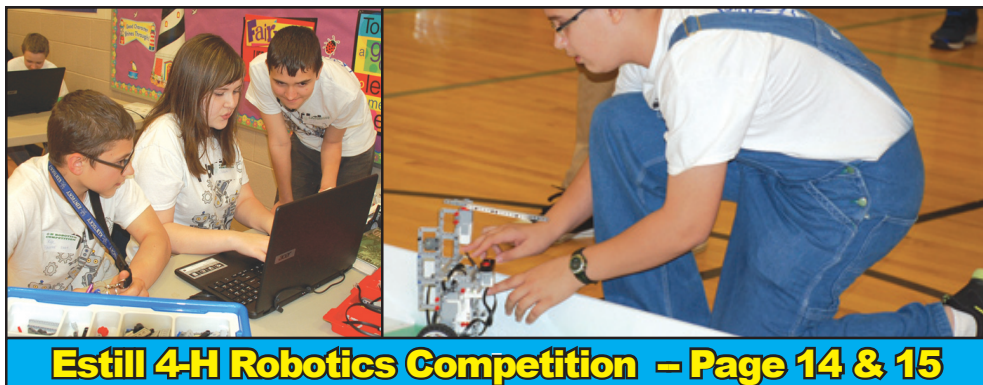


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County to lease lock properties for recreation

The Estill Fiscal Court approved the leases of Locks 11 and 12 from the Kentucky River Authority at Monday's meeting.

Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor said the KRA is tearing down the lock houses and putting up fences before they turn the properties over to the county by late summer.

As part of the lease agreement, the county must mow the properties at least two to three times each season and maintain liability insurance on them.

Taylor said at Lock 11, there is an opportunity to make a new launch ramp there.

Plans are for an RV park at Lock 12, along with a picnic area, and also a new launch ramp.

The judge stated there are several acres across the river that goes with the Lock 12 property.

The fiscal court agreed to apply for a \$75,000 Land and Water Conservation Grant for work on the properties. The grant is a 50/50 match but the fiscal court

can use in-kind services for their match.

In other action, the court agreed to lease up to \$200,000.

"I'd rather take a beating than to do this," Taylor stated.

He said the county has the option of borrowing money or laying off employees. He stated the employees are needed now to clean up after winter storms, which is one reason the county is short of money.

"Our April 2 and 3 flood event turned into our third

federal disaster in six weeks," he stated.

The third flood was the fiscal court's most expensive one, with damages now up to \$180,000.

Taylor said the county must have at least \$52,000 and the state \$6.2 million in damages to qualify for federal reimbursement. That figure is based on population.

He stated that FEMA has already come to Estill County, and the paperwork is waiting on the president's signature.

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The Estill Fiscal Court is leasing Locks 11 and 12 from Kentucky River Authority for recreation. KRA will be tearing down the lock-master houses and putting up fencing. These lock houses are at Lock 12.

Passenger airlifted from wreck

A passenger was airlifted to the University of Kentucky Medical Center on Saturday night following a wreck on Red Lick Road.

The wreck, involving only a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, occurred about 7:19 p.m. about 11 miles west of Irvine.

The investigating deputy, Randy Farthing, suspects the wreck was caused either by a tire blowing or steering failure.

The driver of the truck, Casandra Kelly of Horn's River Road, Irvine, said she heard a popping noise and lost control of the truck.

Farthing said the truck veered off the road

on the right side and entered a ditch. He said it then struck a concrete culvert and overturned.

He added there was a compartment intrusion on the passenger side floorboard.

The passenger, Ashley Puckett, of Horn's River Road, Irvine, was airlifted to UK's Medical Center for treatment of her injuries.

Kelly was transported to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

The truck was severely damaged on the right side.

Festival Pageant kicks off Mt. Mushroom Festival



Caley Judge, right, was crowned the Queen of the Mt. Mushroom Festival during the pageant on Saturday. Pageant winners are pictured on Page 2 of the Tribune. The pageant was the festival's opening activity.

The festival will be Saturday and Sunday. Events include grandstand entertainment, the Irvine-Ravenna Woman's Club student art show, Agate Hunt and Gem Show, arts and crafts booth, non arts and crafts booth, food vendors, cake decorating, parade, fun and games, Fungus 5K run, Hillbilly Flywheelers antique engines, mushroom market, mushroom cookoff, photo contest, Kruzers antique car show, and much more.

For more information, please visit the Mt. Mushroom Festival's webpage at www.mountainmushroomfestival.org.

Alabama fugitive arrested

An Estill County resident attempted to pass through a Kentucky State Police traffic checkpoint on Thursday evening, April 16. Instead Timothy Joe Mayes, 33, of Winchester Road, Irvine, was taken into custody. State police said that Mayes is wanted by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office in Cullman, Alabama.

Alabama is charging Mayes with assault second degree (peace officer). The complaint states that Mayes caused physical injury to Christopher Pitts, a corrections officer with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. It adds that Pitts received a hand injury when Mayes got into a fight with him.

Magistrate Jason White set bond for Mayes at \$5,000 cash on Sept. 30, 2014. At this time, Mayes had an address of Cullman, AL.

KSP lodged Mayes in the Estill County Detention Center. Mayes pleaded not-guilty to being a fugitive from Alabama. An extradition hearing was held on Monday.

At the traffic checkpoint, Trooper T. Robinson charged Mayes with operating on a suspended or revoked license, display or possession of cancelled license, failure to surrender a revoked license, and careless driving.



Aaron Curtis, right was sworn in as Irvine's newest police officer on Monday. Curtis has been trained as a policeman with the Department of Criminal Justice Training and has three and a half years experience with the Berea Police Department. His grandmother was a police officer in California, before moving to Kentucky to work for the state police and Madison County Sheriff's Department. This influenced him to become a police officer. He and his wife, Laquetta, live at Kingston with their seven children. Officer Curtis replaces Sam Hensley who accepted a position with Ashland Oil Co. Chief Brad Smith is pictured left.

State apiarist promotes bees in Estill County

"I didn't know a bee from a yellow jacket," stated Tammy Horn, Kentucky's Apiarist. She is better known as the "Bee Lady."

Horn was giving a talk

Saturday morning at the Estill County Library on "Native Bees, Honey Bees, and Appalachian Trees."

Horn was born in Harlan, but her family moved to Estill County where she attended school all but a few years. Her parents taught school on an Indian reservation for several years before returning to Estill County.

She obtained several degrees and has taught at both Eastern Kentucky University and Berea College.

Horn learned beekeeping from her grandfather in Eastern Kentucky. She said she got started in beekeeping around 1997.

In recent years, the bee population has been declining. This is due to the use of

pesticides and a dwindling number of trees and flowers for bees to get pollen from.

It is estimated that without bee pollinators, one-third of our food supply would disappear.

Horn encouraged everyone to quit spraying pesticides between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the hours the bees are collecting pollen.

She said when coalfields were reclaimed in Eastern Kentucky, that hardwoods were planted. Now, the planting of smaller trees under the forest canopy are encouraged for bees to use.

Horn encouraged everyone to provide flowering plants for bees for three seasons of the year. Early spring sources include the red ma-

ple, crocus, dandelion flowers, purple head nettle, red buds, and black locust.

During the summer, wildflowers, black eye susans, sunflowers, and coreopsis are bee pollinators.

Trees include sourwood, tulip poplar, basswood, witch hazel (blooms in November) and mistletoe.

Those attending the session were given pamphlets on how to get started in beekeeping.

At least two Estill County women attending the meeting have already gotten into beekeeping.

Horn is the author of several books on bees.

Saturday's program was sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council.



Tammy Horn spoke about "Native Bees, Honey Bees, and Appalachian Trees" at the Estill County Library on Saturday. Photo by KY Dept. of Agriculture

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