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Illegal dumps get cleaned up

A passerby called Estill Dispatch April 20 to report an illegal dumper. Sheriff Chris Flynn was on another call, but he went to the dump site at the end of Substation Road and Possum Run Road as soon as possible.

Estill County Solid Waste Coordinator Chad Smith said that Flynn was able to find some mail in the dump that day.

Smith himself went back the next two days and found additional mail items. He said the mail

came back to several different names.

After reviewing the mail items, Smith went to a residence several times on Stacy Lane before he found someone at home.

He then had a conversation with a woman at the residence.

"She had paid someone to take it off to the landfill," Smith stated.

"It looked like a whole truckload of garbage," he said of the illegal dump.

The woman agreed to pay a second person to

clean up the dump and take the garbage to the landfill. As part of the agreement, she had to provide a receipt from the landfill.

Smith said the woman ended up paying for cleanup of the illegal dump plus two times for landfill disposal.

Another illegal dump on Winburn Cemetery Road was also cleaned up recently.

Smith said the cemetery is off Dry Ridge Road, and the dump has been

an ongoing problem for some time.

The dump was reported to him by a family who mows the cemetery and has relatives buried in the cemetery.

Smith personally cleaned up the dump and had the debris hauled to the landfill.

To report someone dumping, please call the Estill Dispatch at 723-2201. If possible, get a description of the vehicle involved and a license number.



Signs like these appear at sites where illegal dumping has gone on for ages. The county unfortunately does not have enough cameras to place one at each dump site.

Sheriff arrests a woman for throwing pipe

An Estill County woman was arrested Monday afternoon by Sheriff Chris Flynn after throwing a metal pipe at a truck owned by Hardy's Propane Gas.

Chasity Murphy, 34, was charged with second degree disorderly conduct.

She was transported to Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville following her arrest.

The truck was occupied by two employees of the gas company and was traveling on Millers Creek Road.

Murphy was walking on Millers Creek Road when she threw the pipe and struck the truck.

The passenger employee, Matthew Watson, called his father, Judge/Executive Donnie Watson. The judge then sent the sheriff to Millers Creek.

Snake evicted at courthouse

Courthouse employees report that a pet snake was brought into the courthouse on Friday.

They said the snake was wrapped around its owner's body.

The snake's owner was asked to remove himself and his pet by Court Security Officer Glenn Carroll.



1977 Volkswagen Bus

Charlie Reed of Winchester Road, Irvine exhibited his 1977 Volkswagen bus during the Twin City Kruzers Car Show, April 25. While the bus appears to be small, it is packed inside with two beds, a kitchenette, dining table, etc. The vehicle is also in excellent running condition as Reed and his wife, Bonnie, use it for traveling.

New county budget expected to exceed 18 million dollars

First reading was given Friday to Estill County's budget for fiscal year 2021-22. The law requires the budget to be presented by May 1.

"The budget is always one of the most stressful times," stated Judge/Executive Donnie Watson.

The total for the new budget is \$18,214,786.

The anticipated budget includes \$4,025,462 in the general fund, \$1,882,507 in the road fund, \$1,332,958 in the jail fund; \$39,077 for LGEA; \$198,500 for federal grants; \$700,000 for federal grants; \$128,890 for emergency services communications; and \$7,171,629 in CSEPP funds.

Watson said the county is also scheduled to receive CARES money for emergency relief in the amount of \$2,735,772. He added the state does not yet have guidelines on how this money will be spent.

He expects the county will receive half of it soon and the other half later.

The judge explained the line of credit was changed for CSEPP funds. He said the budget for this year had a line of credit for \$500,000 but ended up with a negative balance. Increasing the line of credit will prevent a negative balance, and will not be of any additional cost for the CSEPP program.

The line of credit is used when CSEPP purchases costly items, such as a fire truck. The item is paid for from the line of credit and is reimbursed by the federal government.

The fiscal court will hold a second reading on the budget later this month. The budget will be sent to the state for its approval.

The budget will be returned to the county with state recommendations, if any.

An emergency was declared to repair the heating and air system at the courthouse at the recommendation of the county's auditor.

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Steps to Take When Applying with FEMA

If you were affected by the severe storms, flooding, and mudslides that occurred Feb. 27 - March 14, 2021 in Kentucky you may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

However, you don't have to wait for FEMA to start cleaning up. Just be sure to take photographs or video of the damage and keep all receipts for repair work.

Assistance provided by FEMA for homeowners and renters can include grants for repairs to make their primary home habitable and rental assistance to pay for

temporary housing.

FEMA assistance can also help with other disaster-related needs like replacing essential household items and medical, dental, funeral, transportation, moving and storage and child care expenses.

First, contact your insurance company and file a claim for the storm, flooding and mudslide damage you've suffered.

If you have losses not covered by insurance, contact FEMA by either going online to DisasterAssistance.gov, downloading the FEMA App

or by calling the helpline at 800-621-3362. TTY users can call 800-462-7585. The toll-free telephone lines operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. local time, seven days a week. If you use 711 or Video Relay Service you can call 800-621-3362.

Information that will be required when you apply includes:

- Address of the damaged primary dwelling where damage occurred
- Current mailing address
- Current telephone number
- Social Security number

ber Your insurance information

Total household annual income

Routing and account numbers for checking or savings accounts so FEMA may directly transfer disaster assistance funds

A description of disaster damage and losses

Home Inspections and COVID-19

If you reported that you cannot or may not be able to safely live in your home, it may be necessary for FEMA to perform an inspection of

the damaged dwelling. FEMA home inspections are free of charge.

Applicants can ask the FEMA housing inspector at any time for a disability accommodation, or disaster applicants with disabilities who may require a reasonable accommodation can submit their reasonable accommodation request via email to FEMA's Office of Equal Rights at FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov or by calling FEMA's Civil Rights Resource line at 833-CVLRGHT (833-285-7448).

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