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911 fee of \$4 to be added to water bills

A \$4 monthly fee for 911 services is expected to go onto water bills of Estill County residents as early as February 1.

The Estill Fiscal Court gave first reading to an ordinance enacting the fee at a special meeting on Monday evening.

Currently, there is a \$3 monthly fee for 911 on each land-line phone line in the

county. Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor said that due to technology and cell phones, land-line usage in Estill County has dropped 29 percent in the last year.

"The majority of our 911 calls are coming in via cell phones," Taylor stated.

He added that residents want to keep their 911 service.

He stated that Garrard County had gone to collecting 911 fees charged on water meters.

"It's fair," Taylor stated. "Everyone is paying an equal amount."

County Attorney Rodney Davis said about twenty to thirty counties across the state have placed 911 fees on water meters.

Davis added the Garrard

County ordinance was challenged all the way to the Kentucky Supreme Court, which upheld it.

The \$3 fee on land-line phones will be removed when this ordinance takes effect.

Davis added the fee will not be pro-rated for service less than a full month.

He added that water service will not be disconnected for non-payment of the 911

fee. However, he stated the county will attempt to collect those unpaid fees.

Four water companies serve Estill County and will be paid three percent to collect the fees. The companies include Irvine Municipal Utilities, Estill County Water District, Powell's Valley Water District, and Jackson County Water District.

Powell's Valley serves

customers on Furnace Junction and Watson Ridge. Taylor said the Jackson Water District serves a few customers, maybe as many as 20, in the Drip Rock area.

Estill Water District also serves customers at Crystal in Lee County and Cathedral Domain. The 911 fee will not affect those out-of-county customers.

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An Early Present from Santa



Because Eli Anglin was the first child through the line at the Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party on Saturday, Santa and Mrs. Santa had a special gift for him. The first girl through the line also received a gift.



Body of Christ recognized three couples Sunday for their long marriages. Left to right are Manford and Carol Tipton, Pastor Bill Wesley, and Bud and Irene Jewell. Bergin Tuttle Jr. and his wife, Gladys, were unable to attend because of illness.

Couples recognized for long marriages

Three couples were honored for their long marriages at Body of Christ on Sunday afternoon.

The oldest couple has been married for 60 years, but Bergin Tuttle Jr. and his wife, Gladys, were unable to attend the recognition because of illness.

Bud and Irene Jewell celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Nov. 19, and Manford and Carol Tipton will celebrate 46 years of marriage Dec. 18.

The Tiptons have one daughter. "I'd like to be married to her 47 more years," Manford said.

"When you get saved, your marriage is a lot better," he stated.

The Tiptons were 38 and 41 years old when they became Christians.

"You got any tin snippers?" Carol said he asked her the first time they met.

"I didn't know what ten snippers were," she stated, "I could tell he was flirting with me."

Carol has had to work on one part of the marriage vow -- to cherish.

"It's hard to cherish," she said. "I learned to cherish."

"Hold your peace," she added. "Let the Lord fight your battles."

She said she had always been poor so the "richer or poorer" didn't matter.

Carol said Manford always loved his wife and his little house with an outdoor toilet.

But they didn't always live in that little house.

When they first married, they lived in a school bus parked behind her daddy's house for three weeks. The bus had been renovated to live in.

Bud described himself a race man, a man who works on cars.

"I first met Irene when I was ten years old," he stated. "Years later, the Lord brought us together."

"We've raised three kids," he added. "She's always been by my side."

"Thank you," was all an emotional Irene could say.

The Body of Christ, located on River Drive presented gift cards to each couple and held a reception for them.

The congregation is pastored by Bro. Bill Wesley.

Candidates continue to file

This week's new filers to run in the 2018 election include Kevin Chaney, a republican candidate for sheriff.

Tom Hart, a republican, and Rhonda Childers, a democrat, have filed to run for County Judge/Executive.

Three filed to run for magistrate in District 2. They are the incumbent,

William "Bill" Eldridge, Bobby Gene Snowden Jr., and Keith Bradley. Eldridge and Bradley are republicans. Snowden is a democrat.

Melvin Douglas Fields, a republican, has filed to run for magistrate in District 3. Fields is a republican.

Republican Charles "Jr." Spicer filed to run for constable in District 2. He joins the incumbent and two other

republicans.

Three democrats have filed for constable in District 3. This includes the incumbent. The latest filer was Rick Goosey.

Holden Harden, a democrat, filed to run for magistrate in District #3.

Estill Circuit Clerk Stephanie Brinegar has filed for re-election on the republican ticket.

Obituaries

- Chrystal Ashcraft, 86
 - Eugenia "Jean" Dennis, 98
 - Edna Gordon, 82
 - David Harris, 36
 - Justin Hobbs, 28
 - Esther Nunnelley, 49
 - Donald Woolery, 81
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New Obits at EstillTribune.com



Seniors Lyndsi Brewer, Olivia Wise and Kaylee Covey accept the trophy for the Estill County Engineers Cheerleaders who won their 12th straight 14th Region Title on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Estill County High School. Estill senior Olivia Wise, also received the Passion for People Cheer Scholarship for Region 14 at competition. Coach Sarah Young said, "The girls worked extremely hard to earn the gold again this year!" See Page 15 for team photo and more. They will be competing this Friday, December 8, 2017, in a new Game Day Event and Saturday, December 9th at the KHSAA State Cheer Competition

Covey signs with Lindsey Wilson



Standout Estill County Lady Engineers fastpitch softball pitcher Kaylee Covey signed a letter of intent last Wednesday, November 29, 2017, to play softball for Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky. Seated in front are LW assistant coach Sam White, Kaylee, and her parents, Traci and Bryan Covey. Standing in back are Estill assistant coach Danny Wood, head coach Shirley Beard and Kaylee's sister, Kyla. Coach Beard said, "I'm so proud of Kaylee. She's a hard worker and a plus to our program and she will be a plus to the Lindsey Wilson program. White noted the family closeness of the Estill program and said their program was a "family type" program as well. He said Lindsey Wilson softball was excited to welcome Kaylee to their family as well. White and head coach David Dews will be in their 5th year at Lindsey Wilson in 2018. Last year, the team was 39-13 including a 22-game winning streak and Dews was named coach of the year. They play in the NAIA.