

# Judge presents almost \$9 million budget two days before deadline

Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor presented the 2014-2015 budget to the Estill Fiscal Court on Tuesday, April 29.

He had until May 1 to present the budget to the court, and said he had worked on it over 30 days.

Taylor said the "bare bones" budget totals \$8,776,121 but over one-third of that amount, \$3.3 million, is designated for CSEPP. He added that he had included some CSEPP funds which were left over from 2011, hoping to eliminate making amendments to the budget.

The county's general fund will have \$2.3 million in it. Taylor said this fund will be used for the fire departments, 911 emergency center, animal shelter, and other services.

The jail was budgeted \$681,000, which also comes from the general fund. "This is a realistic number," Taylor stated.

The road fund is expected to be at least \$1.9 million. Taylor said that includes about \$200,000 budgeted for the completion of bridges.

Taylor said the cost of workman's comp insurance will go up by \$21,000. He said the county may also see an impact of coal severance taxes with the opening of Bowie

Coal at the former location of South East Coal Co.

"The budget is anticipated. The revenues are anticipated. The expenses are anticipated," Taylor stated. "There's no big check that comes in July 1."

Taylor said this is a 65/35 year, because county-wide elections are being held. By law, the fiscal court cannot spend over 65 percent of the budget in the first six months of the budget year. This leaves less than half, 35 percent, for the new administration.

Because it is an election year, the judge added the salaries of the magistrates and coroner had to be set by May 4. Those increases would not take effect until January 1, 2015. (No action was taken on the salaries so they will remain the same.)

The fiscal court now has 30 days to give first reading to the budget. It will be sent to the state for approval. A second reading will be given after the state makes their recommendations for any changes.

In other action at the special meeting, a claim was approved to pay Stacy Burns-Taulbee, the public advocate.

The repair of Chestnut Stand was also approved. The \$53,000 will come from the road fund.



Top Photo: Kindergarten students did actions to songs during Tuesday night's performance. Bottom photo: Amy Hughes directed the kindergarten students during the musical.



Students gathered for group photos before going in to the spring fling at the middle school on Friday.

## Police Activity Report

### Rear End Collision

A rear end collision on Sunday sent a man to the hospital.

Deputy Randy Farthing said that Charles Molands of Rogers Lane, Irvine had stopped his vehicle for a red light at the intersection of Richmond Road and the Bypass.

Farthing stated that Joshua Howard of Nicholasville came up behind Molands. The deputy added that Howard applied his brakes and skidded 124 feet before his vehicle struck Molands in the rear.

Howard told the deputy that he was trying to set the GPS and failed to see Molands in time to stop.

Howard was reportedly not injured.

Molands was transferred by Estill County EMS to Marcum & Wallace Hospital.

Both vehicles were severely damaged.

### One injured Friday

An Estill man was injured during a one vehicle accident on Spout Springs Road on Friday.

Deputy Randy Farthing said that Joshua Barnes of Cressy Road was traveling west on Spout Springs Road when he apparently lost control of his vehicle.

Barnes told Deputy Farthing that he was on his phone when the wreck occurred. His vehicle left the road on the right side.

The Jeep Cherokee traveled over an embankment and struck multiple trees. Farthing also said that Barnes' vehicle overturned an unknown amount of times.

Barnes was transported by Estill EMS to Marcum & Wallace Hospital.

### Alleged DUI Arrest

An Irvine man was recently arrested for driving under the influence by the sheriff's department.

Deputy Randy Farthing was dispatched to Shell Mart to investigate a possible intoxicated driver.

The deputy wrote that Sheila Berry, an employee of Shell mart had called 911 about a possibly intoxicated driver. She said a customer said the man had almost hit

another vehicle on the Irvine bridge.

When Farthing arrived on the scene, he observed Roger VanHoose of Chestnut Street falling in the parking lot.

Another Shell Mart employee, Billy Woods, tried to keep VanHoose from getting back into his vehicle, Farthing said. He added that he observed VanHoose hit Woods.

Farthing wrote that VanHoose told him that he had been drinking that day and taking pain medicine. The officer said VanHoose failed filed sobriety tests and refused a breath test.

A theft is being investigated by Deputy Russell Morris.

The theft was reported to Morris by Teresa Arnold of Trammell Lane in late April.

According to the report, Morris is looking for a relative who might be involved in stealing from Arnold during April 1-14.

The report says the relative took a laptop computer from Arnold's home and had transfers from Arnold's account to her own.



Eighth grader Hannah Patrick at her last Spring Fling.



## Vote Dean, Circuit Judge on May 20<sup>th</sup> CIRCUIT JUDGE RACE IS NONPARTISAN!

To the Voters of Estill, Lee, and Owsley County  
On May 20th you will vote for the person you want to be your next Circuit Judge. This is a nonpartisan race. This means that regardless of which political party you belong to, you can vote for either of the candidates in the primary.

Michael Dean has lived in Estill County for 14 years and his children attend school here. Dean is from the mountains and an Owsley County native, who understands the problems we face. He is honest and will be tough but will be fair and impartial.

- Thorough knowledge of the law with 26 years Experience;
- Graduate of University of Kentucky College of Engineering;
- Graduate of University of Virginia College of Law;
- Licensed Civil Engineer;
- Master Commissioner since 2007;
- Domestic Relations Commissioner since 2007;
- Former Trial Commissioner

Everyone be sure to get out and vote in this important election!

## Vote Michael Dean, Circuit Judge

Paid for by Michael Dean, 103 Main St., Irvine, KY

## Estill County Church League Volleyball Starts Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5<sup>pm</sup>

Deadline for sign up is Friday, May 9th. Must be 13 or older to play. Girl teams play at 7:00 p.m. each week. No entry fees. Call 606-723-6682 to sign up or ask questions.

## Stickeler's Answer

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1. sheep SKIN tight
  2. body GUARD house
  3. clothes PRESS room
  4. cheese STEAK house

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