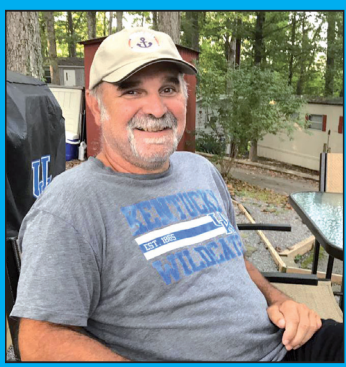


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Veterans Park at Ravenna will be closed this week due to removal of contaminants



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Judge reminds residents about 2 cleanup days

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson opened Monday's fiscal court meeting with an announcement about free dumping days in Estill County on Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30.

He said on Friday, March 30, county trucks will be at Eli Sparks Road on Barnes Mountain, at Greenbriar Church at the foot of Drip Rock, and at the Cobb Hill fire station.

There will be a back hoe at Eli Sparks Road and an end loader at Greenbriar Church.

State highway trucks will be available at 82 Food Mart and the soccer field on Pea Ridge Road.

Second reading was given to an Occupational Tax Ordinance, which keeps the rate at 2%.

"We have no choice," Watson stated.

The former fiscal court increased the tax to 2% but had put an expiration date on it of June 30 of this year.

That same fiscal court borrowed almost \$1.5 million and set it up on payments for ten years. Watson said the county is now paying \$16,000 a month on that loan.

Stacie Simpson of Spout Springs Road stated that the emergency siren near her has not been working since the pole was struck in an accident two years ago.

The young driver was not insured, and the county did not have the sirens insured at that time.

Ronnie Riddell, director of Estill County Emergency Management Agency, said it costs about \$30,000 to replace one of those sirens.

Riddell said Simpson and other residents can be warned of emergencies through their weather radios and by social media.

County Attorney Jason Riley said he will look into having the uninsured driver to make restitution to replace the siren. He also stated he will look to see if the driver was cited for driving with no insurance.

Judge Watson said a truck was sitting in the road on Mt. Springs Road. He added, the county had put up road signs recently and one of them was covered with a no trespassing sign.

The fiscal court voted to require Kevin Moes to remove the truck and sign within two weeks of receiving a letter from the county attorney.

Riddell updated the fiscal court on recent flooding, which included damages to approximately 20 homes. One home is considered totally destroyed.

He said there were multiple damages to county roads, including slips, landslides, and gravel losses.

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Blooming trees on River Drive announce the arrival of spring on Thursday, March 21. The Estill County Courthouse is seen in the background, along with a green space owned by the City of Irvine.

Irvine accepts water project bid and gives raises to employees

The Irvine Council met in special session for approximately ten minutes on Monday.

In that brief meeting, the council approved a resolution for Irvine Municipal Utilities (IMU) and passed an ordinance concerning employee pay raises.

IMU had received bids for a water modernization project, which were evaluated by GRW Engineers, Inc. The engineering firm recommended the city accept a bid from Smith Contractors, Inc. for \$1,658,075.00 for a downtown storage tank and water main.

The bid is contingent upon final approval by funding and other necessary state agencies.

Fire Chief Tony Murphy asked if contractors were installing a 12 inch line by the fire-

house. He was told it would be by the road and laid four feet deep.

Murphy asked for the fire department to be notified when the construction was going to be done so he could have the fire trucks moved.

He stated the trucks can be turned around and taken out the rear door if there was a call.

Mayor James Gross then read an ordinance amending the city's pay scale for non-elected employees. The council has talked at several meetings about increasing employee pay to help retain them. Funding of those raises has been an issue.

Sanitation salaries go from \$10.00 an hour for a driver to \$11.90.

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Stolen car is located

A Powell County woman was arrested March 13, several hours after a vehicle was reported stolen in Estill County.

Trooper Ty Robinson was called around 9:00 p.m. by Jake Rogers who said his vehicle was stolen from 87 Marcum Road in Estill County.

Rogers said he left the vehicle running and went inside the house. Then he was in the yard talking to the homeowner when he noticed his vehicle backing out of the driveway very quickly.

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Man arrested for assaulting police officer

An Estill County man was arrested and charged with assaulting a police officer on Saturday.

Deputy Chris Coffey said he was dispatched to a residence at JR Furniture Road, off Richmond Road, at 1:17 a.m. to investigate fighting and a possible gunshot fire.

Upon his arrival, he said a female was walking on the road, and a man from the reported residence came outside on the porch. When he attempted to place the male under arrest, Coffey said the man jumped up in his face screaming and cursing.

When he tried to grab the man's hand, he stated the man shoved him. After the male was taken to the ground, Coffey said he kept resisting and kicked Irvine Officer Jason Conrad twice.

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Staff and older children posed for a photograph in front of Playtime Day Care on Monday afternoon. The daycare center has been in business for 20 years and will have a celebration at the Estill County Fair Grounds on March 30. See more photos on Page 15. Photos by Cathy Dawes

Irvine daycare is celebrating 20 years

by CATHY DAWES
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Twenty years ago Yvette Young set out on a business venture, one where she could take care of her son and work at the same time.

She opened Playtime Daycare on River Drive and with a staff of four people and only two sections. Not only did she raise her son at

the daycare, but Young estimates that she has played a key role in helping take care of more than 2,000 children since the day she opened the doors.

The daycare currently employs 17 people and on any given day there are around 80 children throughout the entire building including children that

attend after school is out.

Young now owns the building and attributes the success of the business to the people in the community.

Older children participate in a preschool program while at daycare, and Young says they leave her care ready for Kindergarten.

Smoky the Bear and Santa Clause have been frequent visitors to the daycare, and Shannon Horn, children's librarian from the Estill County Public Library also stops by quite often.

Young said that a celebration is planned for March 30th at the Estill County Fairgrounds to show her

gratitude to past and present families of the community who have allowed their children to spend time at the daycare.

She stated that she hopes to be in business for many more years but celebrating the 20 year mark is a huge milestone, and she encourages people to attend the celebration.