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Buses roll with more homework for students



Estill County students have now received two more weeks of Non Traditional Instruction (NTI) packets. Photo above: buses left Estill Springs Elementary with the homework packets on Monday afternoon to drop them off at their regular stops. Photo right: Some parents chose to pick up the packets at Estill Springs instead. Those parents had to drive up to the front of the school and their children's packets were handed to them by masked employees. No decision has been made if students will return to school after this two week period is over.



Sheriff finds stolen trailer in possession of Estill County man

An Irvine man has been charged in connection with a trailer stolen from an Estill County construction site.

Sheriff Chris Flynn said he was dispatched March 28 to Wagersville Road to a construction site of TC Energy. A worker on the site said he witnessed someone trying to steal a trailer and called 911.

Once the sheriff was on the site, Flynn said it was determined there was a missing trailer. Jason Shaffer, company supervisor, provided the sheriff with information on the trailer.

Flynn said he was on his way to the courthouse to enter the trailer as stolen, when he passed a truck on Richmond Road pulling a Top Hat tandem axle utility trailer.

The sheriff conducted a traffic stop. He located the paper registration for the trailer from West Virginia inside the truck bed.

Sheriff Flynn stated the registration paper matched the picture the supervisor had sent him through a text message.

The trailer has a compartment on the left side of the tongue that the reg-

istration was kept in. The cap to that compartment is located in the floor of the vehicle.

Flynn located a partial Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the trailer. He stated the VIN plate and West Virginia plate had been removed from the trailer.

He returned the trailer to Shaffer of TC Construction.

He charged Fred Homer Rogers, 40, of Sweet Lick Road, Irvine with receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

This was Rogers' second arrest within eight days. He was arrested March 20 by Deputy Chris Coffey and charged with theft of identity of another without consent and fraudulent use of a credit card under \$500 within a six month period.



Howard Arvin, owner of Kentucky Mountain Moonshine on Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, donated bottles of hand sanitizer to the Estill County Fire Department this past week. The small distillery is now making sanitizer to fight the Corona Virus.

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Local businesses develop products to fight against the deadly Corona Virus

One local business has already changed its production to fight against the deadly Corona Virus.

Kentucky Mountain Moonshine on Cow Creek Road, outside of Ravenna, recently began producing hand sanitizer.

The owner, Howard Arvin, said on Facebook the sanitizers were being donated to emergency health providers in Estill and Madison counties.

Other distillers in Kentucky have also switched over to producing hand sanitizers.

William Hardy from Carhartt announced last week that the company is working around the clock to begin sewing masks and gowns for health care providers.

He said Carhartt played a very important role in World War I and World

War II, and this was no different

Some Carhartt employees are working from home, when possible.

The company is practicing social distancing with employees who are needed for production.

Other employees were sent home until April 12, Easter Sunday.

President Donald Trump had said he would like to see things opened up on that date, Easter Sunday. This past week, he announced that he expected social distancing to last another month.

Estill students will also be out of school through April 12. With the growing number of COVID-19 cases in Kentucky, it is likely that another two-week extension of NTI will be announced.

Judge updates residents on COVID-19

by DONNIE WATSON
Estill County Judge/Executive

Friends, Family, Citizens of Estill County,

I would like to bring you another update on our response to the Corona Virus. Before I get to that I want to read you a verse from the Old Testament found in Isaiah 26:20. "Come my people, enter thou into thy chamber and shut thy door about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be over past."

This verse seems to fit our current situation. If we stay home, this will pass and hopefully we can return to some degree of normalcy. I appreciate those of you who are doing your best to follow the guidelines put in place by the CDC and by Governor Beshear. Each county was recently graded on a scale of A-F. We were given an A.

I have spoken with all health care providers in the county and each one is using telehealth. They are doing everything they can to serve their patients and keep everyone safe and healthy. Our local Health Department has gone above and beyond their call of duty in their response to this emergency. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our county; the service you are providing

during this ordeal is invaluable.

To our local law enforcement and KY state police they are doing an outstanding job as well as all our 1st responders. I want to commend our county employees at the Senior Center for all their hard work and dedication in delivering meals and caring for our seniors. I want to thank our local businesses for taking steps to help stop the spread of the corona virus.

Our days as County Officials are long, mostly consumed by the corona virus as it rages across our land. I have spent many nights since this virus came upon our country tossing and turning, up and down thinking about our county and my concern for the health of you and your family. I have a responsibility as your County Judge for the safety every citizen of Estill County.

Our lives have been put on hold and many people are stressed, worried and fearful. Many of you may be feeling overwhelmed by these emotions. It is important that while we are physically distancing ourselves from others that we keep our social connections. Keep In Touch with family and friends by phone, email, or even write a letter. Helping each other with stress makes our commu-

nity stronger.

I am considering a county-wide curfew because of the gatherings of people I am seeing in the evening hours. It is up to every person in our county to do their part to keep this virus at bay. I am calling on everyone in our county to help protect and defend the health and well-being of their family, friends, and neighbors.

We must maintain social distancing, good hand-washing and proper hygiene. We must follow all guidelines from the CDC and by Governor Beshear. Parents, please stress to your children the need for social distancing and good hand-washing. We must all do our part or I will be forced to put a curfew in place.

I am here to serve the residents of Estill County. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We will do our best to answer any questions and address any concerns. We are all in this together and we will make it through this. Each of us has to do our part. Thank you and God bless you and your family.

Editor's Note: Judge Watson has been presenting a message on Facebook each week and will update more often if needed.

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