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I would also encourage you to check out the library's Facebook and Twitter pages to keep up to date on announcements and events. The Virtual Pickin' in the Park series is continuing on Tuesday evenings and you can check that out in person. No tickets or reservations are needed. Join us on June 22 when our performer will be Ethan Hunt and on June 25 for Haydee Canovas.

The library has added many new books, audios and DVDs to the collection. There's something for everyone.

"A story can always break into pieces while it sits inside a book on a shelf; and, decades after we have read it even twenty times, it can open us up, by cut or caress, to a new truth." - Andre Dubus

**Library Corner by Raymond Chaney Library Assistant**

Hi everyone! I'd like to start off by reminding you that the library is

**Births -- Baptist Health of Richmond**

County	DOB	Parents	Town	Gender
Madison	June 1, 2021	Kathryn and Ben Rose	Berea	Girl
Madison	June 2, 2021	Lauren Isaac and Tanner Newton	Richmond	Boy
Madison	June 3, 2021	Litzy Salazar & Timothy Young Jr	Richmond	Boy
Madison	June 3, 2021	Yuri Avevalo & Miguel Rueda de Dios	Richmond	Boy
Madison	June 3, 2021	Taran Gorman and Dave Erwin	Richmond	Boy
Rockcastle	June 4, 2021	Nikki Renner and Chase Edington	Mt. Vernon	Girl
Madison	June 6, 2021	Cynthia Lowery & Mikeith Wilson	Richmond	Girl

# Gov. Beshear says crisis is over but pandemic is not; then rescinds restrictions

by MELISSA PATRICK  
Kentucky Health News

In his last regular Covid-19 press conference, Gov. Andy Beshear lifted the statewide mask mandate for most settings, ended capacity limits for businesses and venues, and ended the state's "healthy at work" requirements, citing an ever-increasing number of Kentuckians getting a coronavirus vaccine as the reason these changes could be made.

"Let me be clear, Covid-19 remains deadly. Our war against it is not yet won," Beshear said Friday. "But after more than 15 months of struggle and of sacrifice, we can also say this: While Covid remains a threat, we are no longer in crisis."

Beshear spent many minutes recounting the state's 15-month fight against the coronavirus ("a story of our goodness") and thanking his team and other Kentuckians for hard work and many sacrifices, saying they allowed the state to beat back three waves of infection and avoid having its hospitals overrun with Covid-19 patients.

"We know that our actions saved thousands, likely tens of thousands, of lives," he said. Later, asked what he might have done differently, he said, "I think we've done more things right than most states."

Some Republican state senators said Thursday that Beshear should also end the state of emergency that gives him special powers. He told Louisville's WLKY-TV that he would probably maintain the emergency as long as the federal government does, to take advantage of possible federal aid.

Kentucky Health News asked Beshear what he would say to those who think the pandemic is over. He didn't directly answer, instead thanking those who were vaccinated, saying their risk is very low. To the unvaccinated, he said the state has shared plenty of information about the vaccines and it is now up to them.

"If you are not vaccinated, we have talked over and over and over about how to protect yourself from this virus and you've had the personal choice now either to get the protection of the vaccine, or to take the steps that we know can protect you," he said. "So to everybody out there, just do right thing."

Health Commissioner Steven Stack reported that since vaccines became available in January, coronavirus cases have declined 93 percent, Covid-19 hospitalizations 83% and deaths 95%.

Later in the afternoon, the Kentucky Department of Education said in a press release that in line with the governor's executive order, it would rescind the state's "healthy at school" guidance as well, meaning that the use of masks and social distancing is no longer mandated.

Beshear said he has held 250 Covid-19 news conferences since the first one on March 7, 2020. Now, he said he will shift to a weekly news conferences, but on various topics.

His executive order says masks are still required in high-risk places, such as public transportation, health-care settings and nursing homes, and are recommended in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and for anyone who is immuno-compromised, exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 or has tested positive for it in the previous 10 days.

Beshear said any business that wants to continue requiring masks can do so, and called on Kentuckians to be patient with one another as people work through these changes.

# Virus resurges in KY & South; main threat is to younger kids

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is advising people in Kentucky and states to the south to look out for a respiratory illness that is spreading in the region.

RSV was suppressed last winter, due to precautions taken to thwart the coronavirus, so "older infants and toddlers might now be at increased risk of severe RSV-associated illness since they have likely not had typical levels of exposure to RSV during the past 15 months," the CDC warns. "In infants younger than six months, RSV infection may result in symptoms of irritability, poor feeding, lethargy, and/or apnea with or without fever."

The disease is inter-seasonal respiratory syncytial virus. RSV cases have been reported in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and the Carolinas.

"Infants, young children, and older adults with chronic medical conditions are at risk of severe disease from RSV infection," the CDC said in an official health advisory Thursday. "Each year in the United States, RSV leads to on average approximately 58,000 hospitalizations with 100 to 500 deaths among children younger than 5 years old and 177,000 hospitalizations with 14,000 deaths among adults aged 65 years or

Older children may have runny nose and decreased appetite, followed by cough, often followed by sneezing, fever, and sometimes wheezing, CDC says. Symptoms in adults are much like those caused by common cold viruses, and there is no specific treatment other than management of symptoms.

# Estill Courthouse News

**Property Transfers**

Ellen S. Minotty to Justin Swartz, \$110,000, 65 acres, more or less, in Estill County.

Chris A. and Arielle R. Estes to Cassidy McKye Flynn Moore and Austin T. Moore, wife and husband, \$280,000, 982 Lilly Ferry Road.

James W. Ferguson to Clayton James Woirol, \$150,000, 125.25 more or less, known as tract 1.

Ernest Edward and Michelle Ann Spuhler to Kentucky Utilities Co., deed of easement.

Emily Allen to John C. Allen, quit claim by dissolution of marriage, 85 acres, more or less, on Twin Creek Road.

Jeffrey L. and Vanessa Cole to Mid South Capital Partners, LP, \$250.00, two acres more or less at 530 Lynch Road, Irvine.

Charles Arvin, Steve McGee and Rebecca Bates, to Wesley Phillips, \$14,000, lot #1 at corner of Conrad's and KY 52.

Rebecca Rice to Greg Wright, \$20,000, tract 1 of 5.523 acres more or less, entitled "Jerry Rice Property Survey."

Archie Lee and Judy Mays to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, \$15,000, tract on KY 52 near Crystal.

Archie Lee and Judy Mays to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, \$1.00

and other consideration, transmission line easement.

Lloyd W. Beckley II and Emily M. Beckley to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, \$40,000, tract on Ky 52 near Crystal.

E. Ky. Power Cooperative to Beckleys, 30 ft wide passway easement, \$1.00.

James H. and Jeanne G. Hamilton to James H. and Jeanne G. Hamilton, reflection of current property description and current owners 1/2 interest, tract A, 26.80 acres; tract A-1, 0.35 acre; Tract B, 26.27 acres n plat of survey.

Estate of Colleen Muncie by Janet Rose, executrix, to Willis and Rebecca Estes, \$25,000, two tracts.

Ronald Newlin II to Joshua L. and Crystal A. Isaacs, \$30,000, tract on Irvine-Richmond Turnpike.

Margie M. Alcorn to Patricia G. Alcorn, \$10,000, 8 acres, more or less, on north bank of Millers Creek.

Larry W. and Judy A. Riddell to Alyssa Wysong, \$32,000, tract of 4 acres, more or less on Pea Ridge, and tract of 15 acres more or less on waters of Clear Creek.

Daniel and Beth Riddell Muchow to Newell Reed Atchison, \$70,000, 1745

Sand hill Road, Irvine.

Estate of Wesley N. Rose, by Jerry Rose, executor, to James C. Young, \$35,000, near Winston, KY 52.

Estate of Wesley N. Rose, by Jerry Rose, executor, to Pamela H. Young, \$40,000, 5 acres, more or less, on KY 52 near Winston.

Jerry W. and Jessie R. Rose to Estate of Wesley N. Rose, exchange of property, 25 acres, more or less, on KY 52.

Michael and Anissa Hardy to Ralph and Mary Joyce King, \$130,000, 10 acres, more or less.

J. Witt Properties, LLC to Denise J. Garcia and Robert A. Jennings, \$119,000, lot #1 of Ray Holbrook plat on Dry Branch Road.

Master Commissioner deed between Michael and Lesia Barnes and Cheryl and Paul Chaney to Donald and Phyllis Richardson, \$38,000, 1 1/2 acres more or less on KY 52

**Operator Permits**

Abby Smith, Koda Jones, Byron Roberts (motorcycle), Gavin Halloway, Hayden Cassidy, and Adam Abshear.

**Intermediate licenses**

Trenton McKinney, Luke Williams, and Kaleb Haling.

**Driver License**

Larry Beckler.

## Irvine Police & Sheriff Activity

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The deputy said he went to Sizemore's residence on June 8 to serve three active search warrants on Sizemore.

During a search of Sizemore, the citation states that a small bag of suspected methamphetamine was found in his pocket.

Smith was assisted by KSP Trooper Ty Robinson.

Cynthia Puckett, 37, of 7th Street, Ravenna was charged June 9 with operating on a suspended or revoked operators license by Deputy King.

The deputy stated that he saw Puckett's vehicle traveling on Richmond Road with no tail lamps. He initiated a traffic stop, and said Puckett told him the vehicle had electrical problems.

Puckett was cited to appear in district court on

July 28.

Deputy Kevin Shackelford cited Michael Shane Crim, 32, of Hargett Road on June 9 for having no operators - moped license.

The citation states that Shackelford made a traffic stop on Crim because he noticed Stephanie Ripberger in the passenger seat. There was a felony warrant for Ripberger's arrest.

Crim is scheduled to appear in court on July 28.

Lisa Neal, 54, of Edgewater Drive, Irvine was arrested June 10 by Deputy King for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Deputy King and Smith were patrolling Richmond Road when they noticed a vehicle parked in a gravel pull off beside the road. King said they pulled in to ensure the driver was safe because they had observed the vehicle sitting there for 40 minutes.

The deputies began administering field sobriety tests to Neal to insure she was okay.

The citation states that while she was putting her shoes on, Deputy Smith saw her remove a clear baggie from her wallet. When told to drop it, she tried to tuck it under her leg.

Smith said he retrieved the baggie containing a white crystal substance, suspected to be methamphetamine.



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