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Preschoolers gathered around as Matthew Kringle read a story to them during Storytime at the Estill County Library last Wednesday. Matthew brought gifts and ornaments for the children.

Five arrested in drug busts

Five people were arrested during two back-to-back drug busts on Pea Ridge Road last week.

The first two arrests were made last Wednesday when a search warrant was executed at 550 Pea Ridge Road by the Irvine Police Department.

The search warrant was executed after IPD made a controlled buy at the residence three days earlier.

A citation states that a confidential witness bought a 30 mg oxycodone pill from William Andrew Kelly for \$40 on December 15.

Police Chief Brad Smith said that while the search warrant was being executed, Kelly had a 30 mg oxycodone pill on him and "change money" in numerous amounts.

Smith added that he and his department had observed a male run into the bedroom and toss his wallet under the bed in an attempt to hide it.

Smith charged Kelly, 23, with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and second of-

fense, persistent felony offender, second degree, and tampering with physical evidence.

Kelly pleaded not-guilty to those charges in Estill District Court on Dec. 19. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 22. Bail for Kelly has been set at \$30,000 cash.

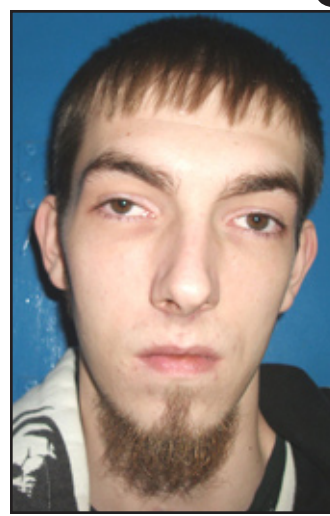
The citation states that Kelly was convicted of trafficking in drugs in 2012.

Brandon Kelly, 25, of the same address was charged by IPD Captain Adrian McKinney with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and wanton endangerment first degree.

The citation states that on December 15, Kelly had sold a 30 mg oxycodone tablet to a confidential informant for \$40.00.

While the search warrant was being executed, McKinney said that two 30 mg oxycodone tablets were found on B. Kelly in a small brown bottle.

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Wm. Andrew Kelly



Brandon Kelly



Anthony Coffey



Bobby Carroll

Board honors retirees and hires interim superintendent

by CATHY DAWES
Estill County Tribune

The last school board meeting of 2014 was held on Thursday, December 18th at Central Office. Several employees were recognized at the beginning of the meeting for their years of dedication and service to the children of Estill County. Those recognized by the board were Diana Long, Carolyn Young, Lana Horn, Lapelle Dixon, Kathy Rawlins, and Bert Hensley.

Patty Hood stated that she felt like Mr. Hensley had

been a wonderful leader for the district in the past nine years and that he would be greatly missed.

Robbie Starling added that Mr. Hensley had obtained funding for the Pre-K Center when no one else in the state had it, he made sure that each classroom in the county had white boards, not to mention the renovations to the high school and the new building at West Irvine.

Principal Loretta Cruse said that she would like one of the labs at West Irvine to be named after Mr. Hensley because he was so instrumental in getting the new facility built.

Assistant superintendent Tonya Isaacs discussed the KDE comprehensive plan for districts with the board. Isaacs said that the five main goals of the plan are non-negotiable with KDE. She went on to say that every three months the progress of students would be reviewed to make sure that everyone stayed on track and that attendance played a vital role in keeping students on the right path.

Dickie Arthur said that so far attendance has been up this year but had decreased some in the past month. He felt like the decrease was due to the many illnesses that have been making their rounds through the schools.

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"Another Christmas Play" was performed by the youth of Emmanuel Baptist Church on Sunday evening. The play was written by one of the youth, Addison Thomas. More photos are on page 17.

Ravenna couple arrested while cooking meth in apt.

A couple living in a Poplar Street apartment were arrested early Monday morning for cooking meth.

IPD Officer John Sturniolo said a confidential informant had purchased a half-gram of methamphetamine for \$60 from Alfred J. "Jimbo" Britton, 50, of 805 Poplar Street, on Sunday night.

A search warrant was then obtained and executed at the 805 Poplar St. apartment in Ravenna early Monday morning.

The officer said that Britton had methamphetamine in a container in his front pocket.

Meth precursors were allegedly found in the residence. IPD identified those precursors as stove fuel, drain opener, bottles, tubing, straws, etc. Sturniolo said the precursors were consistent with manufacturing meth.

Sturniolo said an active meth lab was found cooking in the kitchen area.

Sturniolo charged Britton with manufacturing methamphetamine, unlawful possession of methamphetamine precursor and trafficking in methamphetamine, first degree and first offense.

Police Chief Brad Smith arrested Britton's girlfriend,

Stacy Ward, 42, with manufacturing methamphetamine, first, unlawful possession of meth precursors, and persistent felony offender, second degree.

Several one step labs were discovered in the couple's downstairs apartment, Smith stated.

Smith said the bottle of meth that was cooking in the kitchen was within a foot of Ward and in plain sight.

He added that foil used to smoke the meth was within feet of Ward.

Assisting with this investigation were Officers Karl Rifenbark and Sam Hensley and also Sgt. Mike Gross.



Jim Britton



Stacy Ward

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