

# 3 are charged with rioting on Memorial Day

Three men were charged with rioting in Irvine on Memorial Day afternoon.

Officer John Sturniolo responded around 2 p.m. to 234 Rosebud Street to investigate a complaint of domestic violence. He was assisted at the scene by Ravenna Officer James Gross.

The call came in that

around six men were fighting in the street and porch area. Officer Sturniolo said over 10 people, including women, were involved in the disturbance.

Officer Sturniolo said that Earl Thompson, 44, of 8470 McKee Road, Irvine made physical contact with him. He added that Thompson also yelled and cursed

at him.

The officer said that when he told the crowd to disperse, Thompson started fighting with him. Sturniolo said that Thompson punched and kicked him numerous times.

Sturniolo said he attempted to use his tazer on Thompson. He added that Thompson grabbed the

tazer and attempted to tazer him.

Thompson was charged with assault of a police officer, riot second, disorderly conduct, and failure to disperse.

Sturniolo said he repeatedly, about five to eight times, asked the crowd to disperse.

He stated that Phil-

ip Adkins, 23, and John Flinchum, 26, both of 234 Rosebud, continued to yell and curse after they were told to disperse.

The officer stated the men's actions caused interference while he was attempting to make arrests.

He charged Adkins and Flinchum each with riot second, failure to disperse,

disorderly conduct second, and obstructing government operations.

The three men were arrested and lodged in the Estill County Detention Center.

Information on other arrests at the scene was not available because of the holiday.

## Thank You, Veterans



A large crowd was present at Ravenna Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day to say "Thank You" to veterans. Top left: Taps are played for the veterans who had passed this last year. Top right: Former Ravenna Mayor Beverly Thompson encouraged everyone to thank our veterans this Memorial Day instead of cooking out. Bottom right: A bell is rung for each veteran who died this past year.

## Citizen's tip leads to arrests of two on drug charges

Two Madison County men were charged with drug related charges on Memorial Day.

According to citations, someone had called the sheriff's department around 4 p.m. and said they had witnessed a male stuff something in a bag in the back of a truck.

Deputy Russell Morris and KSP Trooper J. Carpenter investigated the complaint in the parking lot of Witt's Grocery on Richmond Road.

According to the citation, Deputy Morris had obtained permission to search the truck. It adds the deputy found a loaded Ruger P85 MK between the console and driver seat.

The trooper reported that he found three small baggies of a crystal type substance in a brown bag in the back of the truck.

The citations also state that Morris located several pipes, needles, and hollow ink pens in various locations inside the truck.

Craig E. Shearer, 35, of

Waco was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, (drug unspecified), possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and drug paraphernalia.

Jason Thomas Gay, 36, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, third offense or greater, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and drug paraphernalia.

Trooper Carpenter wrote in the citation that this was Gay's third charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Shearer and Gay were lodged in the Estill County Detention Center.

Carpenter said a third male, Bobby G. Saylor, ran when Deputy Morris asked him to come around to his cruiser. Charges against Saylor are pending upon his apprehension.

Evidence from the scene was logged at Post 7 in Richmond, and the crystal substance has been sent to the lab.

## Dean, Combs advance in judge's race; Flannery elected magistrate

In last Tuesday's election, Gerry Flannery upset incumbent Earl Young Jr. for Magistrate in District 2.

Flannery received 56 percent of the vote (357) in District 2 which includes the Forks, White Oak, Millers Creek, Cow Creek, and

Barnes Mountain precincts.

Young got 227 votes, and Charlie Fauste got 53 in the Republican primary.

No democrats filed to run for magistrate in District 2.

Commonwealth Heather Combs carried Estill County with 1182 votes in the three-way race for circuit judge of the 23rd judicial district.

Michael Dean finished close behind in Estill County with 1114 votes while Thomas J. "Tom" Smith received 464.

But when the votes were included from Lee and Owsley counties, Dean was the top-vote getter with 2,610. Combs was close behind with 2,160, while Smith had 1,164.

The circuit judge's race is non-partisan. The two top vote getters, Dean and Combs, will be on November's ballot.

Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor received over ¾ of the Republican votes last Tuesday. He received 1,320 votes to the 410 votes of his opponent, Gary Powell. Taylor will face democrat James Thacker in the fall.

Beverly "Bo" Morris received 46 percent (795) of the votes in his bid for re-election as jailer. His republican opponents, Randall McIntosh and Chris Rader, received 642 and 299 respectively.

Morris will face democrat Larry Stewart in the jailer's race in November.

Danny Conrad is one step closer to re-election as constable of District 1. Conrad received 266 votes to Ronnie Means' 226 in the republican primary.

Ricky L. Williams defeated Ronnie Dale Conrad 210 to 106 in the democratic race

for Constable of District 1.

Danny Conrad and Williams will be on the ballot in November for constable. District 1 includes the Courthouse, Schoolhouse, West Lawn, Estill Springs, Ravenna, and West Irvine precincts.

Melvin D. Fields received the republican party's nomination for Magistrate of District 3. Fields received 344 votes to Russell "Rusty" Price's 155.

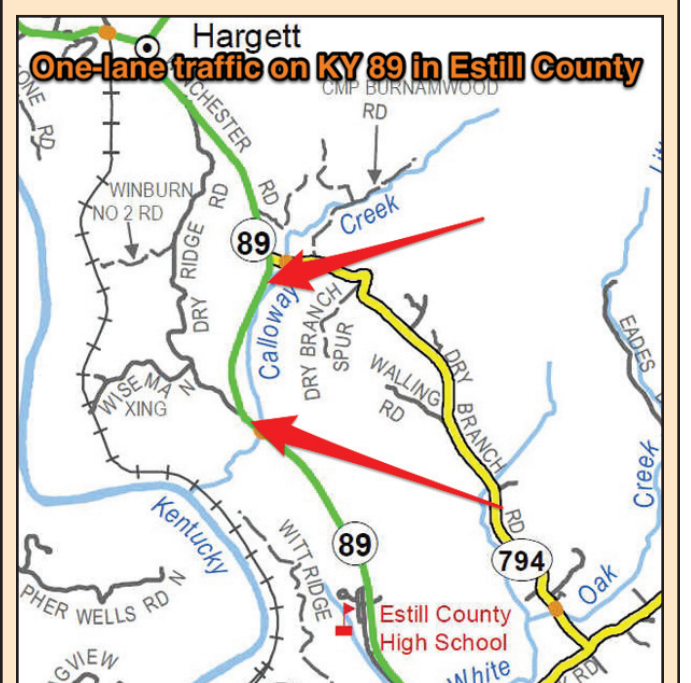
Fields will challenge the incumbent, democrat Darrell Johnson, in the fall.

District 3 includes the precincts of Cedar Grove, Red Lick, South Irvine, and Drowning Creek.

Floyd Edmonson, the incumbent, constable in district 3, received 293 votes to 83 votes for Billy Goosey in the democratic primary.

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### Lanes Reduced on KY-89 North



A section of KY 89 North in Estill County has been reduced to one lane with traffic controlled by temporary signals beginning yesterday, Tuesday, May 27, as work progresses on a safety improvement project on Winchester Road.

The affected area is between milepoints 15.5 and 16.0 (between Dry Ridge Road North and Dry Branch Road). The lane closure will be in effect for at least two weeks. Drivers should expect delays during the duration of the closure.

Signs and electronic message boards will be in place to alert motorists to the temporary signals and the lane closure.

Drivers should slow down as they approach this construction zone, watch for stopped traffic and obey the temporary traffic signals. Motorists are asked to be aware of workers, traffic control devices and construction equipment when traveling in this and other areas where projects are ongoing.

### Obituaries

- Raymond Allen, 80
- Jessica Manis, 22
- Rickey McIntosh, 61
- Ruth Patrick, 98
- Jonathan Rawlins, 27
- Mattie Warner, 74
- Joshua Witt, 32

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