

2 Weeks Left to Apply for Disaster Assistance

Registration Support Center Open June 10-12 at Estill Senior Citizens Center

Don't delay. If you are a Kentucky homeowner, renter or business owner who had property damage or loss caused by the severe storms from Feb. 27 to March 14, you have two weeks left to apply for federal disaster assistance.

The deadline to apply for assistance from FEMA is Wednesday, June 23. The deadline to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration is Tuesday, June 22.

"You should register even if you have insurance," said FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer John Brogan. "FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but eligible homeowners and renters may be able to receive a grant from FEMA for losses not covered by insurance to help pay for basic home repairs, temporary rental assistance and other needs such as replacing personal property."

"We appreciate FEMA continuing to partner with us to help Kentuckians rebuild from devastating flooding," said Gov. Beshear. "The additional FEMA staff helping Kentucky families in person will ensure more of our people can get the help they need before the June 23 deadline to apply for federal disaster assistance."

If you live in one of the 31 counties included in the Kentucky federal disaster declaration for Individual Assistance, you may still register for assistance or update your contact information, ask questions about a letter from FEMA, get information about FEMA home inspections, or learn how to appeal a FEMA decision by:

Going online at DisasterAssistance.gov

Downloading the FEMA app by texting ANDROID or APPLE to 43362; or Calling 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. local time. Multilingual operators are available during those hours (press 2 for Spanish).

Those who use a Relay service, such as a videophone, InnoCaption or CapTel, should provide their specific number assigned to that service. It is important that FEMA can contact you. Phone calls from FEMA may come from an unidentified number.

The same assistance is also available in person from FEMA representatives who will be at Individual Assistance Registration Support Centers located in

Powell, Breathitt, Johnson, Estill, Magoffin, Martin, Clay, Floyd and Lee counties below. Kentuckians do not have to register or seek in person assistance in the county where they live.

"We welcome the new addition of the Mobile Registration Support Centers staffed by FEMA representatives to assist our families and homeowners impacted by the recent record flooding event," said Michael Dossett, director of Kentucky Emergency Management. "This unique COVID-safe solution is one of the many options available to our citizens to encourage registration for Individual Assistance (IA) during the remaining timeframe. Thanks to our FEMA partners for this engagement."

FEMA Individual Assistance Registration Support Centers

Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open Thursday to Saturday, June 10 - 12, for **Estill County**

Estill County Enrichment Center: 100 Golden Court, Irvine, Kentucky 40336

Locations, dates, and times of the registration support centers are subject to change based on needs or circumstances. Please call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 to check availability.

You should have the following information available to register:

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

The counties declared for Individual Assistance include Anderson, Breathitt, Boyd, Clark, Clay, Estill, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Greenup, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Warren and Woodford.

For more information on Kentucky's disaster recovery, visit <https://kyem.ky.gov> and www.fema.gov/disaster/4595. You may also follow FEMA on www.facebook.com/fema and Twitter @FEMARegion4.

Irvine Council meets

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That department has also gotten some new vehicles, which Gross says saves money on maintenance.

The city is expected to get a new brush truck and fire engine. The fire department is now fully staffed.

Gross said the city will work with Steam Engine Heritage in the new fiscal year.

He stated the city will make as large payments as possible on the sanitation truck.

He will work with the police and fire departments to keep overtime down.

The council then gave first reading to the budget which takes effect on July 1. New revenues are expected to be approximately \$1.45 million. Of that amount, approximately \$1.36 million is budgeted.

The council discussed health insurance for employees and voted to keep it the same as last year.

A public comment period was held for LGEA and municipal aid funds. No one was present to comment.

School board holds ribbon cuttings

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There are blue circles on the hallway floor in the blue wing, and color coordinated circles on the hall floors in the other three wings. Barker explained the circles were placed there to show students where to stand for social distancing.

Mullins said the school will be over capacity this fall, because of a larger

than usual number of students being retained due to the pandemic.

She added that it is more beneficial to retain students when they are young.

The old school bus garage was torn down to be replaced by the Area Technical Center. A new garage was completed this year on the other side of the road.



Jessica Mullins, principal at Estill Springs Elementary spoke at the school's rededication on Thursday. Mullins was a student and teacher at the school.

Irvine Police Activity

Irvine Officer Jason Conrad served an Estill County indictment warrant on Rosie C. Smith, 57, of Cressy Road on May 31.

Smith was indicted for operating a vehicle with expired operators license, failure to produce insurance card, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine), and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

While serving that warrant, a citation states that Smith told Officer Conrad that she had drugs in her bra. She handed Conrad a small plastic bag that contained a crystal like substance.

The citation adds that she told Conrad that she had stuff in her bag. Officers Conrad and Russell Morris located a syringe and another plastic bag in her bag. That plastic bag also contained a crystal like substance in it.

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

Jonathan Curry, 50, of Winchester Road, Irvine was served with an arrest warrant May 31 by Officer Morris. The warrant was failure to appear in an Estill County court.

Mark Nicholas Worrell, 42, homeless, was served by Officer Morris with an Estill County arrest warrant on June 4 for failure to appear.

On June 4, Officer Morris served an Estill County warrant for failure to appear on Marie Swinford, 43, of Turner Avenue, Ir-

vine.

Sgt. Stuart Morris served an Estill County warrant on Marie Estes-Swinford also on June 4 for failure to appear.

William C. Tuttle, 36, of New Fox Road, Irvine was served with an Estill County arrest warrant on June 6 by Officer Conrad. The warrant was for failure to appear.

Officer Conrad also served an Estill County warrant on Eric P. Tuttle, 39, of New Fox Road, Irvine on June 6 for failure to appear.

Timothy Charlton, 49, of Oak Street, Irvine, was arrested June 1 on charges of alcohol intoxication in a public place (first and second offense), and possession of marijuana.

Officer Conrad said that Charlton was in the road in front of his residence and was unsteady on his feet. He had slurred speech and smelled of alcohol.

The officer stated that he was allowing Charlton to place items on his front porch when he observed the man trying to hide a clear baggie which contained a green leafy substance, expected to be marijuana.

Officer Conrad also served two Estill County arrest warrants on Charlton for failure to appear.

Officer Morris served an Estill County warrant on Cynthia Puckett of 7th Street, Ravenna on June 1 for failure to appear.

Michael Shane Crim, 33, of Hargett Road was served June 3 with an Estill County arrest warrant for failure to appear. The warrant was served by Officer Conrad.

Fiscal court meets

The Estill Fiscal Court held a public hearing Monday evening on the use of LGEA and County Road Aid funds on Monday evening.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said Estill County is receiving \$39,077 in LGEA funds during the new fiscal year.

The county will also receive \$1,882,507 in the road fund.

"That sounds like a lot of money, but things are high," Watson stated.

A fiscal court meeting was held after the public hearing to give second reading and final approval to new fiscal year budget of \$18,214,786.

Watson said he had received a call from Anthony Allen, director of Economic Development for U.S. Rep. Andy Barr's office, and he said that Estill County will be receiving \$518,057.58 for water and sewage improvements.

That amount is based on Estill County's population of 14,106 residents.

Bids were opened on gas, gravel, blacktop and cold mix. The gravel bids were tabled until the court could receive more information about getting the gravel hauled.

Steven Isaacs was hired as a full-time 911 dispatcher. Isaacs was currently working as a full-time CSEPP dispatcher.

Ronnie Riddell, director of Estill Emergency Management Agency, said the dispatchers prefer the county paid jobs because they don't know how long CSEPP will last.

The fiscal court will advertise for a full-time CSEPP dispatcher.

CSEPP bids were awarded for emergency medical equipment. The bids were opened at the last fiscal court meeting but have been reviewed to make sure they meet specifications

Sheriff arrests man after he passes out

Sheriff Chris Flynn arrested Charles Taylor, 69, of Rice Station Road, Irvine on June 5. Flynn said he was dispatched to the intersection of Reges Road and Richmond Road just past 9:30 a.m. because a male was passed out at the wheel.

When he arrived on scene, he stated he found Taylor behind the wheel of a vehicle sitting at the stop sign.

The citation states that witnessed put Taylor's auto into park for his safety. While waiting for units to arrive, the witnesses said Taylor kept nodding and falling asleep.

When Flynn arrived, he

said he noticed Taylor's pin point pupils and his speech was slurred. EMS arrived and Taylor refused to be transported to the hospital.

Sgt. Sam Hensley with IPD arrived to conduct field sobriety tests.

The citation states there were two white pills in a front pocket which were identified as acetaminophen/hydrocodone 325 mg, a schedule 2 a controlled substance.

Taylor was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first offense, and possession of a controlled substance, second degree.

IPD arrests woman

The officer said in both wallets, he found paper work with Betty L. Rose's name on it.

Officer Conrad charged Ms. Rose, 62, with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (greater than or equal to two grams of methamphetamine) and trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (heroin).

Rose was lodged in

Three Forks Regional Jail.

The Irvine Police Department served two warrants on another resident in the home, Jack Rose, 40.

Officer Morris served a Jefferson County warrant on Mr. Rose for failure to appear.

He also served a Lincoln County arrest warrant on Mr. Rose for contempt of court/libel/slander/resisting order.

Jackson County man charged with bark theft

Sheriff Chris Flynn arrested a Jackson County man on Round Mountain Road on June 5.

The sheriff said he was dispatched there because a car was parked on Christina Vaughn's property.

Sheriff Flynn located Lester Turner, 68, on the edge of Vaughn's property which is posted "private property and no tres-

passing" in plain view. He added that Turner had a bag of bark.

Turner reportedly told the sheriff he was just trying to make some money by selling the bark.

Turner was charged with third degree criminal trespass and theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others under \$500.