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KSP charges one with trailer theft

A Madison County man was arrested on felony charges February 21 by KSP Trooper Ty Robinson.

Robinson had obtained an arrest warrant for Leonard C. Samples, 46, of Old Ky. Highway 52 in Richmond.

The arrest warrant states that Robinson obtained information from the Liberty, Ky. police department that a black 12 foot Gatromade trailer had been reported stolen and could possibly be located in Estill County.

The trooper went to the address February 2 that the Liberty police had given him. He observed a trailer matching the description in the front yard. The VIN number matched

the number of the trailer reported as stolen.

Trooper Robinson interviewed the resident where the trailer was found. The resident told him that he had purchased the trailer from Samples for an amount over \$500.

The resident said that Samples had represented the trailer as his. A handwritten receipt was produced which indicated the same.

Samples was charged with theft by deception - including cold checks under \$10,000 and receiving stolen property under \$10,000.

Both charges are felonies. Samples was arraigned Monday in Estill District Court.

7 graduate Thurs. from Drug Court

Seven people graduated from Drug Court on Thursday during an hour-long ceremony in the Estill Circuit Courtroom.

Following three speakers, Circuit Judge Michael Dean presented diplomas to the graduates.

Drug Court was started when Tom Jones of Beatyville was circuit judge for the 23rd district. Judge Dean has enthusiastically continued that program. Another program, Rocket Docket, has also been added to assist drug ad-

dicts.

The last speaker was one of the graduates. Johnny Brooks Jr. told about his struggle with heroin addiction.

Brooks said he was sentenced to five years in August of 2016, with a three year probated sentence.

He went to a recovery center in Hazard for seven months, and he stayed clean for seven months.

He failed a drug test and spent 58 days in jail. **Continued on Page 2**

Murder at Mardi Gras

River City Players presented "Murder at Mardi Gras," a dinner theatre performance with a murder for guests to solve on Friday evening. One name was drawn from the names of persons who correctly choose the murderer. The lucky winner, Robert Dawson, won the prize. The meal was served at the Irvine Lodge on Broadway. Many of the guests had dressed appropriately for Mardi Gras.

The play's victim was an elderly millionaire, Pierre Dupre, who changed his will frequently. He had recently married a young wife from Las Vegas. His will was changed frequently by his lawyer, J. Steven Peek, whose part was acted by Brian Shobe. It turns out that Peek had extorting money from Dupre and was the murderer.



Susan Hawkins portrayed Cayenne Pepper, the Dupre family chef and aspiring TV star.



Steve Young acted the part of Bourbon Dupres, a jazz musician and the illegitimate nephew of Pierre Dupre, a millionaire and the victim.



Rebecca Parvin, left, and Cassie Bottorff acted the parts of CLoonika Gothika, author and neighbor, and Melissa Dupre, the victim's new wife from Las Vegas.

School board recognizes students and staff

Supt. explains decisions on when school is called off due to weather

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Members of the school board met on February 20, 2020 and began by recognizing Mountain Movers for the month. Andrea Cox, Kristy Bledsoe, and Jackson Energy Co-op were presented awards by student repre-

sentative Summer Evans for their dedication to the students in the Estill County school system.

Evans also presented two seniors with awards. Lauren Mullins was recognized for becoming an All State Band member and Cheyenne Lamb was recognized for becoming

a Legislative Page for the FFA at the high school.

A presentation by members of Sources of Strength, which is a newly formed group at the high school that focuses on mental health, showed the hard work that has been put into making the high school a positive

and fun place to attend school.

One student from each grade level at the high school spoke to the board about the group and told about upcoming events that the group has planned for the entire school.

Hannah Adams, Peyton

Mize, Mallorie York, and Abbie Smith represented the group well as they talked about the importance of mental health.

Superintendent Jeff Saylor that mental health has been a big focus this year and this group helps to raise awareness and goes along with the theme

for the school year which is the Magic of Kindness.

Andy Wartman, a representative from the Kentucky Steam Heritage Council, spoke to the board about a potential partnership with the school district in the future.

He said that with the locomotives being moved into the county that this provide an excellent opportunity for in class and on site education. Wartman said there would also be the potential for internships for seniors and college students.

The school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year was approved by the board.

Dickie Arthur, Director of Pupil Personnel, said that a committee had looked at the calendar and that it closely mirrors the calendar for students in Madison County.

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Obituaries

Ruth G. Davis, 90
Bobby Dickerson, 47
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Summer Evans presented Cheyenne Lamb an award for being chosen as a Legislative Page for the FFA.



Summer Evans presented Lauren Mullins a certificate for being chosen as an All State Band member.