

Estill Countians rely on food bank in Ravenna

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In addition to meeting income guidelines, the seniors must be 60 years or older.

Alcorn said senior day at the food bank was created to handle an overflow of clients at the Estill County Senior Citizens Center. Senior citizens who qualify may receive a box from the senior citizens center or the food pantry, but not both.

The senior citizens center serves an estimated 170 residents monthly, while the food pantry serves another 55 to 60 seniors.

"Everybody gets exactly the same thing," Alcorn stated.

The senior boxes contain two boxes of cereal, a jar of peanut butter, a two-pound block of cheese, pasta, three cans each of fruits and vegetables, juices and milk.

On the two regular giveaways, the food comes from God's Pantry in Lexington.

"If it's not donated (to God's Pantry), we have to pay the co-op price," Alcorn stated.

Alcorn said the co-op price is 19 cents per pound. At last Tuesday's giveaway, the local food pantry gave away ham for which they had paid 19 cents per pound.

Alcorn orders food for the food pantry at that low cost, but when the God's Pantry truck rolls in, it may have free items in it also. Those free items usually include bakery items and produce.

She said one time, the truck had pallets of milk, and each pantry recipient went home with three gallons of milk. Another time, they received a gallon of Simple Truth ice



Susan Dick, president of the Estill County Food Bank, bagged food before last Tuesday's giveaway.

cream.

Last Tuesday, Alcorn said one of their free items was three, free trial-size bottles of hair conditioner.

She said another time, she ordered deodorant from God's Pantry at 19 cents per pound.

God's Pantry once offered Mexican vanilla for which she ordered for 19 cents per pound.

When eggs were 57 cents a dozen at Wal-mart, Alcorn said she traveled there and bought enough eggs to give each family a dozen.

As administrator, she keeps up with the paperwork and ordering. She said she seeks bargains wherever she can.

The God's Pantry food truck arrives between 9 and 9:45 a.m. each Tuesday. The giveaways begin around 10:30.

Volunteers wearing gloves and masks bag up the food and produce items to be given away.

"It can be a labor in-

tensive, dirty job," Alcorn stated.

Recently, the center received a \$5,000 donation from Sisters of Charity, of which Sister Loretta Spottilla is a member of.

Alcorn said that when the food bank first started, letters were sent to all churches in Estill County asking for their support. Seventeen churches continue to support the food bank, some giving \$50 monthly, others more and others less.

The Estill County Retired Teachers and hos-

pital groups hold food drives annually.

Alcorn expressed her appreciation to the City of Ravenna for the use of their park for the group to line up in. She said even when the park is closed for the winter, the food bank has been able to use it.

She also thanked the Estill Fiscal Court who is the owner of the food bank building.

Anyone with questions about the food bank may call 723-9786 and leave a message.



Magistrate Gerry Flannery is one of the volunteers at the Estill County Food Bank.

IPD arrests Richmond man for shooting across highway

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Morris made a traffic stop and said Martin stated that he had fired the shots from his Smith and Wesson .380 caliber weapon.

Martin was charged with first degree wanton endangerment, discharging a firearm/other device across public road, and alcohol intoxication in a public place, first and second offense.

Martin was arrested and transported to Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville. He has since been released.

Fiscal court meets

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AOC will be giving approval for the judges to move their offices into that building.

Blain Click was reappointed to a four-year term as an Estill County Water District commissioner. Click's term will expire on February 18, 2025.

Two bids were received for putting a new roof on the Estill County Jail. The court had rebid the roof, hoping to get a better bid. The voted to accept the low bid of Isaacs Roofing of \$55,825.

Ronnie Riddell, director of Estill County Emergency Services, recommended the fiscal court advertise for a recording system, decontamination PPE, and an ALS simulation mannequin.

He said the recording system will record all 911 calls and radio traffic.

He said that Advanced Life Support currently has a mannequin, but it is wearing out. The items will be paid for by CSEPP funds.

A bid on the Happy Top generator was modified, which Riddell said will cost \$500 less. A 72 hour tank will replace a 24 hour one. This will also be paid for with CSEPP funds.

The fiscal court voted to purchase a Prime Mover Vehicle at the state price contract award, again with CSEPP funds.

Riddell said two have already been purchased which are used to haul 24 foot long de-contamination trailers.

Lucas Barnes said the vehicle will be a 20-21 Chevy Silverado at a purchase price of \$34,505.

Purchase of the vehicle must also meet the approval of the Kentucky Emergency Management Agency.

Watson was interested in the truck price. He said one of the county trucks had torn up and they have received an estimate of \$21,000 to \$26,000 to put an engine in it.

Riddell reported the construction of the safe-room at the Emergency

Operation Center on Broadway was at a standstill because of the weather.

He added the 911 center is now capable of receiving calls by texting.

"We're just super excited to have this capability," Riddell stated.

He said those texting 911 should give their location first, and please do not text while driving.

Watson said he did not see what former Animal Control Officer Tommy Mullen wrote on Facebook, but he was given a copy of it. He wanted to clarify what really happened.

Mullen resigned as animal control officer and as bus driver for Estill County Schools. He has taken another job. He was not present at Monday's fiscal court meeting to comment.

Watson said Mullen was working at the shelter and putting 8-4 on his time card. However, he said that Mullen was driving a school bus from 2-4 daily. Watson stated that he told Mullen the county could not pay him for those two hours when he was somewhere else working.

Watson stated that he told Mullen not to pick up a dog until it was bothering someone or was a vicious dog.

"Tommy was making Tik Tok videos at the animal shelter in the office. He was on duty at the animal shelter," Watson stated.

Then, there was the incident of a county backhoe left at a grocery store at Hargett. Watson said Mullen kept the backhoe at his place all weekend and was seen returning it on Monday.

Watson stated that Mullen was suspended without pay for two weeks after sending a sexual video to a co-worker. He said Mullen asked to be paid vacation pay while he was suspended.

"We've got the information to back it up at the courthouse," Watson concluded.

Irvine Police Dept. Activity

On Friday, February 12, Irvine Officer Jason Conrad served an Estill County warrant on **Kenneth A. Tipton**, 57, of Shady Lane, Irvine.

The warrant was for alleged non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines.

Jeffrey Lynn Gross, 55, of N. Plum Street, Irvine was served with an Estill County warrant last Wednesday, February 10 by the Irvine Police Department.

The warrant on Gross was for alleged non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines.

Chasity Murphy, 33, of Tipton Ridge Road, Ravenna was cited for fourth degree assault and public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol) on February 6 by Officer Stewart Morris.

The citation states that Morris stopped a vehicle on River Drive for an expired registration plate and receipt had been cancelled by Department of Motor Vehicles.

It adds that Murphy was a front seat passenger, and she punched the driver several times as he was stopping.

The officer stated that Murphy then tried to get into the drivers seat and drive off. He added that she was very unsteady on her feet and had a slurred speech.

Daniel Bowling, 49, homeless, was arrested February 6 by Officer Morris on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place.

The citation states that Bowling was being belligerent to CT/staff at the courthouse.

Officer James Marshall arrested **Betty A. Moore**, 38, of Fourth Street, Ravenna on February 3.

He said he received a complaint that Moore had pulled into Meade's parking lot. She started yelling as she got out. She was acting disoriented and no one else was around.

Officer Jason Conrad deployed the K-9 Titan for an open air search. Officer Marshall said the drug dog alerted to illegal narcotics. He located two packages beside the vehicle where Moore was standing that contained suspected heroin.

The citation states there was also a broken orange pill under the driver's side floor mat. It was suspected to be suboxone.

Moore was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first of-

fense (heroin) and possession of a controlled substance, third degree.

Damian Harrison, 24, address unknown, was arrested by Det. Sam Hensley on Stevens Avenue, February 2.

The detective stated that Stevens was in the street having a loud verbal argument with his girlfriend. He went into an enclosed front porch and sat in the corner but had not been invited by the homeowner. The homeowner did not know Harrison.

The citation states that several neighbors came outside due to the noise of the verbal argument, and Harrison ran through several yards to leave the area. Hensley located Harrison at 335 Broadway.

Hensley said that when asked, Harrison said he had used drugs earlier that day. He was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excluding alcohol).

Officer Marshall served a warrant February 3 on **Richard Witt**, 34, of Frames Branch Road, Clay City for failure to appear in Powell District Court.

Jeremiah Johnson, 33, of Winchester Road, Irvine was served with a Lee County warrant on February 3 by Officer Morris for failure to appear.

Officer Morris served an Estill warrant on **Tamara Thomas**, 29, of Blackburn Road, Irvine. She has been charged with unlawful transaction with a minor second degree and possession of stolen mail.

Jeffrey W. Smith, 56, of 7th Street, Ravenna was served with a Madison County warrant on Feb. 6 by Officer Morris for failure to appear.

On Feb. 6, **Kevin D. Rose**, 41, of N. Madison, Irvine, was arrested during a traffic stop on N. Plum Street by Officer Morris.

The citation states that the officer observed Rose's vehicle on River Drive while its registration plate and receipt were cancelled by the Kentucky Department of Vehicles for failure to maintain required insurance.

Morris said the vehicle stopped on N. Plum, and the driver could not provide proof of insurance.

The officer administered field sobriety tests.

Rose was charged with no registration plates, no registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, first offense, and failure to produce insurance card. The vehicle was towed.