building on June 23.

Over 1,300 voters have already signed up for absentee ballots. In the past, a voter had to be unable to go vote because of health issues, could vote absentee. Because of the corona virus pandemic, any voter can request an absentee ballot this year.

In prior years, voters who were going to be out of town on election day

were able to vote early on a machine in the courthouse.

Handicapped voters voting at the bank building may use the front

door. All others are asked to enter through the back door of the bank. There is also a parking lot there.

The polling place is set up so that up to 14 voters

can be voting at the same time. Each station is sanitized after a voter leaves before the next voter uses it.

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Election workers are left to right, Angie Walters, Hunter Walters, and Emma Marie Day.