



First graders and their teachers in the blue wing at Estill Springs Elementary dressed as Johnny Appleseed on Thursday. Winners are pictured on page 2.

## Grand Jury returns indictments

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Trooper Carpenter presented KSP's investigation to the grand jury.

Christopher L. Stone, 29, of Laurel Street was charged by indictment for receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

The indictment states that on August 1, 2013, Stone had items in his possession which had been stolen from Kathy Watson's residence.

The case was presented by former Deputy Sheriff Karl Rifenbark.

David "Todd" Harrison, 23, of Winchester Road, Irvine was charged by in-

dictment with third degree burglary.

The indictment states that he broke into a building around September 11, 2013 and took a plasma cutter.

The case was investigated by Trooper Carpenter.

An indictment charges Anthony Gerald, 32, of Turner Ave., Irvine with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and tampering with physical evidence.

The indictment states that on August 4, 2013, Gerald had cocaine in his possession and tried to throw a towel over the container.

Irvine Officer Jeff Knuckles presented the investigation.

William E. Neal Jr., 24, of S. Madison, Irvine was indicted on two counts of theft by deception cold checks under \$10,000.

The indictment states that on July 7, 2012, Neal issued a payment for goods for \$4,650 on July 7, 2012 and \$450 on July 15, 2012. It adds that Neal knew the checks would not be honored by the bank.

The victim, Alexander J. Orr, appeared before the grand jury.

## Irvine man faces local charge after his arrest in Richmond



Jimmy Puckett

An Estill warrant was served on an Irvine man after he was arrested by Richmond police on Monday, Sept. 23.

The local warrant was obtained by Ravenna Police Chief Ken White which charges Jimmy D. Puckett, 45, of East Chamberlain in Irvine with receiving stolen property.

White said that Puckett sold a Troy-Bilt riding lawn mower on August 20, 2013 which belonged to Charlie Neal. The mower was valued at \$550.

Puckett pleaded not-guilty during his arraignment on Monday in Estill District

Court. Judge Wm. Leach has scheduled a preliminary hearing for Puckett on October 9. Bail for Puckett is \$10,000 cash.

Upon his arrest by the Richmond Police Department, Puckett was charged with fraudulent use of a credit card, theft by unlawful taking, failure to appear, and criminal possession of a forged instrument. The Madison County Detention Center web site says Puckett has charges pending for fraudulent use of a credit card, theft by unlawful taking or disposition of a firearm, and theft by unlawful taking or disposition (shoplifting).

## Pulaski man arrested after sending texts

A Pulaski County resident was arrested last Wednesday for Trafficking in Controlled Substance 2nd, Trafficking in Marijuana, and Resisting Arrest after sending text messages to Estill County.

Chief Brad Smith said a person reported the text messages to the Irvine Police Department. He said the person had just received a new cell phone and began receiving the text messages about marijuana for sale.

Smith said the person with the cell phone did not know the person who was sending text messages.

However, Smith stated that IPD used the text messages to arrange a drug buy in Pulaski County. The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office cooperated with the arrangement and arrested Brenton Jones. Jones does not have any charges in Estill County.

Chief Smith said that Jones told the Pulaski sheriffs deputies that he did not have marijuana, but he intended to take the money for it during the drug buy.

## Homecoming is this Sunday

Homecoming will be observed Sunday, October 6 at Harvest Time Ministries, 1319 Lindon Street in Richmond.

Guest speaker will be Sister Carolina Curtis from Tennessee.

Singers will be the Faith Builders, Mark Jackson, Harold and Laura Burden, and more.

There will be a potluck lunch following the service.

Pastor Jeff Jackson would like to welcome everyone to come for a day of preaching, singing and fellowship, with lots of good food for the soul and the body.

## ECHS is most improved on school report cards

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At that time they were ranked in the 14th percentile but now are ranked 31st in the state.

The Estill County High School showed the most improvement out of the all the schools in the county. There was significant gains in all tested areas with the most improvement in Reading. The school is now ranked in the 84th percentile and ranked higher than any other school in the county.

Estill performed well compared to area schools (as shown in the enclosed table on Page 1), finishing behind only Model and Montgomery County.

Principal Blain Click says, "The good score was a result of a VERY good staff, very good kids and constant monitoring of the college and career readiness."

The Estill County Middle School also showed improvement in most areas but had decreased by just a couple of points in

Social Studies and four tenths of a point in Language Mechanics.

West Irvine and Estill Springs are considered focus schools by the KDE. Tonya Isaacs said that because of the reconfiguration of the elementary schools earlier this year, the state looks at their data as a whole.

In their eyes, Estill Springs and West Irvine is one school. The data reflects that all areas tested by elementary students dropped by as much as 10 1/2 points in Social Studies. Students did show improvement in Writing.

"We've got to get our elementary schools on track and I am confident that we can," stated Tonya Isaacs.

Board members will meet with principals from each school on October 1st to review test scores and discuss changes that need to be made to help bring those scores up when students are tested again in the winter.

## Man charged with Alcohol Intoxication after reporting theft to Irvine Police

On Wednesday, the Irvine Police Department arrested Thomas Durham Jr. for public intoxication.

Durham's arrest came after he called IPD to report he had some money stolen, according to Chief Brad Smith.

During interrogation, Smith said that Durham said he gave the money to

a women to buy some pills and perform a sexual act.

He told police the woman left, and he didn't know her name or could not describe her. A truck was reported stolen from a residential driveway on Ticky Fork Drive, Ravenna.

**Truck reported stolen**

The owner of the 2003 white Chevy Silverado 4x4,

Millard McIntosh, reported the truck missing at the Estill County Sheriff's Office on Sept. 27.

According to the report, the truck did not have tags. It was valued at \$8,575.

Deputy Randy Farthing is conducting the investigation. The stolen vehicle has been entered into the NCIC.

## Vote "NO" on October 8th

Once again we are being asked to vote on whether or not to allow legal alcohol sales in our community. There are a lot of reasons why this vote is wrong for all of Estill County here are a few . . .

**It is wrong because although everyone who lives outside the city of Irvine will not be allowed to vote, yet they will be have to pay for the election with their tax dollars.**

It is wrong because alcohol destroys lives and families. It is estimated that one out of four recreational drinkers will become alcoholics. Even more surprising are the following statistics showing that alcohol is related to increased violence and abuse. Based on published studies, epidemiologists have summarized the percentages of violent offenders who were drinking at the time of the offense as follows . . . up to 86 percent of homicide offenders, 37 percent of assault offenders, 60 percent of sexual offenders, up to 57 percent of men and 27 percent of women involved in marital violence, and 13 percent of child abusers.

**It is wrong because it places an assumed economic gain above our concern for families and lives that will suffer as a result of easier access to alcohol.**

It is wrong because the cost of alcohol is already more expensive than any return we will see from legal sales. According to "livestrong.com" "Drinking exponentially increases the occurrence of injuries and death due to public disorder, suicide, drunk driving, interpersonal abuse, accidents and homicide. In addition, drinking increases job absenteeism and decreases productivity and work quality. According to the National Academy of Sciences, underage drinking accounts for about \$53 billion in societal costs each year, while adult drinking costs the nation about \$175 billion each year with an additional cost of 100,000 deaths per year." It is wrong because it will bring people from the dry counties that are around us, into Estill County to buy alcohol thus increasing the number of drinking drivers on our roads.

**It is wrong because our community already has a huge drug problem and legal alcohol sales only makes another drug more available.**

Any way to look at it, alcohol sales would be wrong for this community. The people who support legal sales of alcohol claim it is about economics that will boost Irvine. The real issue here is how much is life worth? Can you put a price tag on the ruined lives of your children, or loved ones, or neighbors? If not . . .

## Please vote "NO" on October 8th

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