

## Happy 15th Birthday Alexis on February 16<sup>th</sup>



**Alexis**

Happy 15th Birthday, Alexis! (Feb. 16)  
Love, Dad, Mom, Tayler, Granny & Papaw

## Happy 11th Birthday Jordyn on February 19<sup>th</sup>



**Jordyn**

Happy 11th Birthday, Jordyn! (Feb 19)  
Love, All of Us!

## Happy 2nd Birthday Bennett



**Bennett**

Happy 2nd Birthday, Bennett!  
Love, your Lemaster family!

# Staying warm and safe this winter

### Estill County Extension Family & Consumer Sciences

Did you know that one of the leading causes of home fire deaths is heating equipment? By following some home safety measures listed below, you can make sure you are staying safe!

Watch where you place heating equipment. You should keep anything that may burn at least 3 feet away from the heat source - fireplace, furnace, wood stove or portable heater. If you do not already have one, get a screen for your fireplace so that sparks from the fire do not fly into the room. Be sure to watch out for your children and grandchildren. You want to make sure children and grandchildren do not get too close to the heat source.

If installing new heating equipment, hire a professional. When having a furnace or central heating equipment installed, you want to make sure it is properly installed, according to manufacturer's directions, and that all local codes are followed.

Make sure your heating equipment is inspected and cleaned. Be-

cause heating equipment can cause fires if not working properly, make sure to hire a professional to clean and inspect the equipment.

Do not use your oven to heat your home. Never use a charcoal or propane grill inside your home or garage.

A smoke alarm is still the best tool for early fire detection, and a carbon monoxide detector is the best tool to prevent fatal carbon monoxide buildup. At a bare minimum, you should have a smoke alarm on every level of your house and at least one carbon monoxide detector located per manufacturer's recommendations. Replace the batteries in these detectors at least once a year and replace all of the alarms every 10 years, since their sensors wear out. Having a carbon monoxide detector is very important if you heat with wood, natural gas, propane, or kerosene.

If you are buying a new space heater, make sure it has been tested and approved for safety.

Turn off portable heaters when you leave the room or when you go to bed.

Plug electric space heaters directly into a wall outlet. If an extension cord is absolutely necessary, it must be as short as possible, and use wire as large as or larger than the heater cord. A thin extension cord will overheat and result in a fire.

If the power goes out, use flashlights for lighting not candles.

Rehearse with your family fire safety practices. For example, set a family meeting place outside your house if a fire occurs, so you will know that everyone is safe.

Never warm a car or run any motor appliance inside your garage. Even with the garage door open, carbon monoxide can build up rapidly and cause poisoning within minutes.

If you use a gasoline or other fuel-fired generator during a power outage, keep the generator outdoors during use. If the generator is indoors or too close to an open door or window, your house could quickly fill up with deadly carbon monoxide gas as the fuel burns.

Please protect yourself and your loved-ones!

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## Church & Community

Mail announcements to The Estill Tribune, 6135 Winchester Road, Irvine, KY 40336  
Call (606) 723-5012; Fax to (606) 723-2743; or E-mail it to <News@EstillTribune.Com>

### Monday-Saturday - 9:00am-5:00pm St. Elizabeth Basement Sales

With Covid still rampant, we need to continue, as we've been doing since last spring, to cancel a once a month sale and make an appointment to come one family at a time.

But, we do have lots of very nice things, waiting for you. So, please call (723-8216) any day, Monday thru Saturday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and set up an appointment.

Our Church is at the top of 5th Street in Ravenna. Come if you need or want something, or maybe you just need to get out to the house!! We are here for you!

## You Can Now Text 911

Many residents have noticed the construction at the Estill County EMA/CSEPP and 911 Emergency Operation Center. Not only have we been updating the outside of the building, but we have been getting upgrades on the inside as well.

911 now has the ability to receive and answer with text messaging. This is a great way to get emergency help if you are unable to call, such as a home invasion or domestic violence. Texting 911 is also helpful for those who are speech or hearing impaired. If you find yourself in a situation you need to text 911, 4 important things to send in your text to 911:

1. Where you need emergency help. (Address/Location)
2. What is the emergency? (What is happening?)
3. Your name and any other information you think would be helpful.
4. If you are texting 911 so you won't be heard, remember to silence your phone.

We are excited to offer another way for people to get the help they need during an emergency. We ask that you only call or text 911 for emergencies. Please do not text and drive. If you are driving and have an emergency to report please call.

## Saturdays, February 20th & March 20th FREE GED® tests!

Kentucky Skills U is temporarily offering **FREE GED® tests!**  
\$120.00 savings for first time test takers  
Call 606-723-7323, 1-859-813-4008 or email mary.fields@estill.kyschools.us  
Estill County Adult Education Skills U Center.  
The next GED tests in Estill County are **Saturday, February 20th and Saturday, March 20th**

### VETERANS ASSISTANCE OFFICER TO ASSIST AREA VETERANS

Mike Miller, field representative for the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs for Estill County is limited to work electronically and cannot meet in person due to COVID restriction. However, veterans and their families will still be provided assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information, or to answer any questions you may have please call Mike Miller, Field Representative II for the KDVA, at (859)-531-9144.

## Keeping Troopers Closer to Home

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) are accepting applications for their next academy class and changing protocol in an effort to offer troopers a post assignment closer to home. New troopers will have the opportunity to 'Pick Three' posts that they would prefer to be assigned to. In doing so, the new trooper would know that when they graduate the academy, they would be assigned to one of their top three selected posts.

### Rescheduled for Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Senior Citizens Commodities

Due to cancellation because of weather conditions, the Senior Commodities distribution that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th at the Estill County Food Bank in Ravenna is rescheduled for Monday, February 22nd between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 1:30pm Blue Grass Chemical Destruction

Mark your calendar for the Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission and Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m. This will be a Microsoft Teams virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This meeting is a good opportunity to learn more about the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant at the Blue Grass Army Depot. For more information, or if you are interested in attending the meeting, call 6-2-6-8-9-4-4.

### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

