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Fallen Officers Are Remembered

Last week was a time to observe Fallen Officers, and a local observance was held at the Estill County Courthouse on Friday evening. A monument at the courthouse lists the names of officers which have died in the line of duty in Estill County, the latest being Irvine Police Chief Bob Walker. Walker's killer is serving a 25 year to life sentence. He was denied probation after 25 years but will be considered for probation again in a few years. The fallen officers included sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police officers, police chiefs, and constables.

Bottom photo: participating officers gathered with a framed newspaper article of Walker's death. Front row, left to right, is Constable Ricky Williams, Irvine Officer Aaron Curtis, Irvine Officer Karl Rifembark, Irvine Officer John Sturniolo and Ravenna Chief Ken White. Back row includes Chaplain Chris Carlyle, Irvine Chief Brad Smith, Captain Adrian McKinney, and Sgt. Mike Gross.

Right photo: A member of the American Legion Honor Guard played taps during the ceremony. The Honor Guard also fired a three-round volley in memory of the fallen officers.

A rose was placed at the memorial for each fallen officer, and a wreath was laid.



KSP charges Estill man with child porn

An Irvine man was charged with alleged child pornography last Wednesday by Kentucky State Police.

Alexander A. Ramos, 31, of 258 Dry Branch Road, Irvine was arrested at his residence.

Ramos was charged with 20 counts of distribution of matter portraying sexual offenses by a minor, first offense.

The citation states that during an undercover investigation, over 20 video files of child sexual exploitation (CSE) were downloaded from an online account that was linked to Ramos.

Kentucky State Police obtained a search warrant for Ramos' residence.

The citation states the in-

vestigation revealed that Ramos was responsible for the distribution of CSE

Ramos was lodged in the Estill County Detention Center.

Estill District Judge William Leach set bond for Ramos at \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 property. If Ramos is released from custody, he has been ordered to have no contact with children under 18 years of age.

The offense is a Class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison. If found guilty of all 20 charges, Ramos faces from 20 to 100 years in prison.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Anthony Gatson of KSP's Electronic Crimes Unit.

Couple beat up during break-in KSP makes arrest

A Wisemantown man now faces burglary charges after state police say he entered a home and allegedly assaulted the couple inside.

Brandon Shane Coffey, 25, of Wisemantown Road, was arrested May 12 by KSP Trooper T. Robinson on a warrant obtained by KSP Trooper Jason Carpenter, the investigating trooper.

The warrant states that in April, Coffey entered the residence of Latosha Rose where he assaulted Rose and her boyfriend, Austin Leach. It adds that he punched both of them several times and pulled Rose's hair.

He allegedly grabbed Rose's cell phone as he as

leaving and said they both were dead.

The warrant says Rose and Leach were both injured.

Burglary 2nd is a Class C felony, punishable by five to ten years in prison. Coffey was also charged with three misdemeanors: assault fourth degree, terroristic threatening, 3rd degree, and theft by unlawful taking under \$500. The punishment for a misdemeanor is a fine and/or up to one year imprisonment.

The cell phone was valued at approximately \$150.

Coffey's bail was set at \$20,000 cash.

Outbuilding is burglarized in White Oak community

Deputy Randy Farthing is investigating a break-in in an out building owned by Roger Arvin of Oak Valley Road.

The burglary was discovered on May 16.

Items reported missing include a radio controlled truck, chain saw, and screw driver set. However, a list of stolen inventory is pending.

Deputy Farthing is also

investigating property damage at the residence of Jennie Williams on McKee Road.

The window of her auto was broken out while parked at her residence.

Anyone with information on these crimes is asked to call the sheriff's office at 723-2323 during business hours or 723-2201 after hours.

American Legion Post 79 Memorial Service 11 a.m. Monday at Veterans Memorial Park Main St., Ravenna. Everyone is invited!

Election Results

Because of the press deadline of The Estill County Tribune, election results were not available at press time. They will be in next week's paper.

Election results will also be posted on the Tribune's facebook page and web page at www.estilltribune.com as soon as possible. Thank you.

Obituaries

Julia Centers, 58
Elmer Conner, 68
Melinda Star Gibson, Infant
Dale Harrison, 54
Floyd Harrison, 80
Aleene Lail, 78
Amee Newton, 26
Gustava Richardson, 72
Robert Tucker III, 34
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"Telling Estill County's Story"

"Telling Estill County's Story" (TECS), a River City Players' (RCP) community story production project began in April. This project is funded by an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Flex-E-Grant through the Kentucky Department of Local Government and administered by Brushy Fork Institute at Berea Col-

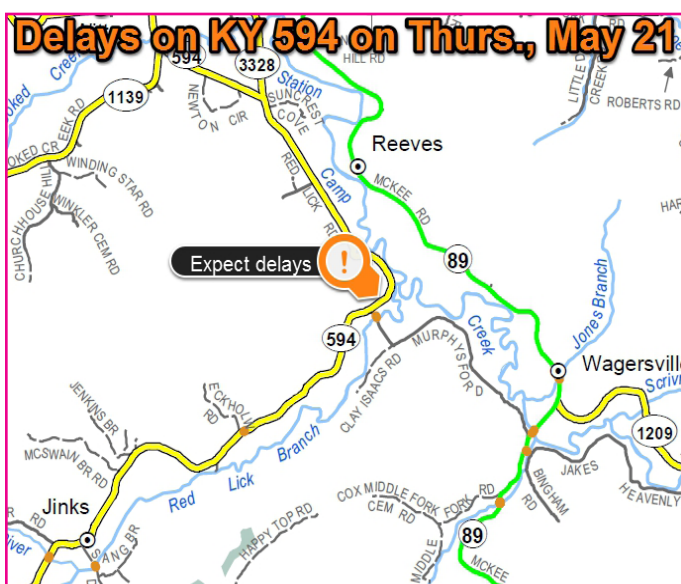
lege. Flex-E-Grant funds are made available to economically distressed ARC counties in Kentucky for projects that build local capacity.

The TECS project includes gathering Estill County history and stories to create a play and a summer camp that will become an annual event, giving children and adults the opportunity to

learn in all areas of performance art, build self-esteem, bolster confidence, and improve leadership skills.

Our long term goal is to revitalize our downtown corridor - attracting artists and craftspeople and building tourism-based businesses to fill our empty downtown buildings. As an operating division of Estill Development Alliance, River City Players has shown county and city officials the positive results of art being introduced to the community by producing plays that give both adults and children the opportunity to perform. As the result of RCP productions, the community has become more supportive of our efforts to purchase and renovate the "Mack" as a Community Center and Performance Venue.

As the communities of Eastern Kentucky work to develop new forms of industry, we are ideally situated to introduce tourists traveling from the Bluegrass Region to Eastern Kentucky. We could and should consider ourselves a vital element in the regional development of tourism based industry.



Drivers using KY 594 (Red Lick Road) in Estill County should expect delays at milepoint 9.4 on Thursday, May 21. A drainage pipe will be replaced at this location, just north of Murphys Ford Road. One lane of traffic will be maintained, but lengthy delays are possible. Around 600 vehicles use this stretch of highway per day.

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