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Estill Youth Seeks Help To Purchase A Diabetic Alert Dog

by **CATHY DAWES**
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Just one day after her 8th birthday in 2012 Raynna Goosey was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes which is also commonly referred to as juvenile diabetes. Raynna's mother Jill said that her pancreas completely stopped working and had most likely been caused by a virus.

Raynna is now a 6th grader at the Estill County Middle School and is very active like most children her age. The only difference is that she wears an insulin pump to keep her sugar levels on a normal level, however, that is not always the case. The insulin pump has helped a great deal in maintaining normal insulin levels, however, it also has its' faults. Recently the plastic needle was pulled out just enough to become bent and it stopped the flow of insulin into her body. By the time her mother realized what had happened Raynna's insulin level was so high that the meter couldn't even read it.

After doing some research on the internet, Jill found a website that's called Diabetic Alert Dogs by Warren Retrievers.

The organization is located in Virginia and is completely non-profit. The labrador retrievers are specifically trained to alert the owner when their insulin levels become too high or too low and can detect this up to forty minutes before it happens. The price of the dog is \$25,000 which includes training, delivery, and repeat visits from the trainer for up to two years.

Goosey said that there are three diabetic alert dogs that she knows of in the state of Kentucky. She was able to meet with one of the families and a trainer who was delivering a service dog to a family in Somerset. While sitting in a restaurant having dinner she said that the service dog began alerting the trainer that someone's insulin level was off. She said that she was advised to check Raynna's sugar and that it was very high. She said that the dog alerting her that Raynna's sugar level was off in that restaurant sold her on the idea of getting a dog of their own.

The dogs are fully protected under the federal law and Raynna would be able to take the dog to school with her each day. Jill said that the district nurse and the staff

at ECMS have been wonderful in helping Raynna on a day to day basis. She said that two staff members have been trained to administer Glucagone to Raynna anytime that she needs it. Raynna checks her insulin levels throughout the day while she is at school and the district nurse and staff members are there to lend a hand if she needs it.

Jill, along with her husband Chris, have been fundraising in hopes to raise enough money to purchase the diabetic alert dog. They have had several donations and have a beauty pageant planned for October 10th at the Estill County Fairgrounds.

The pageant will be an all day event with a silent auction, raffles, and games. Goosey said that with the help of Emma Day and Ariel Sparks they are currently lining up vendors and entertainment for the day. A local group called Thirsty Thursday is one of the bands that has signed up to perform that day. Goosey said that she hopes to organize a pet show for the day as well.

Anyone that would like to participate in the pageant or make a donation may contact Jill at 606-975-4686 for more information.



Eleven year old Raynna Goosey is shown wearing a shirt that was made by a friend that lives in Oklahoma. The shirts will be sold as part of a fundraiser in hopes of raising enough money to purchase Raynna a diabetic alert dog.
(Photo by Cathy Dawes)



Beulah Moore stands beside the flower bed, made of railroad ties and in the shape of a cross. She shares her testimony and flower seed with those who stop by to visit.

"Planting Seeds for Jesus"

by **DELORES L. ROWLAND**
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Beulah Moore is on a mission, "Planting Seeds for Jesus."

Moore doesn't have to go to a mission trip in some far away country. Her mission is right at her home on Wallace Circle within the city limits of Irvine.

She became disabled about ten years ago and underwent two unsuccessful back surgeries. When she moved to Wallace Circle three years ago, Moore said that God put it upon her heart to plant flowers.

She grew up in a large family, and her mother taught her to plant zinnias and marigolds. Today, Moore is growing lots and

lots of flowers, more than zinnias and marigolds.

She had a third back surgery in March to correct the two that were unsuccessful.

Her three daughters helped her to plant her flower seeds this spring.

Moore has a cross in the middle of a flower bed in her front yard. She says she starts each day off praying and reading her Bible on the porch in front of the cross. There are also plaques and stones with religious sayings around the cross.

"Before I face the world I'm looking at the cross, and I'm reminded of what Jesus did," she said.

At the side of her home, there is a large flower bed in a shape of a cross made

from railroad ties.

"Many people drive by just to look at that cross," she stated. "A lot of people enjoy it as well as myself."

Moore saves the seeds from the heirloom annuals. There are containers of seed on her front porch and more inside the house.

"I keep seeds each year so I don't have to buy them," she stated.

She also gives seeds to anyone who asks for them. Moore said she uses the seed to witness to people.

She said the seed has to die before they bring forth new life. She added that people have to die in themselves before they can show Christ to others.

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Beulah Moore begins each day on her porch and in front of the cross, with worshipping the Lord. She plants flowers and gathers seed for her mission, "Seeds for Jesus."

School board keeps same property tax rate for 2015

by **TRACY R. PATRICK**
Estill County Tribune

The Estill County Board of Education met on Thursday, August 20, at the board room with all members present.

The school tax rate for 2015-16 was established and a great deal of time was spent discussing cost reduction measures made by new superintendent Jeff Saylor.

Representatives of the Estill County High School Junior ROTC were in attendance to tell the board about their upcoming 2nd Annual Spartan Crucible to be held at the high school on Saturday, August 29th.

The board was told that the Junior ROTC students "go above and beyond where they're at."

ECHS JROTC established themselves last year at the regional, state and

national levels. Their first Spartan Crucible was attended by six teams but this year's event is expected to draw 18 teams from around the state. The public is invited to come out and watch this year's Spartan Crucible with "break bone events that leave the competing cadets lifeless; yet, begging for more." It starts at 8 a.m. and admission is free.

Personnel and salary schedule revisions were made which included the abolishment of the high school administration manager position which was one of two principal positions at that school. Saylor recommended having only one principal, saying "somebody has to be in charge."

Chris Winkler has been appointed interim high school principal to replace Blain Click who retired af-

ter several years of service. He may be serving in that position through the end of the school year. Saylor said he had received four applications for the job and indicated they would get more quality applications at the end of the year since most were already working this school year. He called being high school principal job the "toughest job in the school system" but said the Estill County position should be a "highly attractive job."

Section 7 allocations were made for each school totalling \$35,000. Saylor said last year the amount totaled \$67,000 because of the "rotating door at board meetings, asking for money." It was agreed that schools should prepare a budget for use of their Section 7 money.

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Arrest made for an assault

Brandon Shane Coffey, 25, of Wisemantown Road, Irvine was arrested on August 19 on a warrant obtained by KSP Trooper Clifton Royal.

The warrant charged Coffey with assault fourth degree (domestic) third offense or greater within five years and violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO.

The warrant states that on August 13, Coffey caused physical injury to a female resulting in contusions to her neck area and a laceration above the left eye.

It also adds that at the time of the alleged incident, there was an active EPO/DVO in effect.

Coffey's bond was set at \$7,500 cash.

He was arraigned in Estill District Court on August 21. Coffey pleaded not-guilty to both charges. A preliminary hearing was held on August 24. Coffey is expected to hire his own attorney.

Walton Breaks Scoring Record



Emily Walton

Estill County senior soccer player Emily Walton tied the all-time scoring record at 61 with 2014 graduate Taylor Adams on Saturday against the Hazard Lady Bulldogs. She then broke the record on Monday night at home against the Morgan County Lady Cougars, scoring two for 63 total. Emily is the daughter of Steve and Jeannie Walton. See pages 14 & 15 for more information.

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