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Pandemic doesn't stop 100th birthday celebration

Ruth Reynolds celebrated her 100th birthday looking at her family through a window



Ruth Reynolds celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday, April 6, 2020 at Irvine Health & Rehab. Because of the pandemic, her family could only see her through a window and talk to her on a phone. Photo Submitted

For months now, Ruth Scott Reynolds' family has been planning her 100th birthday celebration. She turned 100 on Monday, April 6.

Mrs. Reynolds is a resident at Irvine Health and Rehab. For about a month now, the facility has not allowed visitors, which prevented a big celebration.

When the pandemic is over with, the family may have a delayed celebration.

Carol Reynolds Haller, her older daughter, took a small birthday cake to the nursing home on Sunday. Items taken to the facility are kept for 24 hours before given to a patient.

Bertha "Bo" Reynolds McCreary, the younger daughter, found a website for Celebration Station in Richmond. Although the busi-

ness was closed, the owner supplied Mrs. McCreary with balloons, banners, and other decorations.

Members of the family gathered Monday afternoon outside a closed window at the nursing home. Staff brought Mrs. Reynolds to the other side of the window.

She was wearing a pink tiara with 100 on it which had been sent by a granddaughter who was unable to be present.

Mrs. Haller held up a sign, which said "You Are My Sunshine." Then she began singing the song.

Nursing staff called the family on a cell phone and handed it to Mrs. Reynolds to talk to her family outside the window.

The facility's staff brought Mrs. Reynolds the cake, which she heartily enjoyed

after the family sang Happy Birthday to her. The family ate cupcakes outside the window.

Birthday cards have been mailed to Mrs. Reynolds. When the family found out they could not celebrate with her in person, they asked friends and family to mail her cards.

Mrs. Reynolds was born Ruth Scott, daughter of the late Bertha Tackett Scott and John Milton Scott in Carter County, Kentucky.

She had two older brothers and two sisters. Her mother passed away when she was only a year old during an influenza epidemic. Her siblings are now deceased.

She sang and her brother, Hayden, sang on the Mid-Western Radio Show in Cincinnati. She played the guitar and yodeled up a storm.

Today, she yodels for the

nurses at Irvine Health Care. She also sang harmony with Red Foley and Cowboy Copas.

She married Glen Reynolds, who was also born in Carter County. They moved to Estill County in 1955 when he was hired as vocational agriculture teacher at Estill County High School.

Besides being a retired teacher, Glen was a Farmers Home Administration Supervisor, and a long term board member on the Estill County Board of Education.

Mrs. Haller said her mother was a homemaker and ran the family dairy farm.

Ruth and Glenn Reynolds also had a son, Danny, who is now deceased. Their daughters are both retired educators, and Danny was a car salesman.

She also has six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.



Ruth Reynolds' family and a friend stood outside the nursing home window Monday with celebration signs for her 100th birthday. Left to right, front row, are her daughter, Carol Haller, granddaughter, April Haller Masters, a family friend, Nida Faye, and Bo McCreary, daughter. Hidden by signs at the back are Seth Masters, a great grandson, and grandson, Jimmy McCreary.

Sheriff arrests one over stolen cycle

An Estill County man has been charged with possession of a stolen motorcycle on April 4.

Sheriff Chris Flynn received a report that a 1999 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster belonging from George Harrison's residence on Ridge Road had been stolen. The report was made by Harrison's brother, Wayne, in his brother's absence.

Wayne Harrison gave the sheriff a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) for the motorcycle along with a physical description.

The sheriff received an anonymous tip that Darrell Estes, 41, of Dug Hill Road, Irvine of Irvine had a motorcycle that he was trying to sell.

Flynn located Estes working on a motorcycle in the yard of his residence. He said all three of the known VIN

locations were destroyed.

The sheriff said he located a sticker on the cycle which showed it to be a Harley Davidson 883. The bike's paint had been ground off, but Flynn said some of the gold flake paint was still on the bike.

The bike also had a flame seat matching the description that Wayne Harrison had given the sheriff.

Wayne Harrison arrived at the scene and Flynn said he confirmed the bike was the one which he had reported stolen.

Flynn confiscated the bike and has asked KSP Vehicle Investigation branch to conduct a confidential VIN inspection.

Estes was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property under \$10,000 and destruction of a VIN number.

Obituaries

- Blanche Alcorn, 79
- Everett Arthur Jr., 70
- Lillie Chasteen, 85
- Nikita Flinchum, 34
- Bobbie Johnson, 86
- Effie Johnson, 88
- Billy McDonald, 56
- Roberta McIntosh, 82
- Judy Profitt, 61

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Joyce Stewart, 60

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Curfew may go into effect

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said he was planning to issue a curfew Tuesday. County Attorney Jason Riley was working on the curfew order on Monday.

Watson said he and other officials had stayed busy over the weekend. He mentioned that a lot of young people are not obeying the social distancing order and continue to gather on lots.

The curfew will be for everyone from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and persons under 18 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., who are not with an

adult. Exceptions will be made for persons traveling to work or for medical reasons.

Watson stressed the curfew will not affect persons working during those hours.

The curfew order will include fines similar to the one issued last week. A \$250 fine will be issued for the first offense and \$500 fine for second or subsequent offenses.

Parents of juveniles under 18 will be cited.

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Flowering crab apple and at least two other varieties of trees bloomed beautifully in a lot across from Irvine City Hall.



Estill County Judge/Executive Donnie Watson listened intently on Tuesday to Gov. Andy Beshear during one of the daily conference calls from the governor to judge/executives. Watson asked the governor about converting schools into hospitals. The governor replied that schools were on the sixth level of buildings to be used for hospital beds. See story, Page 2.