



A large crowd gathered in Madison County on a cold Sunday afternoon to hold a Pro-Life rally. The rally was organized by Richmond's Pregnancy Help Center and was attended by several Estill Countians. One local candidate for 91st district spoke at the rally. Photo Submitted

## Weekly Citations Issued

A Clark County bench warrant was served January 13 by Officer Jason Conrad on **Arminda Swinford**, 43, of Turner Avenue, Irvine.

**Keyara Grace Hamilton**, 19, of John Rawlins Road, Irvine was arrested January 17 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place by Officer James Marshall.

The citation states that Hamilton was arguing with her boyfriend in front of his apartment on Bertha Wallace Drive.

Deputy Brad Smith served Wolfe County and Breathitt County warrants on **Natasha A. Rogers**, 32, of Wisemantown Road, Irvine.

Wolfe County says that Rogers has failed to pay \$260.00, which was set as her bail amount. She had received diversion for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine).

Wolfe County also ordered Rogers to be held without bail for a parole violation.

Breathitt County set Rogers' bail at \$243.00 for failure to pay on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Court Security Officer Glenn Carroll served an Estill District warrant on **Aaron M. Noland**, 37, of

Tyner, Ky.

The warrant says that Noland failed to pay a fine and or court costs on a charge of public intoxication. His bail was set at \$298.00 cash.

Officer Carroll also served an Estill District warrant on **Jason H. Mullins**, 31, of Winchester on January 13.

The warrant says that Mullins has failed to pay fines and or court costs on six traffic offenses. He was ordered to be held without bail.

**Billie R. Wilson**, 37, of Church Street, Irvine was served a bench warrant on January 13 by Officer Carroll for Estill District Court.

According to the warrant, Wilson has failed to pay fines or court costs after being found guilty of theft by unlawful taking, disposition or shoplifting.

Wilson's bail was set at \$218.00 cash.

Officer Carroll served an Estill District warrant on **Jessica F. Reddix**, 40, of Jeffersonville, Ky. on January 13.

Reddix's warrant says she has failed to pay fines and or court costs on three traffic charges and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bail for Reddix was set at \$576.00 cash.

# Fiscal court approves generator bid and to hold surplus sale

A special meeting of the Estill Fiscal Court was held on Thursday to take care of some time-sensitive matters.

The meeting was held because the fiscal court could not meet at their regular meeting time on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Ronnie Riddell, coordinator of Emergency Services recommended that the court accept the low bid for generators from South East Apparatus of \$6,962.

The other bidder was substantially higher, but Riddell said it was due to the costlier brand of generators that company was willing to supply.

Before the bid cannot be accepted locally, it has to be approved by the

CSEPP program.

Riddell said two of the generators will go to the county and the other two to the city of Irvine.

He recommended a fifth generator, which had already been given approval for at the state level, and was included at the same bid price. This brought the total to \$8,131.

County attorney Jason Riley said the price of the one generator was within the bid limit.

The fiscal court voted to rescind an amendment on compensatory leave time they had changed last April 15.

Judge Executive Donnie Watson said the new policy had created confusion.

Amber Flynn was hired as county finance

officer effective January 2 at a pay rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Watson discussed surplus property with the magistrates. Some of the surplus property will come from the BB&T bank building which the county purchased.

Watson said there are chairs, desks, 742 lock boxes and more furniture inside the bank.

He added the road department also has surplus property.

Watson said he will present a list of surplus property to the fiscal court at their next meeting on Monday, January 27, at 5 p.m. This meeting will be a special meeting, and the fiscal court cannot vote on any issue that is not on the agenda.

The judge stated the county must also get bids for all work and supplies used in renovation of the bank building for Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

A portion of the building is currently being renovated for the offices of two judges. AOC will pay the county rent for those offices, which in turn will make the payment on the loan.

Because a large crowd is expected for the special meeting on Monday, January 27 at 5 p.m., the meeting will probably be held in the upstairs courtroom.

The crowd attended a special meeting recently in support of the Right to Bear Arms given by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

## Jan. 15 Rocket Docket

Three defendants waived indictments during Rocket Docket on January 15.

Chad Howell, 42, of Red Lick Road, Irvine waived an indictment for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth) on January 9.

Howell pled guilty. He was sentenced by Circuit Judge Michael Dean.

An indictment was waived for George T. Fox, 40, of Kirkland Avenue, Irvine on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

The waiver states that Fox had meth in his possession on January 2.

Fox pled guilty. He was sentenced and a probation order was entered.

Keisha Woolery, 44, of Blue Run Road, Irvine waived an indictment for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. The waivers states that she possessed meth on December 22.

After pleading guilty, she was sentenced and a diversion order was

entered.

Three others were also on the Rocket Docket on January 15.

The docket says that Robert Archibald had failed to appear for treatment at Isaiah's House. Archibald's charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth), drug paraphernalia -- buy/possession, and possession of a controlled substance, second degree were remanded to Estill District Court.

Travis McIntosh failed to appear on charges of possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense, and possession of marijuana. A bench warrant was issued for McIntosh's arrest.

Steven Dana Hoover pled guilty to improper equipment, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (meth) and possession of marijuana.

Hoover entered an oral motion for probation. If his motion is accepted, he may be eligible for drug court.

## Access VA: One Portal to Rule Them All

### VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

Tired of remembering all the usernames and passwords you need to do things online? The Department of Veterans Affairs has created a one-door portal to access all the VA-related places you need to be with only one set of sign-on information to remember.

AccessVA is a new single-entry portal to VA websites and online applications. The list of locations is long and growing. At this point it includes veteran patient statements, life insurance online policy access, My HealtheVet, veterans ID card, community care referrals and authorization, and much more. If you already have government approved sign on with DS logon, ID.me, VA ILogon, My HealtheVet and more, those will work with AccessVA.

If you want to sign up in multiple places, you only have to do it once. Some of the locations might require additional registration to get started, but that will be made clear at the beginning. If you're already enrolled in Defense Enrollment

Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), you'll be good to go. There might be a security requirement and a need for a higher level of credential if, for example, you're a doctor who needs to access patient records.

To learn more, go online to [access.va.gov/accessva](http://access.va.gov/accessva). Click on About AccessVA. You'll find information on updating your information (phone numbers and links), the level of credential you'll need, the different levels of security and a FAQ.

Does this process sound complicated? It really isn't. One of the biggest benefits of AccessVA is the need for just one set of credentials, your username and password. Having multiple sets means you're more likely to write them down, which makes it more likely that scammers and thieves can access your information. With two small pieces of information to remember, your info is safer.

Start with the FAQ and if you need assistance, call the eBenefits helpdesk at 800-983-0937.

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## Two are injured during three-vehicle collision

Three vehicles were involved in a collision around 5 p.m. on January 13, resulting in injuries to two people.

Deputy Brad Smith reported that a 2002 Ford Mustang driven by Latasha N. Jones of Winchester was traveling south on Furnace Junction when her vehicle sideswiped a 2011 Kia Sorento driven by Verna C. Rogers of Stanton.

After the initial impact, Deputy Smith stated that the Mustang went on to strike a 2013 Dodge Ram in the front end, which was being driven by Robert D. Brandenburg of Irvine.

The vehicles driven by Rogers and Brandenburg were each traveling north on Furnace Junction Road.

No injuries were reported by Rogers or Brandenburg.

Estill EMS was called to the scene and transported Jones and her passenger to Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital.

Jones reportedly received minor injuries, but her passenger was transported to UK Medical Center.

Smith said he noticed several open containers of alcohol in the Mustang. Charges against Jones are pending the results of blood tests. Jones was charged with having a suspended operator license.

Damages to the Mustang were estimated at moderate to severe, the Sorento minor to moderate, and severe to the Dodge Ram.

## Driver is transported to hospital after wreck

A driver was transported to Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital on January 11 after a one car wreck around 6:23 p.m.

Sheriff Chris Flynn investigated the wreck.

He said that James Denniston of Lilly Ferry Road was traveling toward Highway 89. As Denniston's vehicle came around a curve, Sheriff Flynn said he lost control of it. The vehicle hit a ditch and a

mailbox before rolling over on its top and back onto its wheels. It landed half in a ditch and half in the roadway.

Denniston was transported to Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital by Estill County EMS for treatment of minor injuries.

Denniston was driving a 2013 GMC, which reportedly was severely damaged.

## School Board meeting

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Supt. Saylor said that the district would be signing a contract with the Sheriff's department to fill the position permanently.

Two schools in the district have recently been

named as Energy Star schools. Jeremy Simpson presented Charlotte Arvin and Jessica Mullins with certificates for West Irvine Intermediate and Estill Springs Elementary obtaining that status.