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Students lose days of spring break due to week off for flu

Spring break has been reduced to two days for students in the Estill County School District. School will now be in session on April 2, 3, and 4.

This comes after students were out of school all last week due to the flu.

"Over the past few days we have been in contact with many of the health care providers in Estill County. As everyone is well aware, there have been several confirmed cases of the flu and we have seen a significant increase in the number of students and staff members that have become ill," Supt. Jeff Saylor said last Tues-

day.

"Most of our school activities are canceled for the rest of the week. The only exceptions were any activities that involve district/regional competition and scheduled varsity basketball games due to time constraints for rescheduling. We also requested that all little league basketball games be canceled and rescheduled," he added.

Presently the closing day of school will be May 25.

Students will not attend school on Tuesday, May 22 because that is Primary Election Day. However, it will be a staff workday.

As of now, Memorial Day will come after closing day.

"This calendar gives us a few more make-up days before June," Saylor stated.

The school board would like to see students out of school before June 1 so construction projects will begin at Estill Springs and Estill County Middle School. Estill Springs may get a new HVAC system and roof, while the middle school will also be re-roofed.

At last month's board meeting, Saylor said the start of the new school year in August may have to be delayed because of the construction.



Floodwaters were expected to crest Monday night at Ravenna, but more heavy rains are expected this week. Sierra Collett captured this photo under the bridge while flood waters were continuing to rise over the weekend.

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Ravenna seeks funds for a kiosk in the park

by CATHY DAWES

Skip Johnson, of the Estill Action Group, appeared before members of the Ravenna council on Monday night to speak about making Irvine and Ravenna a trail town.

Johnson said that two things stand in the way of getting Irvine and Ravenna listed as a trail town and those are signs and a kiosk that would house brochures and information.

He said that Ravenna has been chosen as the "trail head" and with the council's approval they would like to put the informational kiosk somewhere at the park. He also asked that the council discuss the possibility of donating the money for the supplies to build the kiosk.

Johnson said that leftover

money from the Friends of Fitchburg had been donated for the signs and asked if the council would possibly discuss obtaining funds from the Charlie Van Huss account to pay for the kiosk. All members of the council were in favor of Mayor Estine Tipton speaking with those over the Van Huss account to obtain those funds.

"It can't do anything but help Ravenna and I don't see any negative aspects to it," stated Councilwoman Sharon Snowden.

Snowden said that she wanted to publicly thank Brother Bill Wesley for the effort he put in to helping the police department with the new vehicle and that's she's certain that Police Chief Ken White is very pleased with it.

A Labor of Love



Stacy Kindred holds up a red, white, and blue quilt which Rather Bee Quilting intends to give to one of the veterans at Irvine Health and Rehabilitation Center as a Valentine gift.

Residents at Irvine Health and Rehabilitation (IRH) will be a lot warmer this Valentine's Day, thanks to the Rather Bee Quilting (RBQ) group.

No one knows exactly when the quilting group started but it was probably around 2005.

"We started out having the meetings in our houses," said Daisy Mullins.

Since the group started, they have been making quilts to give to families who lose their homes in house fires.

In 2017, they came up with the idea to make lap quilts for each resident in the local nursing home. They are continuing to present full-size quilts to families whose homes are destroyed by fire.

Their goal was to present the quilts as Christmas gifts to the residents, but they did not get the project completed in time.

Stacy Kindred said they met recently with Libby Wiseman, director of IHR and Kelsey Nicholas, the assistant director.

They were told the nursing home had 89 residents, but that number usually fluctuates slightly.

Saturday, RBQ met at Ravenna Christian Church to sew the binding on the last 10 quilts.

The finished quilts were rolled up and placed on a couch in the office of Pastor Tony White at Ravenna Christian Church. That was where the group

was meeting at the church's fellowship hall.

Kindred said the pastor has prayed over the quilts, which are different sizes. The shorter quilts will be given to wheelchair residents. Some quilts are chin to floor length.

The quilts are made in different patterns of fabric. Some have tractors, others have dogs and puppies, some are made in red, white, and blue for the residents who are veterans. One is a sampler, made from different quilt patterns and colors.

The quilts were quilted by four ladies in RBQ who have long arm quilting machines.

Kindred said those quilted on machines last longer than hand-quilted ones and can go through many washings.

"We've either cut, quilted, donated materials, or whatever," Kindred stated.

"This has been an undertaking of love. That's for sure," she added.

The quilting group will go to the nursing home Wednesday to distribute the quilts. IRH will have a Valentine party at 2 p.m. for the residents.

At 4 p.m., RBQ will begin distributing the quilts to the patients. Any that are left over will be given to patients from Irvine who are in nursing homes in other counties.

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As the binding was sewn on the last quilts on Saturday, members of Rather Bee Quilting draped them over a piano in the fellowship hall.