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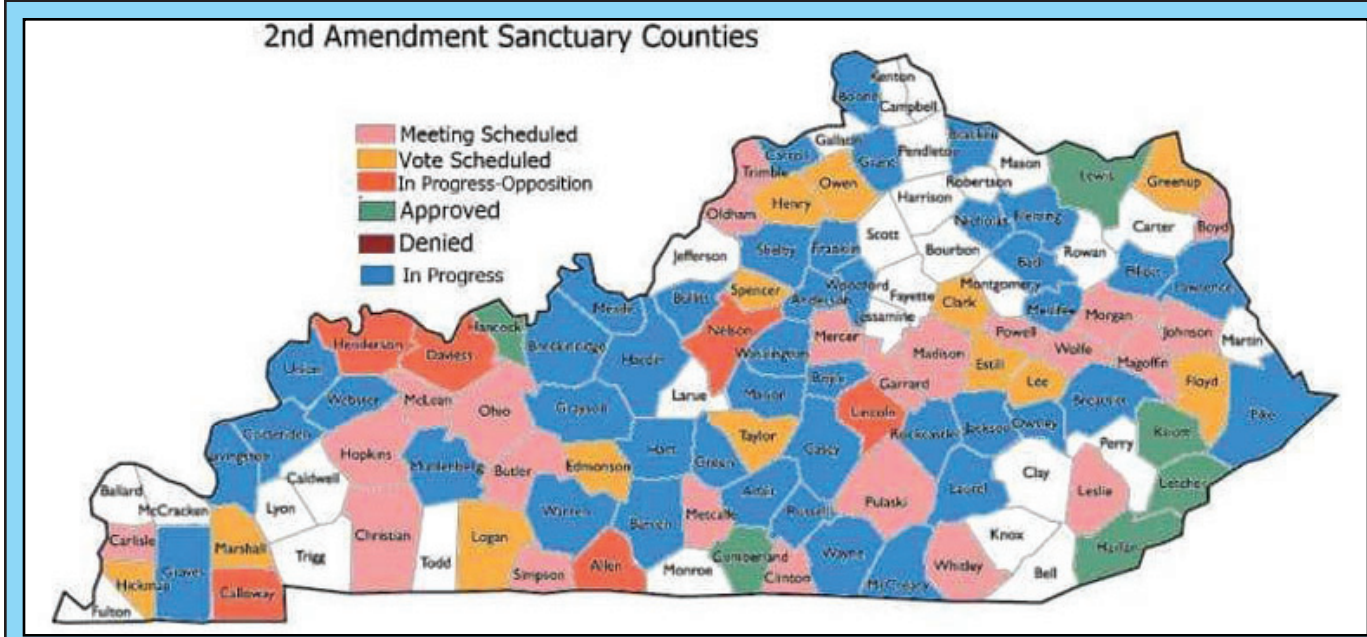
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## W. Irvine man charged with receiving stolen property over \$10,000

A West Irvine man was charged December 26 with receiving stolen property over \$10,000. The residence of Shannon Hardy, 34, on West Cedar Grove Road, Irvine. Deputy Chris Coffey stated the items were located at Hardy's residence. The cutter and welder were sitting in the driveway and could be seen from the road. The dirt bike was behind a green truck on the outside edge of the property. Hardy was charged with receiving stolen property. The case remains under investigation.

## Local group forms to protect rights of second amendment

Since December 24, a grass roots movement supporting the Second Amendment Right to Bear Arms has picked up steam in Estill County. One of the group's organizers is Jacob Estes, who has used Facebook to get the word out about the group. A vote for a resolution in support of the Second Amendment was placed on the agenda of a special Estill Fiscal Court meeting held at 5 p.m. on Monday. Because of an early deadline due to the New Year's holiday, the meeting was held after the press deadline for this issue. There will be coverage of the vote in next week's Tribune. A similar vote in neighboring Lee County is scheduled for Friday, January 3, at 6 p.m. at the Lee County Courthouse. Fiscal court meetings are open to the public. A rally in support of the Second Amendment is also scheduled for Monday, January 7 at the state capitol from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The goal of local counties passing the resolution

is to make the state of Kentucky a Second Amendment Sanctuary State. Some states have passed red flag laws, and a bipartisan bill is being introduced in Kentucky which would allow weapons to be confiscated from anyone who is deemed a risk. Anyone considered dangerous by law enforcement or family members could be deemed a risk by the court, and their weapons could be taken from them. Seventeen states have already passed red flag laws. Rep. Jeff Donahue, D-Fairdale, has also introduced a bill which would require current owners of assault weapons to register them with the state. It would also prevent those owners from transferring the weapons to others. Exceptions for possession of assault weapons would be granted to law enforcement and military personnel. Donahue's bill includes a program to buy back the assault weapons by Kentucky State Police.



The Body of Christ and its pastor, Bro. Bill Wesley, honored Estill County's law enforcement and several others on Saturday, Dec. 7. A few days later, the group honored Floyd Edmonson, who has spent 28 years in law enforcement. Edmonson is currently constable in District 3 and a security officer at Marcum & Wallace Hospital. Edmonson was treated with pizza and presented with a gas card, food card, a plaque from the Secretary of State Allison Grimes. Photo Submitted



Holiday lights were visible on the farm of Floyd Newton Jr. on Dug Hill Road this holiday season. His wife, Burma, designed the light display.

## Obituaries

- Gladys Bellamy, 79
  - Frank Brown, 77
  - Sandra Clark, 74
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## Preschoolers perform for school board before staff members are recognized

by CATHY DAWES  
Estill Tribune Staffwriter

Members of the school board met on Thursday, December 19th and began by watching a performance by preschoolers from South Irvine. After the performance the board recognized Mountain Movers and five ladies who recently received their National Board Certification. Andrea Maybrier, Tonya Miller, Brittany Wynn, Leah Brown, and Kristy Bledsoe were commended by the board for reaching this milestone in their teaching careers. Each lady expressed how stressful and time consuming the process was but also said that it had been extremely rewarding. There are 10 teachers throughout the district who have accomplished the certification. Assistant Superintendent Tonia Isaacs said that they are so proud of the teachers who have earned the certification and they will work as leaders to help other teachers in the district.

Supt. Jeff Saylor introduced Summer Evans who is a junior at the Estill County High School as the new student representative to the Board of Education. He said that beginning in January, Evans will attend all board meetings and will take over the Mountain Mover program. He said Evans will also provide feedback from students to board members. Evans moved to Kentucky in 2011 is the president of the junior class and is involved in many other clubs and activities. She plans to attend Morehead University after high school and major in Agri-business. Steven Willis, principal of South Irvine, was awarded a medal of excellence for the hard work he does at South Irvine. According to Saylor nine of out ten preschoolers that leave South Irvine are considered Kindergarten Ready. Artie White from White and Associates reviewed the yearly audit report with board members.

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## Mother arrested for DUI and having two syringes with meth

An Estill County woman was arrested December 22 by Deputy Chris Coffey and charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. Kentucky State Police reportedly conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Keisha Woolery, 35, of Blue Run Road, Irvine after midnight at E-Z Rent to Own on Richmond Road. KSP charged Woolery with driving under the influence. Deputy Coffey said that officers could smell marijuana and searched the vehicle. One of the officers located a loaded needle in the driver side door by accidentally touching it while trying to remove other non-related items from the door. He added that a second loaded needle was found in Woolery's purse. Coffey said that Woolery told him and the troopers the substance was meth. and that she did not use it around her son, but only when he was gone.