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A vehicle struck a utility pole on Monday afternoon at the Main Street and Francis Street intersection. The impact broke the pole off and left it leaning toward traffic on Main Street. Traffic was detoured on both streets until the pole could be replaced. The Irvine Police and Fire Departments responded along with Estill County EMS and Rescue Squad.

Explosions caused by O2 tanks

Just before 10 p.m. Saturday night, many Estill County residents reported hearing a series of explosions before seeing flames.

Some residents of Barnes Mountain even thought a plane had crashed.

Estill County Fire Chief Derrick Muncie said the explosions were caused by an illegal burn on Gordon Cemetery Road off Dark Hollow Road.

Chief Muncie said when the Estill County Fire Department and Hargett Fire Department responded to the 911 call, the firemen were expecting a house to be on fire.

Muncie said when the firefighters arrived, they discovered the illegal burn.

He said the fire first started out as a brush fire by unnamed people. Then someone threw oxygen tanks into the fire.

County firemen Frank Dixon estimated that as many as five or six oxygen tanks were thrown

into the fire which caused the multiple explosions.

A resident of Dark Hollow Road reported seeing blue flames before bigger flames erupted.

The chief said the blue flames are typical of oxygen tanks and propane tanks when heated.

He said the fire was called an illegal burn because of the contents which were burned. There is no ban on outdoor burning at this time.

Chief Muncie added that residents can legally burn wood or paper products if there is no burning ban.

He recommended that all outdoor burning be done in a mesh bin which has a grate on top to keep winds from spreading the fire.

The fire chief stated the county fire department has no authority to cite anyone with illegal burning. A report is sent to state fire officials who may issue a citation for the offense.

Young mother is indicted for rape and sodomy of teenager

Estill Grand Jury returns 15 indictments, June 16

Fifteen indictments were returned by an Estill County Grand Jury on June 16, including one which made 14 charges against 24 year old Lindsey Taylor Jones of Winchester.

Those 14 charges included two charges each of third degree rape, third degree sodomy, and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Irvine Officer Jason Conrad brought the charges against Jones on April 29 when her auto struck two parked vehicles in Irvine and left the scene.

As a result of the collision, she was charged with driving DUI suspended license, first offense; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, second offense; leaving the scene of an accident - failure to render aid or assistance; possession of marijuana; first degree wanton endangerment; falsely reporting an incident; and permitting an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

She allegedly had sexual intercourse with the 15 year old unlicensed driver on April 27 and 28. The indictment states that she also had deviate sexual intercourse with the ju-

venile on those same two dates.

The indictment also charged Jones with unlawful transaction with a minor second degree for allegedly providing marijuana to the juvenile.

Jones was also indicted for two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor. The indictment states that her four year old child was present in the bedroom while Jones was engaged in the sexual acts on April 27 and again on April 28.

James Rodney Adams, 52, of Hudson Avenue, Irvine was named as a defendant in a five-count indictment.

Adams was indicted

for possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, second or greater offense, drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and being a first degree persistent felony offender.

During a traffic stop by Irvine Officer James Marshall on May 3, the officer reported that he recovered a handgun, \$571 in cash, and two grams of heroin.

According to the grand jury, Adams has been previously convicted of at least two felony offenses.

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Clay City man arrested for trafficking in drugs

A Clay City resident was arrested June 16 at the 82 Dollar General Store by KSP Trooper Ty Robinson.

The trooper charged Billy J. Dunn, 44, with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia -- buy/possess.

The arrest came after Trooper Robinson conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. The citation states the driver and female passenger got out of the passenger side door and tried to enter the business.

Trooper Robinson said he advised both subjects to come back and he told the male to stand at the back driver side tire of the vehicle while the female

sat on the ground.

The trooper stated that while he was talking to the driver, he saw him put his hand in his pocket and bring it out rather quickly. The citation states the driver placed his arm over the truck bed and appeared to toss something down.

The citation states that just inside the truck bed, by the fender well, was a wadded up aluminum wrapper. Inside it were three crystal-like "rocks" which appeared to be methamphetamine.

During a pat down, the trooper said he found a scale in the man's back pocket.

After Dunn's arrest, he was lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail in Beatyville.

Obituaries

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Diane Johnson, above, is president of the Estill County Farmers Market Association. Johnson is a goat farmer, and many of the products she sells at the farmers market are made from goat milk. The farmers market is now open on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The vendors expect to have more fresh vegetables soon. This year's crops were delayed due to a late May freeze. This past weekend, the vendors were selling mushrooms, jams, jellies, baked goods, local honey, and cane poles, along with other items.