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Snow, power outages take spring break

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After more wintry weather wreaked havoc on Estill County last week, school board members voted to take the remaining two days of spring break during the board meeting on Thursday night.

Even though the snow melted fairly quickly, many residents throughout the county were without power until late Thursday evening.

With the cancellation of spring break this will make the last day for students be May 25th.

Adding extra days to the end of school was not an option due to the construction that will begin as soon as the school year is over.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor said the

construction projects would be a 10 week project and delaying the end of school could pose problems with those projects.

Construction was also taken into consideration as the board discussed the 2018-2019 school calendar for the second month in a row.

An online survey had been reviewed once again and the most popular choice of those that took the survey included a fall break, a spring break, and a two week break at Christmas.

Board member L.W. Beckley said that his only concern was that if construction was delayed during the summer and school had to be delayed any at all, then they would be in the same situation as they are right now.

Mr. Saylor said that if school had to be delayed then the board could vote to take away spring break as early as August.

Mr. Saylor informed the board that the state had equalized the recallable nickel which increased the district's bonding capacity by almost one million dollars.

Saylor said that with choosing to put the career and technical center at the high school instead of purchasing land there were three factors that would cost the district more money than had originally been anticipated.

The building being built near the high school would increase the cost because of the pyrite shell that is at the location. Saylor said that added measures would be taken to prevent something happen-

ing like it did at the middle school where the building has shifted and there has been issues with the floors.

He also said that a connector from the high school to the tech center would have to be implemented because it was a safety issue to have students outside of a secure building.

The last additional cost of the project was a construction manager which the board had unanimously agreed at a previous meeting was a necessity for this project. Saylor said he felt like it would be money well spent.

Architects from Ross and Tarrant were in attendance to show the board a schematic design of the tech center as well as the other construction projects that will take place this summer.



The Estill County Boys Basketball team was honored by the Estill Fiscal Court on Monday for winning the regional tournament and advancing to the state tournament. Coach Jon Bentley is at far right.

Man arrested after neighbor reports Ale-8 bottles stolen

An Irvine man was arrested March 14 by Officer Lewis after a neighbor said a male in a hoodie was stealing Ale-8 bottles from her porch.

The officer said he located the male at his residence and he had on a black hoodie. He added the man was found inside the residence hiding in a closet.

The officer added that he found a bag of 13 needles

and a small baggie with a half suboxone pill in the closet.

He charged Christopher Cole with disorderly conduct, second degree, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of a controlled substance, second degree, and resisting arrest.

A bench warrant from Estill Circuit Court was served on Cole.

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Fiscal court honors ball team

The Estill County Engineers boys basketball teams and their coaches were recognized during Monday's meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court.

Each team member and coach was presented with a proclamation by the fiscal

court. "You've brought a lot of excitement to our town," said Judge/Executive Kevin Williams. "We're super proud of you guys."

Williams said the team won their 16th district title and the first ever regional title in the school's history. Estill fans crowded Rupp Arena last Wednesday to watch their beloved Engineers be defeated in the first round of state tournament.

The judge went on to thank Jackson RECC, KU and sub contractors. He said there were over 100 people working in Estill County to restore electricity after last week's snow storm.

He also thanked Emergency Management, Fire & Rescue, and the road department for cutting fallen trees. He added the road department is continuing to work on mulching the fallen trees.

Another snow storm is predicted, but Williams said the county will only be salting hills. They will be scraping all roads.

He said salt costs \$68 a ton, which is \$20 a ton cheaper than blacktop. Williams said the salt doesn't last near as long as black-

top. Williams and Magistrate Marty Snowden commented on the jail budget, which appears to be improving.

"Next year, we'll be better prepared for jail transport during the snow," Williams stated.

The fiscal court voted to hire an additional full-time transport employee.

They also voted to advertise for a part-time occupational tax collector and financial assistant.

Williams said that posi-

tion will be 10 to 16 hours per week.

"We feel like people might be squeezing through the cracks," he stated. "If one person pays, everyone should pay."

The court will also advertise in-house for another crew leader at the road department.

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Take Part in Commonwealth Cleanup!

Help pick up roadside litter & illegal dumps in your community. Take advantage of one of the following two options:

(1) Friday, March 23, 2017 from 9 - 2 p.m.
Dump trucks available at the following sites:

- Pea Ridge (Soccer Fields)
- Greenbriar Church (foot of Drip Rock)
- Barnes Mountain (Eli Sparks Road & 851)
- Cobhill Fire Station
- Winchester Road, Highway 82 (82 Food Mart)

(2) Saturday, March 24, 2017 from 8-12 p.m.

Advanced Disposal
(located at 2700 Winchester Road, Irvine)

If you wish to participate in either of these two options, please remember the following rules:

- ABSOLUTELY NO TRASH can be left along roadsides. Neither the county nor state will be offering door-to-door pickup. Those leaving things along the roadside will be cited.
- NO TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED!
- ALL white-goods (i.e. appliances) must be taken directly to the landfill. Please keep in mind, white-goods are FREE every day at the landfill.

If you have questions, please contact Judge Williams' Office at 723-7524

Obituaries

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Thursday, March 22nd - County Judge Executive
Thursday, March 29th - Sheriff
 Thursday, April 12th - County and Circuit Clerks
Thursday, April 26th - Magistrates
 Thursday, May 3rd - Mayor, Constable, and Jailer

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