

Flood destroys homes

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While everyone wants financial help right away, it takes a while.

Riddell said when the straight line winds occurred, it took them until November of that year to close out the reports.

"Most people are staying with friends and families," Riddell stated.

She said there a couple of families are staying at Camp Burnamwood and a couple at Oak Tree Inn.

"People are kind of all over the place," she stated.

Meanwhile, several churches and organizations are continuing to distribute food and cleaning supplies.

On Monday, the laundry truck remained at Wisemantown United Methodist Church. Flood victims can take drop their laundry off there and pick it up later.

"We're just in the middle of clean up and recovery," Riddell stated.

Local volunteers continue to help out, as well as groups from out of town. Some of those groups in-

clude Christian Service Ministries, Christian Aide Ministries, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Team Rubicon, and Latter Day Saints.

Team Rubicon assisted Estill County during the storm of 2017. It is made up mostly of veterans. The group is staying at the former Estill County Library building on Main Street.

Riddell said there are other groups here that she does not know about.

Local Carhartt employees are working as volunteers with Team Rubicon.

In addition to food and cleaning supplies, hay has been donated to farmers in some of the flooded counties.

A caravan of trucks loaded with donated hay passed through Irvine on Saturday morning on its way to Lee County.

The Madison County sheriff escorted the caravan to the Estill County line where it was met by local law enforcement and rescue squad members on its way to Beattyville.



Members of the Estill County High School football team volunteered with flood relief on Saturday, March 6. They passed out bottle water and cleaning supplies for Helping Hands in Ravenna.

Fiscal court meeting

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Estill County experienced five days of flood which means to expect about 500 days of recovery.

Watson said the lifetime possessions of some victims were hauled away to the landfill, including clothes, furniture, and sentimental items.

Riddell said FEMA was in Estill County on Thursday, but their process to assist victims will take some time.

"We're not the only one in the mess right now," he added.

When FEMA finalizes their report, help will not be given until the president declares a disaster.

The judge stated that cleanup crews have picked up tons and tons of flood debris. Some was put into dumpsters, but most of it was put at curbside for county and state road crews to pick up.

Watson said the road crews will continue to pick up flood debris as

long as needed.

"It's been a humbling experience to see how people have come together," he added.

Watson announced the county has received two rounds of CARES funds. He said the last one was for \$129,000.

The fiscal court approved a resolution to apply for a grant for up to \$200,000 to provide utility and rent relief.

The judge stated the county has received a \$10,000 grant for the animal shelter. A spay and neuter clinic has been postponed to the last weekend of March.

Riddell opened two bids during the meeting for an upgrade generator at the Chestnut Stand tower. The bids were for \$69,344 and \$97,365, but he asked the fiscal court to delay taking action until after CSEPP reviews the bids. The upgrade will come out of CSEPP funds but requires fiscal court approval.

Ravenna council hears dog complaint

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Barry Farmer, a resident of Daniels Addition in Ravenna, spoke to members of the council on Monday night about a neighbor who he believes is violating several city ordinances.

According to Farmer, the neighbor has a dog lot that houses several dogs that continuously make noise. He said there are different breeds of dogs and that it has gotten so bad that the mailman will not deliver mail to his home because he says there are vicious dogs up there. He said he would like to see the ordinances enforced about the animals.

Mayor Valerie Flinchum said that the ordinance pertaining to animals was old and it needed to be rewritten but she knew there was a problem on that street that needs to be dealt with because you can hear them barking from far away.

She added that Elizabeth Walling had contacted her from the Estill County Health Department last week about the matter, and now the city will have to take action. She asked Farmer to give her two weeks to rectify the situation.

Councilman Budd Tucker said he didn't think the ordinance needed to be amended. He said he had read the ordinance, and there were clearly violations and it needed to be enforced.

Representative Bill Wesley spoke to the council about getting some help for the city of Ravenna. He said that FEMA would take time to assist the residents who had been victims of the flood that occurred last week, but in the meantime there were several different organizations from other states who were willing to assist in the clean up and to help residents get back into their homes.

Wesley said he knew

there was a need for beds and building supplies and asked the council to get a plan together and he would do everything he could to help the community.

Flinchum said that the city of Ravenna has 265 homes and that 31 of those had been damaged during the flood. Tucker added that there was one home in particular on 2nd street that he felt like would be condemned.

Mayor Flinchum said that during a virtual meeting on Friday with several officials, they were warned about potential scammers in the area.

She stated these people will possibly make contact with flood victims and offer their assistance, and then ask for a down payment. She urged any resident that comes in contact with one of these scammers to immediately notify the police.

Greg Wright, L.G. Richardson, and Joey Dobson were commended for

their assistance in cleaning up the flood damage. Wright has placed six dumpsters throughout the city and has been emptying them free of charge.

Flinchum said that residents who received damage to their homes should be documenting everything right down to how many hours they spend working on their homes. She said they should also be saving receipts, taking pictures, and keeping details of everything as they work on their homes.

Joe Benton, a resident of Poplar Street, was nominated as the most outstanding citizen for the month of March. Benton is a 2020 graduate and is currently attending Eastern Kentucky University where he is a member of the golf team.

The council said that Benton has a good, level head on him and he is a wonderful example to the youth in the county.

Local Police & Sheriff Activity

Man arrested after pursuit

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and advised him he was under arrest. He stated that when he started to handcuff Nealey and put him in the cruiser, Nealey took off running on foot.

Nealey reportedly ran across to Pea Ridge Road to Hall Cemetery Road. Flynn said he moved his vehicle over to Hall Cemetery Road and caught a glimpse of Nealey going into the woods.

He announced that he was going to employ his K-9 Ruby to assist in apprehension. Flynn and Ruby gave chase through the field and woods.

The citation states that Nealey was located in a creek at the bottom of the hill.

Flynn said that Nealey surrendered once he got close to him. He and Ruby escorted Nealey out of the woods. Nealey was taken into custody without further incident.

He was charged with fourth degree assault dating violence (no visible injury) and fleeing or evading police, second degree (on foot).

Sheriff makes arrest

An Irvine man was arrested Thursday on Murphy's Ford Road by Sheriff Chris Flynn.

The sheriff said he received a call from Lee County Dispatch that one of their deputies was in pursuit of a vehicle possibly coming to Estill County. The Lee County deputy had lost sight of the vehicle.

Flynn located the sus-

pected vehicle traveling on Jake's Heavenly Highway, McKee Road and Murphy's Ford Road.

Flynn made a traffic stop. He charged Charles Creech, 25, of Noland Hill Road, Irvine with operating on a suspended or revoked operator license.

Lee County charges against Creech may be pending.

Brian Samples, 59, of Elm Street, Ravenna was charged March 15 with third degree possession of a controlled substance (55 gabapentin) by Irvine Officer Russell Morris who made a traffic stop on Samples' vehicle in front of Shell Mart.

The citation states that Samples had been arrested by Officer Jason Conrad for driving under the influence

Cassandra F. McIntosh, 35, of McKee Road, Irvine was charged March 15 with no registration plates, no registration receipt, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first offense by Officer Conrad.

Robert C. Hedger, 27, of Jacqueline Court, Irvine was charged March 14 by Officer Stewart Morris with careless driving and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, first offense.

The citation states that Hedger was observed by Officer James Marshall driving on Broadway at a high rate of speed, weaving in lane, and excessive braking.

ris charged Ashley Newman, 29, of Cantrill Street, Irvine with receiving stolen property under \$500 on March 11.

Officer Russell Morris served a 2020 Estill County indictment warrant Matthew McElroy, 37, of McKee Road, Irvine on March 11.

McElroy was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and second offense (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

Officer Conrad served a Madison County warrant March 10 on Brandi L. Farthing, 41 of Edgewater Drive, Irvine. The warrant was for failure to appear.

Eric P. McElroy, 42, of McKee Road, Irvine was served with an Estill County arrest warrant on March 11 by Officer Conrad. The warrant was for failure to appear.

On March 10, Officer Stewart Morris arrested Lloyd Raymond Powell, 40, of Cantrill Road, Irvine for no registration plates, no registration receipt, and possession of a controlled substance,

first degree and first offense (percocet).

Officer Marshall charged Wesley Edmonson Jr., 44, of Turner Avenue, Irvine with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) on March 10.

Two Estill County warrants were served March 9 on Brian Estes, 34, of Round Mountain Road, Irvine by Officer Conrad.

One of the warrants was for failure to appear, and the other was for theft by unlawful taking or disposition/shoplifting.

Officer Russell Morris charged Chasity Murphy, 33, of Plum Street, Irvine with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol).

Arrest warrants from Powell County and Estill County were served March 9 on Rodney S. Hix, 44, of Irvine by Officer Conrad. Both warrants charge Hix with failure to appear.

Officer Stewart Morris served a parole violation warrant March 11 on Elijah Stone, 33, of Cantrill Street, Irvine.

A parole violation warrant as served on Bobbie Agee, 45, of Turpin Road, Irvine on March 11 by Officer Marshall.

Elliott K. Muncy, 30, was arrested Sunday night by Deputy Kevin Shackelford, who was responding to Little Caesars Pizza to investigate a man passed out in a vehicle in the parking lot.

The deputy stated the driver was nodding off and really sleepy. He was also disoriented.

The deputy stated that he was given permission by the driver, Elliot K. Muncy, 30, to search the vehicle. No address was available for Muncy.

The citation states Irvine Officer Jason Conrad located a small bag of suspected methamphetamine and some needles on the passenger side of the vehicle.

Deputy Shackelford and Officer Conrad performed field sobriety tests on the driver.

Muncy was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.