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FEMA assistance gets approved for flooding victims

FEMA has announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Kentucky to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides from Feb. 27 through March 14.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals Breathitt, Clay, Estill, Floyd, Johnson, Lee, Magoffin, Martin and Powell Counties.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mud-

slides.

Federal funding is also available to the state and local governments and certain private non-profit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides in Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Cumberland, Elliott, Floyd, Franklin, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Magoffin, Marion, Martin, Mason, Morgan, Ohio, Pike, Powell, Rockcastle and Wolfe Counties.

Emergency protective measures, including any direct federal assistance through FEMA's Public Assistance program, will be provided at 75% federal funding.

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Kylie Hug and Jesse McKinney posed for a photo before going to their prom on Saturday at a wedding barn which was rented by parents thinking there was not going to be a prom this year because of the pandemic. The Estill County School System has scheduled a junior prom and a senior prom in May. More prom pictures are on Page 15.

Photo by Phyllis Alcorn

Irvine could get grants due to loss of coal industry

Economy was affected by closing of Southeast Coal and railroad

by CATHY DAWES
Tribune Staffwriter

Jim Cable with the Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands spoke to the Irvine council on Monday night about potentially receiving money through an economic development grant.

The deadline to file for the grant is June 30th and Irvine qualifies for the grant, because it is considered an Appalachian County that was greatly affected by the downturn of the coal industry.

He said the property formerly known as Southeast Coal as well as the rail-yards that transported millions of tons of coal back qualifies them to apply for the grant.

Cable stated that with this grant there would be standards that would have to be met with the property at the coal wash if the grant was approved.

For instance, all ponds that are located on the property would have to be drained. Another requirement would be for two

feet of topsoil to be added to the existing land.

Representative Bill Wesley was in attendance and spoke to the council about several things that he has been working on in Frankfort since he took office in January.

Wesley said that he is currently working on getting some much needed repairs done to roadways throughout his district and plans to get a hard hat and some work boots on and work with Hinkle to get those repairs done as soon as possible.

Wesley also gave the council some important information about the city being mapped in order to receive funds through FEMA after Councilman Tim Burkhart asked if the map was up to date.

City Attorney Rodney Davis said he thought the map was current because it had been surveyed when the city annexed the property where the Steam Heritage Museum is located.

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Tenorm settlement could reach million with its investment

By Nancy Farmer
for Concerned Citizens

The Estill County Concerned Citizens met at Wisemantown United Methodist Church on April 21, 2021 to discuss the settlement of the lawsuit against Advanced Disposal and plans for future projects.

Tom Hart, President, explained that the group received a settlement of \$35,000 for post-closure protection of the landfill property.

This money has been invested with Van Leeuwen Investment Company in Richmond. The agent is Chris Arnold.

With compounding and management, he estimates that this fund will exceed \$1,000,000 in fifty years.

The Estill County Fiscal Court will eventually take over the management of these funds with the caveat that the money will be spent only on maintaining the capped landfill cell which holds the NORM so that none of it will escape into the environment.

Examples of projects such as fencing, cutting trees, and mowing were cited. Representatives of ECC have met with County Judge Donnie Watson and County Attorney J.D. Riley.

Alan Banks suggested pushing for a new host-community agreement, universal garbage pick-up, recycling of glass and plastics, and use of the new water trail which the Kentucky River Authority is building.

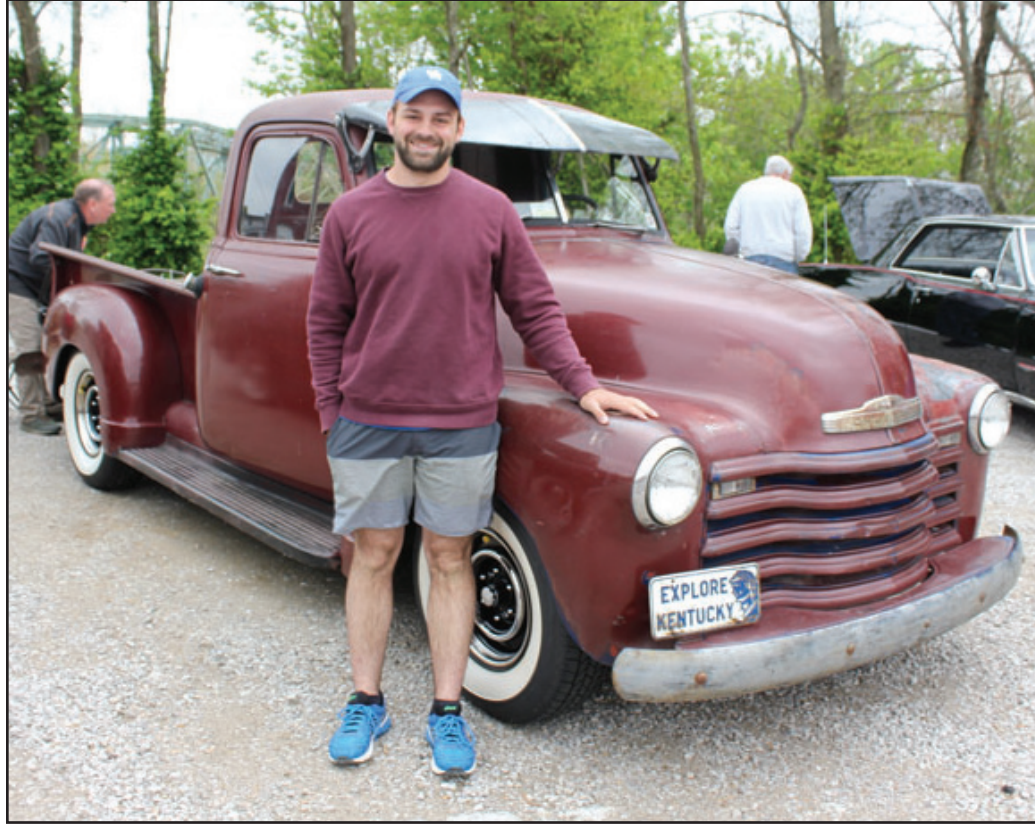
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The Twin City Kruzers had a wonderful turnout for their annual car show Sunday. The show is usually held during the Mountain Mushroom Festival, which was cancelled again this year. The car show was not held last year because of the pandemic.



Left Photo: Will Burkhart was probably the youngest entrant in Saturday's car show. Will is attending the University of Kentucky where he is a pharmacy major. He exhibited a 1953 Chevrolet truck which he purchased. Probably a hundred vehicles were entered in Sunday's car show, which had been on hold since the pandemic. The show was postponed from Saturday due to rainy weather. The Twin City Kruzers sponsored the show. The local car club meets monthly and has a car show in downtown Irvine during the warm months.