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Fighting Back at Relay for Life



The annual Relay for Life was held on Friday night at the Estill County High School. This year's theme was "In Colors" and the event raised \$5,458. That brought their grand total up to \$20,668 according to Becky Wolfinbarger. Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes



Cancer survivor, Debbie Rison, received a rose from a member of the Girl Scout Troop on Friday night during Relay for Life. Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

Fiscal court receives grants for tire disposal, recycling

Jailer finds funding for transporting felony offenders

Estill County has received some money news.

A public hearing was held last Wednesday for comments on the use of County Road Aid funds.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson was unable to attend the meeting because he had to go to Frankfort.

Magistrate Gerry Flannery was selected as the moderator of the public hearing. No citizens attended to discuss the use of the road aid funds.



Gerry Flannery moderates fiscal court meeting.

County Treasurer Freida Lancaster stated the county will receive an estimated \$861,273 in County Road Aid Funds and \$28,050 in LGEA funds.

Lancaster stated those funds are not for blacktop only, but other road uses.

The fiscal court then voted to pay claims.

At the regular fiscal court meeting on Monday evening, Judge Watson said the county has received a \$4,000 tire grant and a \$12,650.00 recycling center grant.

He stated the tire grant will be used for waste tire disposal, and the recycling grant will be used for the recycling center.

Jailer Bo Morris recently attended a jailer's conference and learned the county may be reimbursed for transporting inmates charged with felonies.

He said this includes trips for medical visits and court hearings.

Morris estimated that for the first 13 days of June, the county can be refunded about \$850.00.

Watson stated that Hinkles has laid \$7,872 tons of blacktop on approximately 10.5 miles of roads at a cost of \$735,000.

He said that \$608,000 in Flex funds were available, leaving \$27,000 to come out of other road funds.

He added the county is hoping to receive more Flex and discretionary road funds this year.

Watson said he and the road foreman, Brad Goolman, met with the county's FEMA agent last week. He added that FEMA is in the process of changing agents for Estill County which may delay funds for roads which were damaged by spring flooding.

Fire Chief Derrick Muncie discussed the ISO rating recently received by the Estill County Fire Department.

Muncie said he was surprised with the rating of a 3. ISO ratings are rated on emergency communications, fire department equipment and staff, and water supply.

In 2018, Muncie said the department had 17 structure fires out of 292 runs. He added that if the number of structure fires increases, the rating could go back up.

He stated a hydrant is needed within 1,000 feet of a residence to provide a water flow of 250 gallons of water per minute. Hydrants cost about \$4,000 to install. He said another engine is also recommended and a fire-fighter on third shift.

Residents living within five miles of the Estill County Fire Department should be receiving a discount on their fire insurance policies.

"We're extremely proud of a 3," Muncie stated. "I was hoping for a 4 or to stay the same (5)."

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Ground is broken on technical center

A large crowd attended the groundbreaking ceremony on Friday for the Estill County Area Technical School (ATC).

The groundbreaking was held in the gravel parking lot of the bus garage. The buses were parked elsewhere, as the current bus garage will be torn down to make room for the ATC.

A pedway will connect the high school to the ATC.

"We've been waiting a long time for this facility to come to pass," said Supt. Jeff Saylor.

He called the facility a lifelong dream of Estill Countians. Two former superintendents, Tom Bonny and Bert Hensley, were present, and Saylor said they had also tried to get a

vocational school for Estill County.

"It has been a dream that has come true," he said.

Saylor said once the facility is open, that \$750,000 a year is needed for its operation.

"I'm going to make it a top priority of mine," said State Representative David Hale.

Hale represents Powell County and is on the state appropriations committee.

Saylor said that students are missing out on jobs because they lack specialized training in health care, carpentry, electricity, and advanced manufacturing.

Mike Nemes attended from the Governor's Workforce Training.

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Groundbreaking for Estill County's new Area Technical Center (ATC) was held on Friday afternoon. Different groups got involved with breaking the ground in the gravel parking lot where the school bus garage is now located. Above, nearly everyone got into the act. Less than half those present are pictured in the photo above.