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Jeanette Hughes has taught for 60 years in Estill County Schools, including 50 years in the same classroom as a second grade teacher at West Irvine Elementary.

## After 60 years of teaching, W. Irvine teacher to retire

Jeanette Hughes has set some records in her 60 years of teaching in Estill County Schools.

At only 18 years old, she started her teaching career at Harris School on Barnes Mountain in 1959 with an emergency certificate. Her starting salary was \$154.

The school had students in grades one through eight, and brothers and sisters in the same room.

She had attended Eastern Kentucky University for two years.

While at ECU, she met Louise Hughes Woolery, who introduced Jeanette to her brother, Gene Hughes.

Jeanette married Gene and moved to Estill County.

"I went to school on Saturdays, in the summer, and at nights to finish my education," she stated.

The Harris School held pie suppers. One made \$92 which was used for teaching materials and workbooks for students. There was a party at the school for every holiday.

Hughes earned her bachelor's degree in 1963, her 5th year (equivalent to masters) in 1972, and Rank I in 1985, all in Elementary Education.

"I had many precious moments teaching. I grew up in a one room school room in

Owsley County," she said.

The nine month term for a one room school didn't necessarily end when the high school's year ended. Mrs. Hughes said the students walked to school in the snow and left boots in mail boxes when it might be cancelled for students who rode a bus.

She agreed to go to the new West Irvine Elementary School. She was moving to Furnace Mountain, and she thought it was a little closer to West Irvine.

Douglas Miller was the first of nine superintendents she worked under.

She said that he and his secretary, Elizabeth Witt,

came to the school and observed her teaching.

"Would you like a chance next year?" they asked her.

It was a difficult decision to make.

She agreed to go to the new West Irvine Elementary School. She was moving to Furnace Mountain, and that would be only one mountain to go down.

Because a wing at West Irvine wasn't finished, she taught at Harris School another four months.

"I taught at West Irvine, second grade in the same room for 50 years," she stated.

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## Goforth, Adkins led in Estill for governor

During Tuesday's primary election, about 21.5% of Estill Countians who were registered voted. The state average was about 20.7% which was better than had been predicted.

The same candidates carried Estill County as they statewide, except in the governor's races.

Gov. Matt Bevin and his running mate, Ralph A. Alvarado (633 votes) trailed Republican Robert Goforth and Michael T. Hogan (651 votes) in the governor's race in Estill County.

Bevin carried the state with 136,060 votes to Goforth's 101,343.

Rocky Adkins and Stephanie Home got most of the democratic votes for governor in Estill County with 437. The state-wide winner, Andy Beshear and Jacquelin Coleman team, had 250 followed by 215 for Adam Edelen and Gill Holland.

In the state race, Beshear received 149,438, Adkins 125,970, and Edelen 110,159.

Heather French Henry won the democrats' nomination for secretary of state with 263,419 votes.

The republican nominee for secretary of state is Michael Adams, who received 94,404 votes.

Sheri Donuhue received 134,952 votes for state auditor. She will face the republican incumbent, Mike Harmon, in November.

Michael Bowman received 218,174 votes for the democratic nomination for treasurer. He will run against the republican incumbent Allison Ball in November.

Republican incumbent Ryan Quarles defeated Bill Polyniak to be on the ballot in November. Quarles will face Robert Conway, a democrat, who received 202,894 votes last Tuesday.

## Obituaries

Dwight Arvin, 75

J.B.

Brandenburg, 92

Sandra Herald, 62

Kenneth Rison, 72

Lila Sparks, 81

Geraldine Tipton, 91

Elizabeth Willis, 71

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A pair of boots, a gun, and helmet were placed in front of the speaker's stand to remind everyone that Memorial Day is to remember the soldiers who gave their lives.

## Memorial Day Ceremony



Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops led the pledge to the American Flag on Monday during the American Legion Memorial Service for deceased veterans at Veterans Memorial Park in Ravenna.

## Memorial Day is to pay tribute to soldiers who gave lives for our country

A larger than normal crowd attended the Veteran's Memorial Service at the park in Ravenna on Monday.

The weather cooperated. The sky was overcast, and the temperature was comfortable.

The first speaker was Ravenna Councilman Beverly Thompson.

She stated that Memorial Day was a time to "pay tribute to the men and women who fought and are still fighting to keep our country free."

"Every war ... destroys the youngest and finest of our children," she added.

She mentioned the veterans organizations, such as the American Legion, who help survivors and veterans transition back to their lives.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Estill County spent the weekend placing American flags on veterans' graves throughout Estill County.

Mayor Estine Tipton reiterated that Memorial Day was a day to honor our soldiers and veterans.

"First off, I'd like to thank our veterans," said Judge Executive Donnie Watson.

He mentioned that some soldiers gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives.

He said others came home who had lost an eye or a limb, or were paralyzed.

"All have come home with battle scars of the images of war," he stated.

He told of an essay his mother wrote about the best reunion while attending Eastern Kentucky University.

She wrote about her husband coming home from World War II.

His mother had told of a neighbor lady's scream when two soldiers had walked up to her door to tell her that her son had been killed.

He mentioned Clay Hatton, a member of the audience, who lost a brother in World War II.

He had gone to high school with Farris Richardson, who was killed in Vietnam.

Others present may have had family members who died for their country.

Tiffie Stone is a member of the American Legion Riders and attended the ceremony. His brother, Harrell Mefford, was killed in Vietnam.

Watson also recognized his son-in-law Chris Flynn, a Marines veteran, who went to Iraq.

Flynn, now sheriff of Estill County, was in attendance with several other officers of the law.

"We have to get back to godly principles, and God will not turn his back on us," Watson stated.



A gun salute was performed at the Memorial Service by the American Legion Honor Guard after names of veterans who died in the last year were read. A member of the guard played taps following the gun salute.