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The first day of Estill County Schools for students has been rescheduled for August 13 due to construction at Estill Springs Elementary. The photo was taken Monday of the main entrance to the school.

## School delayed to Aug. 13

Estill County Schools Supt. Jeff Saylor met with the contractor Friday and believes that it is best to move the first day of school for students to August 13th.

"The safety of our students has to be priority one, and we want to make sure the building is 100% safe," he stated.

"Momentum Construction has done a fantastic job and they have been great to work with," he added. "The major reason for the change has been a delay in the start of the project resulting in the late arrival of construction materials and the weather."

This will change the schedule for the start of the school year, so here are the dates:

- August 6th - Opening Day will remain the same.
  - August 7th - Staff Workday at your school site.
  - August 10th - Staff Workday at your school site.
  - August 13th - First Day for Students (K-12)
  - August 20th - First Day for Pre-School Students
- "This may have an impact the remainder of this year's school calendar. No one wants to go to school in the month of June and with the early forecast of a bad winter, we may need to make some revisions," Saylor stated.

## Estill's OD death rate was highest in state

By Melissa Patrick Kentucky Health News

Kentucky saw an 11.5 percent increase in drug-overdose deaths in 2017, with more than half of the them from fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that can be up to 50 times more potent than heroin.

The number of heroin deaths decreased, but overdose deaths from methamphetamine surged, according to the annual Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy report.

The state recorded 1,565 overdose deaths in 2017, and has toxicology reports for 1,468. Among those, fentanyl was found in 763, or 52 percent, up from 47 percent in 2016.

"Fentanyl is the deadliest and most addictive drug our nation has ever seen," Van Ingram, executive director of the ODCP, said in a news release. "The fact that people continue to use

it - despite the obvious risk - shows just how addictive these drugs are. People have become powerless against them. That's why we have to make every effort to intervene with a comprehensive treatment response."

Fentanyl has been a leading factor in overdose deaths since 2015 and is often mixed with heroin or put in pills, making it difficult to determine the dosage. Ingram notes that drug cartels in China and Mexico have turned to fentanyl because it is cheap to produce and provides a higher profit margin.

Beth Warren of the Louisville Courier Journal reports that "a dose as small as two milligrams, the size of Abraham Lincoln's cheek on a penny, can be lethal." Carfentanil, a synthetic opioid that is used as an elephant tranquilizer, is even stronger.

The report also said three

other drugs contributed to more overdose deaths last year than heroin: alprazolam, gabapentin and methamphetamine.



Lethal amounts of heroin, fentanyl and carfentanil (Photo: Kensington Police Service via Courier Journal)

Alprazolam is an anti-anxiety medicine that is often known by its brand name Xanax. It was detected in 36 percent of the toxicology reports.

Gabapentin, which sells under the brand names Neurontin, Gralise and Horizant, and is often taken along with other illicit drugs to enhance their effects, was found in 31 percent.

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Sherri and Clinton Cole put their kayak into the river Sunday afternoon for the six-mile fun run of Weekend on the Water. Kayakers were transported back to their vehicles after kayaking downstream.

## Two arrested for drug possession during traffic stop by Irvine Police

Two people were arrested July 27 following a traffic stop at Broadway and Main by Officer Colton Lewis.

He said the vehicle only had one working brake light. The driver's license had been suspended.

During a consented search of the vehicle, he located eight prochlorperazine pills, three empty needles from a purse, and suspected methamphetamine, 42 needles, six with blood in them from the center console.

He charged Jessica Dawn Marcum, 30, of Wagersville Road, Irvine with no brake lights, operating on suspended or revoked license, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and second offense, and illegal possession of a legend drug.

The passenger, Joseph R. Harrison, 30,

of Broadway, Irvine was charged with drug paraphernalia - buy/possess and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Two bench warrants from Estill District Court were also served on Marcum.

She was found guilty of operating on a suspended or revoked license and failure of owner to maintain required insurance on Dec. 20.

Judge Leach set her bail on this warrant at \$288.00 cash.

She was also found guilty in November of operating on suspended or revoked license and no insurance.

Her bail was set at \$778.00 cash on this charge.

The bails are equal to the amount of fines and service fees owed on the charges.



Johnetta Dunaway-Whalen and her husband, Michael Whalen, kayaked the six-miles from the Irvine bridge to the Kentucky River Park on Sunday. This was the first time the Whalens had been kayaking.



Saturday was the Float Fest with many floating in the river near the Kentucky River Park. You could bring your own floats or rent them. Over 80 people registered for the events. There were many spectators and volunteers also present.

## Obituaries

- Mary Isaacs, 82
  - Beverly Miller, 92
  - Rickey Nobles, 66
  - Eloise Richardson, 69
  - Flossie Shuler, 81
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New Obits at EstillTribune.com

## Deputy charges pregnant woman with possession

A Wisemantown woman has been charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree (methamphetamine) and fourth degree assault.

Deputy Chris Coffey was dispatched July 27 to the home of Danisha Parsons, 35, to investigate a domestic dispute.

Upon arrival, Coffey said he saw Jamie Neal holding Parsons on the floor. When Neal let Parsons up, the

deputy stated that she started swinging at him and Neal.

The deputy stated that Parsons had a small baggie of methamphetamine.

Neal said they had been together for 15 years and that Parsons was pregnant. He did not want her using meth.

Possession of a controlled substance, first degree, is a Class D felony. It is punishable by one to five years in prison.